

***FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL***

***Regular Meeting***

***March 11, 2024; 7:00 P.M.***

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, March 11, 2024. President Hedrick 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, present; Angie Armstrong, present; Ken Pollen, present. Also, in attendance; Clerk-Treasurer, Kelly Reneau and attorney, Kyle Persinger.

**PURCHASE ORDER:**

None.

**CLAIMS:**

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

**MINUTES:**

Motion made by Karen Pollen to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting March 11, 2024. Seconded by Ken Pollen; 3 ayes, 2 abstaining due to being absent at that meeting.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

Alan Busby spoke with the Council regarding Area Plan needing the Council's approval to build on vacant lot on 602 S. Sycamore.

Motion made by Treon to allow Busby to build on vacant lot, seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

Jim Havens inquired about disc golf. He gave information over to Kyle Hamilton a year ago. He has a designer at no charge; needs aerial of Park to help design.

Armstrong stated she will speak to Kyle (Hamilton) to explore options available at the park.

Jake Roth thanked the council for supporting "Concerts at the Stage" for the last 7 years. They have 12 bands lined up this year. They have sold 19 5x2 banners, need one more. Banners are \$1000.00 and an AD is \$200.00.

Motion made by Armstrong the Town to purchase a banner at a cost of \$1,000.00. Seconded by Treon; motion carries with all ayes.

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

**PRESIDENT:**

None.

**STREETS & PARK:**

Superintendent Gossett reported on the Main Street tree replacement; water lines, gas lines and now new electric lines making it difficult to plant trees for healthy longevity of the trees. There is not 6 feet available to dig for planting trees. If the trees were to be planted, trees would have to be replaced every 7 years.

Gossett recommended not replacing the trees in the original location, but if homeowners wanted to plant trees in their yards, they would have to be 15 feet from Main Street. Best planting time would be winter because they are dormant. If you plant in summer, you're looking at watering every day all summer to keep the trees alive.

Motion made by Treon agreeing in not replacing the trees in the original location. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carried with all ayes.

Gossett advised dump truck tailgate will have to be replaced; old one is beyond repair. Installation on the tailgate would be Monday the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Gossett reported a list has been given to Frontier Communications for removal of abandoned phone lines.

Gossett advised Frontier has been purchased by Verizon. They plan to install fiberoptic in July with a beginning price of \$24.99 with potential to increase.

Gossett presented a maintenance list for MGYSL for the Council to review.

The softball score booth is being utilized as concession stand, currently pulling electric from the Shelter House. The booth should have a separate meter and MGYSL should be responsible for that billing.

Gossett report the "Max Hurt Field" needs new bleachers.

Park Catalog - \$3,164.00

Park Warehouse - \$3,139.67

Kay Park Recreation - \$3,097.40.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the quote from Kay Park Recreation. Seconded by Treon; motion carries with all ayes.

Gossett reported the stage lights have all been converted to LED.

Gossett advised during the July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks, the park restrooms are unable to keep up with the usage and requested permission to rent 5 porta-pots; 4 regular and 1 handicap at \$100.00 a piece equaling \$500.00 for the event.

Motion made by Armstrong to rent the porta-pots for the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July. Seconded by Treon; motion carries with all ayes.

Superintendent Gossett advised a larger barn is needed for park maintenance. The current building will not accommodate the truck and equipment used to maintain the park. He would like to explore adding a 30x40 addition onto current building or possibly purchasing the old body shop across the tracks.

**POLICE & FIRE:**

Marshal Dollar reported every spring abandoned vehicles and unkept properties are tagged starting the first week in April. During the first week, warnings will be issued; second week tickets will be issued. Street sweeping also begins the first week of April, Dollar reminded residents to be aware of parking on Thursdays.

Marshal Dollar requested the 2017 Ford Explorer be declared excess property. He will post on Facebook and the town sign when they are ready to take the closed bids.

Motion made by Karen Pollen to declare the 2017 Explorer as excess property. Seconded by Ken Pollen; motion carries with all ayes.

Marshall Dollar requested permission to bring two new Reserve Officers onto the department. Motion by Treon to approve the addition. Seconded by Karen Pollen; motion carries with all ayes.

Councilwoman Armstrong spoke with Dollar about the camper behind the Hardware store being a traffic issue, its obstructing the alley and street. Marshal Dollar had the owner move it.

Chief Jump reported 31 calls for February, 10 calls in March.

Jump reported the department will host a breakfast on April 6<sup>th</sup> from 7am - 10am; free will donation.

Chief Jump reported the FEMA grant application has been completed. The grant will be used to purchase 18 SCBA's for the department. The \$190,000.00 grant is a 5% matching grant.

Vice Presidente Treon presented Assistant Marshal Josh Reneau, Blaine Bearden, and Marshal Richard Dollar with awards for Life Saving Procedures at 602 N. Sycamore. Dollar and Reneau were first on the scene and Bearden administered CPR.

**WATER & WASTEWATER:**

Assistant Superintendent Rosenbush reported Superintendent Shelton attended the Water Conference this week in French Lick.

Rosenbush reported Bearden and Sovern have changed out 14 2" meters in the last two weeks.

Rosenbush advised the jet truck service is complete. Total cost for the service and maintenance will be \$11,527.25.

Consumer Confidence Report needs to be published on Facebook as well as publishing CSO's on the website and on Facebook; copies will also be available in Water Office.

**BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:**

None.

**FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:**

None.

**AREA PLAN COMMISSION:**

Councilwoman Karen Pollen advised the commission is waiting on OCRA Grant. The Solar Ordinance is still a hot topic at the meetings.

President Hedrick will make contact with Ryan Malott regarding 300 N. Barclay St.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

President Hedrick requested the Council's opinion to change the Regular Meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Council is favorable to the time change. Beginning April 8, 2024, Regular Council Meetings will be at 6:00 p.m.

President Hedrick advised the Clerk's Office/Water Office will be collecting information for minor updates in the office (office furniture).

Hedrick discussed the upcoming requirements for streaming Council Meetings.

Audience member, Don Spahr stated it is difficult to hear the Council on Facebook.

Councilwoman Armstrong thanked Morgan Deal for keeping Facebook updated with local and county news.

Vice President Treon made a motion to donate \$300.00 to M-G Class of 2025 for this years After Prom. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Audience Member, Joyce Marley questioned the status of the house that burned on Tyler St/ Factory St. Marshal Dollar advised the owner is slowly cleaning it up.

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

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Steve Hedrick, President

ATTEST

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Kelly Reneau, Clerk-Treasurer