

FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
February 13, 2022; 7:00 P.M.

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, February 13, 2022. President Hedrick called the meeting to order and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Deputy Clerk Treasurer Reneau called the roll: Eric Treon, present; Karen Pollen, present; Steve Hedrick, present; Angie Armstrong, present; David Broyles, present. Also, in attendance; Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Kelly Reneau and attorney, Kyle Persinger.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Gwen Hodson and Malissa Stanley, Madison-Grant Jr. Sr. High School, spoke with the Council concerning Community Clean-Up Day on May 16, 2023 (rain date of May 18). Students will be bused into town for approximately three hours to help pick up items for disposal, assist with special projects at the park and minor community service projects. An informational flyer will be added to the April utility bills.

Councilwoman Armstrong spoke with Assistant Superintendent Hamilton regarding installation of new street signs. Hamilton advised the installation would be a segmented project due to multiple locations for the signs.

Hodson and Stanley will be contacting Main Street Fairmount for further information.

PURCHASE ORDER:

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Reneau presented purchase order #3394 to Ammunitionstore.com for the purchase of ammunition and magazines in the amount of \$551.19 for the police department.

Motion made by E. Treon to approve the purchase order as presented. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with all ayes.

CLAIMS:

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

MINUTES:

Motion made by E. Treon to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting on January 23, 2023. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:

PRESIDENT:

President Hedrick apologized to the Council for exposing them to illness at the last regular meeting.

Hedrick reported the LED sign is complete and has been delivered to the installation facility in Fort Wayne. The sign will be placed near the fire barn providing the BZA approves the special exception for the Town on March 6, 2023.

STREETS & PARK:

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton presented quotes for the tree removal on Main Street as follows:

James Hedley - \$32,0075.00
Tucker Tree Service - \$21,900
Gunter Tree Service - \$21,000

Hamilton recommended Tucker Tree Service for the work crew and the limited time to complete the project.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve Tucker Tree Service for the tree removal on Main Street. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with all ayes.

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton reported cleaning and painting at the Shelter House is complete.

Hamilton reported Ben Mann (Madison Grant School Corporation) inquired of the park department mowing Park Elementary in the amount of \$45.00 per mowing session.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the mowing request. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with all ayes.

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton requested permission for the Street Department (Ryan Gossett, Kyle Hamilton) and Park Department (Scott Bailey) to attend the Purdue Street School March 9, 2023.

Motion made by E. Treon to approve the request. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

Hamilton recommended a revision of Chapter 34: Temporary Vendor of the Town Ordinances; 34.04 Permits and Fees. Revision of fees for special events; all vendors will pay a fee of \$25.00 for special events.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the change. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with all ayes.

POLICE & FIRE:

Marshal Dollar requested permission to attend a free course about Outlaw Motorcycle groups in Ohio February 27 -28, 2023. The Sheriff's Department will pay for the hotel; Fairmount Police will pay fuel.

Motion made by E. Treon to approve the request. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

Dollar requested permission to send Assistant Deputy Marshal Josh Reneau to a free grant writing course in Clarksville, Indiana March 14-15, 2023.

Motion made by E. Treon to approve the request. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

Marshal Dollar reported Lance Sands resigned effective February 16, 2023. We wish him the best as he continues with the Grant County Sheriff's Department.

Dollar reported Jeremy Street will begin as a Deputy Marshal on February 16,2023.

Vice President E. Treon advised the Council, Paige Sansone of Baker Tilly, and fire department members will attend an information gathering on February 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall to discuss fire territories.

WATER & WASTEWATER:

Assistant Superintendent Shelton reported the Consumer Reports were included in the February utility bills.

Shelton advised of an issue with well #5. Ortman will be investigating the issue.

Assistant Superintendent Shelton presented the following quotes for the sewer extension at Adams Street and Fairmount Avenue:

JTP - \$98,000.00

Watson's Excavating \$63,000.00

Bragg Excavating \$58,340.00

Shelton noted that Bragg's is familiar with the work and that area.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve Bragg Excavating at a cost of \$58,340.00 for the sewer extension. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with all ayes.

Commonwealth Engineering spoke with the Council regarding the amendment to the final design, bidding and construction of the 2nd – 8th Street Main Street Project.

The advertisement will appear in the Chronicle Tribune February 17 and 21, 2023; pre-bid on March 6, 2023; bid opening on March 13, 2023 at the public hearing.

The tentative date of completion will be September 11, 2023.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Reneau presented a sound system proposal from R & R Pro Audio Design Team for the Council to review. The Council tabled further discussion until the next meeting while they reviewed the proposal.

FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:

None.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION:

Councilman Broyles reported the solar plans and issues continue on the agenda for Area Plan. Ideas and opinions are welcome.

Councilman Broyles and members of the audience discussed solar opinions.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

With no further business to come before the Council, Armstrong made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by E. Treon; meeting adjourned with three ayes.

Steve Hedrick, President

ATTEST

Kelly Reneau, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer