

FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
January 24, 2022; 7:00 P.M.

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, January 24, 2022. called the meeting to order and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Clerk Treasurer Treon called the roll: Jane Sickman, present; Karen Pollen, present; Steve Hedrick, present; Angie Armstrong, present. Also, in attendance; Clerk-Treasurer, Jo Ann Treon and Town Attorney, Phil Stephenson.

CLAIMS:

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the claims and order warrants on same. Seconded by Sickman; motion carries with three ayes.

MINUTES:

Motion made by Hedrick to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting on January 10, 2021. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with four ayes.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:

STREETS & PARK:

Superintendent Gossett reported the radiator is in for the street sweeper. It is now stored for the winter.

Gossett advised the Fairmount Lion's Club requested an additional concert date, September 14, 2022 for the James Dean Memorial Stage. The United Methodist Church requested June 1st, 15th, 29th, July 6th, 20th, 2022 for concerts at the James Dean Memorial Stage.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve all of the concert dates. Seconded by Hedrick; motion carries with four ayes.

POLICE AND FIRE:

Marshal Dollar reported the offer made to the individual interested in the Deputy Marshal opening declined the offer. The department will take applications from January 21, 2022 to February 4, 2022.

Dollar provided 2021 activity for the council to review.

Marshal Dollar advised the department will be reviewing the Standard Operating Procedures. Any changes will be highlighted for the Council.

Dollar reported the Second Harvest Food drive was a success. The representative from Second Harvest advised this was the largest participation in a small town he has seen. The next food drive will be April 14th at Play Acres Park.

Vice President Sickman and Council member Armstrong discussed contacting Madison-Grant to help spread the word to families.

WATER & WASTEWATER:

Superintendent Deal reported the department has been working on entry to the GIS system. Sewers have been entered into the software as well as water main sizes, service lines and sewer clean-outs. Approximately 75% of addresses in town have been included to the software.

Superintendent Deal addressed the change of Council President and signing of sewage reports. The Council President or Water/Wastewater Superintendent has to sign the reports. President Sickman requested Superintendent Deal continue signing the reports. Superintendent Deal advised he would notify the State of Indiana as well.

Deal advised a 2" cast main was repaired on Henley Avenue.

Superintendent Deal reported the 2021 Consumer Confidence Report has been completed and will be in the water bills in April.

Deal advised residents who are concerned about frozen water lines may leave small stream of water running. It is better than broken lines. At this time, we will not adjust water bills.

Superintendent Deal presented purchase order 3225 to Complete Restoration in the amount of \$850.00 to inspect the inside of the water tower.

Motion made by Hedrick to approve purchase order 3225. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with four ayes.

Jeremy Schmitt, Commonwealth Engineers, requested the Council sign for the completion of the sewer project, the 4th Street section of the project.

Motion made by Hedrick to approve the project. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with four ayes.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:

Clerk-Treasurer Treon reported Cunningham Glass repaired the entry doors of the Municipal Building; new weather strip, closures and repaired footers at a total cost of \$475.75.

FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:

Clerk-Treasurer Treon advised the State Board of Accounts auditors are here. Council member Hedrick attended the entrance conference.

Treon presented Payment #11 to Watson Excavating, Division A for 85% of the retainage in the amount of \$191,629.84. Pipelining is the only remaining item. This payment leaves enough funding to complete punch list.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve Payment #11 to Watson Excavating. Seconded by Sickman; motion carries with four ayes.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION:

Council member Hedrick advised a public hearing with elected officials for Solar Farm Ordinance will be on January 31, 2022 at the Walton Performing Arts Center Auditorium from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Organizational Meeting:

President – Jane Sickman
Vice President – Steve Hedrick

Presidential Appointments:

Water & Wastewater Department Liaison – Karen Pollen
Streets & Park Department Liaison – Angie Armstrong
Police, Fire & EMS Liaison – Jane Sickman
Area Plan Representative – Steve Hedrick

Insurance Committee:

Angie Armstrong
Karen Pollen
Jo Ann Treon

Building Maintenance:

Jo Ann Treon

Town Council Appointments:

Town Attorney – Phil Stephenson
Water & Wastewater Superintendent – Steve Deal
Wastewater Assistant Superintendent – Lewis Shelton
Street/Park Superintendent – Ryan Gossett
Street/Park Assistant Superintendent – Kyle Hamilton
Town Marshal – Richard Dollar
Park Caretaker – Scott Bailey
Utilities Workers – Robert Vektor, Nathan Deal, Rob Rosenbush
Deputy Marshals – Jason Leisure, Josh Reneau, Brent Ressett, Lance Sands,
Police Secretary – Kathy Wolfe

Clerk-Treasurer Appointments :

Water Clerk – Vickie Trent
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer – Kelly Reneau

With no further business to come before the Council, Armstrong made the motion to adjourn.
Seconded by Pollen; meeting adjourned.

M. Jane Sickman , President

ATTEST

Jo Ann Treon, Clerk-Treasurer