

FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

February 14, 2022; 7:00 P.M.

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, February 14, 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; Eric Treon, present; Karen Pollen, present; Steve Hedrick, absent; Angie Armstrong, present. Also, in attendance; Clerk-Treasurer, Jo Ann Treon and Town Attorney, Phil Stephenson.

Purchase order:

Clerk-Treasurer Treon presented purchase order 3378 to The Ammunition Store in the amount of \$1,043.39 for ammunition for the police department. Motion made by Armstrong to approve purchase order 3378. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with four ayes.

CLAIMS:

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

MINUTES:

Motion made by Pollen to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting on January 24, 2021. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with four ayes.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:

PRESIDENT:

President Sickman and the Council commended the Street Department on the road conditions.

President Sickman welcomed Council member, Eric Treon to the Council.

STREETS & PARK:

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton thanked Pannell's for repairing a broken weld on the plow truck during snow clean-up and Fairmount Utilities for all the help with snow removal.

Hamilton advised the Street/Park Department spent thirty-six hours plowing the streets including cleanup, and salting the streets.

Hamilton reported AEP has started the process of changing street lights from sodium lights to LED. The AEP representative stated the lights may be adjusted if necessary.

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton reported a brick column at the James Dean Memorial Park on Main Street was struck by a vehicle. There is significant damage to the column. The police report has been delivered to the clerk's office.

President Sickman briefly discussed exploring options for additional assistance with street/park. It may be necessary to utilized part-time positions if there is weather event.

POLICE AND FIRE:

Marshall Dollar requested approval for the changes to the Standard Operating Procedures for the police department.

Motion made by Treon to approve the S.O.P changes as presented to the Council. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

Dollar reported the Coffee with Cop event over the weekend was successful. We appreciate Deputy Reneau organizing the event and The Branch for donating the space, coffee and muffins.

Marshal Dollar advised two individuals completed ILEA exit standard testing during the interview process for the full-time officer position.

Dollar advised both individuals passed the physical and written testing. Dollar recommended Collen Metzger for full time position.

Motion made by Armstrong to hire Collen Metzger. Seconded by Treon; motion carries with all ayes.

Marshal Dollar advised Metzger will begin the pre-basic course and be operational by June 1.

Dollar reported department Physical Tactics training will be next week.

Council member Treon asked when Metzger would be able to attend ILEA course. Dollar stated he would attend after James Dean weekend; October – November course.

WATER & WASTEWATER:

Superintendent Deal presented the Utility Report for the Council to review.

Deal advised the new owners of the Liberty Mobile Home Park at State 9 & State Road 26 are interested in hooking into the Town sewer and water system.

Deal reported he and the owners have discussed cost, tap fees, and state permits involved with the potential project.

Superintendent Deal, Stephenson, Clerk-Treasurer Treon and the Council discussed the possibility of the new owners speaking with the Council.

Council member Treon suggested tabling further discussion until the State reaches a decision. President Sickman and the Council agree.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:

Clerk-Treasurer Treon advised a contractor has been found for the hallway restroom remodel. The Town will furnish the fixtures. The contractor will be labor only at a cost of \$1,500.00.

Final estimates from South Central and Staggs Flooring are expected by the next meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:

Clerk-Treasurer Treon presented the December Fund Report for the Council to review. The Annual Report will be ready for review at the next meeting. State Board of Accounts has scheduled the exit conference for February 23 at 7:30 a.m. in the meeting room.

Treon advised the Town received the 4th quarter franchise fees from Comcast in the amount of \$6,770.59.

Treon reported \$1,429.24 was received from the Grant County Auditor for the 2016 personal property tax exemptions.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk-Treasurer Treon presented Ordinance #2-2022; Amending Salary Ordinance. The amendment is for the Street Superintendent pay at \$1,850.00 biweekly and the Assistant Superintendent pay at \$1,750.00 biweekly.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the amendment of the salary ordinance. Seconded by Treon; motion carries with all ayes.

Clerk-Treasurer Treon presented Resolution #1-2022; Transfer of Funds for year end. The transfer if from the General Fund, Police Supplies in the amount of \$3,114.44 General Fund, Police Equipment.

Motion made by Pollen to adopt Resolution #1-2022, transfer of funds. Seconded by Treon; motion carries with all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council member Armstrong asked about the tree issue on Buckeye Street. Hamilton advised it is being resolved.

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

M. Jane Sickman, President

ATTEST

Jo Ann Treon, Clerk-Treasurer