

***FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL***  
***Regular Meeting***  
***February 12, 2024; 7:00 P.M.***

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, February 12, 2024. Attorney, Kyle Persinger called the meeting to order and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Clerk Treasurer Reneau called the roll: Eric Treon, present; Karen Pollen, present; Steve Hedrick, absent; Angie Armstrong, present; Ken Pollen, present. Also, in attendance; Clerk-Treasurer, Kelly Reneau and attorney, Kyle Persinger.

**PURCHASE ORDER:**

Clerk-Treasurer Reneau presented the following purchase orders for approval:

#3444 – J & K Communications in the amount of \$22,493.15 for police radio updates, replacement and programming.

#3445 - Fields Outdoor Adventures in the amount of \$1,555.00 for the purchase of ammunition for the Police Department.

#3446 – Utility Supply Company in the amount of \$1,846.00 for the purchase of water meter antennas.

#3447 – Mantz Electric in the amount of \$3,410.00 for replacement of the heater for the chlorine room.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the purchase orders as presented. Seconded by Karen Pollen; motion carries with all ayes.

**CLAIMS:**

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

**MINUTES:**

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting January 8, 2024. Seconded by Karen Pollen; motion carries with all ayes.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

Gwen Hodson, Madison Grant School Corporation, requesting permission to schedule service-learning day for students this year. Approximately 2 hours on May 13, 2024; 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with a rain date of May 14, 2024. Hodson would like to schedule with Street and Park Departments, Water and Wastewater and the Police Department.

Hodson would also like to put flyers for the event in the water bills.

T.J. Pruitt, Fairmount, requesting permission to continue monthly cruise-ins at the park. Pruitt advised the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Gang Car Club will not be continuing these events.

Pruitt advised sponsors for the cruise-ins have started contacting him in support of the events. A DJ will be donating his time for the cruise-ins. Pruitt stated he would like to have food vendors as well. He would also like to have first responders attend the events.

Motion made by Armstrong favoring the service-learning day and cruise-ins. Seconded by Karen Pollen; motion carries with all ayes.

***REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:***

**PRESIDENT:**

None.

**STREETS & PARK:**

Superintendent Gossett reported the department had been trimming low-hanging limbs and limbs in the roadways and resurfacing or adding stone to alleyways in need of repair.

Gossett requested permission for the Street & Park Departments to attend Work Truck Week in Indianapolis, March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and Purdue Road School, March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. The school is at no cost; however, an overnight stay will be necessary to attend the classes. Total cost for accommodations will be \$244.21.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve attending both events and hotel. Seconded by Ken Pollen; motion carries with all ayes.

Superintendent Gossett reported the next Second Harvest Food Drive will be April 15, 2024 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the park.

Gossett reported the lighting had been changed from 35 to 15 watt at the Shelter House. The park restrooms, stage and concession stand will be changed as time permits.

**POLICE & FIRE:**

Marshal Dollar presented the 2023 End of Year for the Council to review. Interviews for Reserve Officers end Wednesday; a candidate may be announced at the next meeting.

Dollar explained further for the radio purchase. Radios are ten years old and wearing out; most cannot be updated to Phase 2. Radios capable of upgrading may be reprogrammed at a cost of \$500.00 per radio. He would like to transfer the radios to the Fire Department.

Marshal Dollar presented awards to the following officers:

Officer Jeremy Street for life saving procedures performed on November 18, 2023 on South Walnut Street.

Sergeant Kaiden Seward for life saving measures performed for a potential suicide on January 26, 2024.

Fire Chief, Clint Jump, presented Captain Aaron Solms with a Life Saving Award for actions performed on November 18, 2023.

Captain Solms presented Chief Jump with an award for life saving measures performed on November 18, 2023.

Solms reported firefighters Devan Bounds, Jesse Burmaster, and Blaine Bearden were also present during events on November 18, 2023. He commended them for their response and assistance on South Walnut Street.

Chief Jump reported a meeting with Round Robins requesting assistance with funding the purchase of p25 capable radios.

Jump advised four firemen are attending Fire 1 & 2.

Chief Jump reported a medic bag is now available at Madison-Grant High School.

**WATER & WASTEWATER:**

Superintendent Shelton elaborated on the chlorine room heater stating the heater will be explosion proof.

Shelton thanked everyone who assisted with the water main break at State Road 26 and Barclay Street.

Superintendent Shelton reported a 2" water meter had been installed at the fire barn. The meter is not for billing purposes; it will be used for water audit information.

Shelton reported he will attend the water conference at French Lick, Indiana on March 12<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>. He will provide cost of conference and hotel as soon as possible.

**BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:**

None.

**FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:**

Clerk-Treasurer Reneau presented the 2023 end of year fund report and bank reconciliation for the Council to review.

**AREA PLAN COMMISSION:**

Councilwoman Karen Pollen reported the Solar Ordinance was discussed at the meeting. The meeting is available on Grant County Area Plan's you tube channel.

Karen Pollen advised zoning errors for mobile home parks, including Fair Oaks, will be now be zoned as a mobile home park.

The next meeting will be March 4, 2024.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Audience member, Don Spahr, asked when the disconnected lines from Frontier Communications will be removed from poles and posts.

Superintendent Gossett advised he had spoken with a representative last summer when the lines were scheduled for removal. We will contact Frontier Communications for a removal again.

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

ATTEST

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Kelly Reneau, Clerk-Treasurer

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Steve Hedrick, President