

FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

March 13, 2023; 7:00 P.M.

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, March 13, 2023. President Hedrick called the meeting to order and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Clerk Treasurer J. Treon called the roll: Eric Treon, present; Karen Pollen, present; Steve Hedrick, present; Angie Armstrong, present; David Broyles, present. Also, in attendance; Clerk-Treasurer, Jo Ann Treon and attorney, Kyle Persinger.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Bobby Lennens, Fairmount Civil Defense, presented quotes as follows:

Tire Barn in the amount of \$750.00

Bell Tire in the amount of \$601.23

R & R Tire in the amount of \$676.00

The flashlights will be purchased through Steven R. Jenkins.

Vice President E. Treon made a motion to donate \$4,500.00 from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds for Fairmount Civil Defense. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

Public Hearing Open – Main Street Project, 2nd to 8th Street:

Dale Glick, Commonwealth Engineers, presented the following construction bids:

Midwest Paving - \$781,771.67

DC Construction Services - \$988,394.56

Case Construction - \$996,646.83

Glick advised the bids will be evaluated through Commonwealth Engineers. The Council scheduled a Special Meeting on March 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the bids.

PURCHASE ORDER:

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon presented purchase order #3338 to Gripp, Inc. for CSO (Combined Sewer Overflow) meters in the amount of \$62,148.00. The meters were originally part of the Wastewater Project.

Superintendent Deal reported the number of discharge metering has been reduced from 8 to 5. There will be a recurring charge for monitoring software.

Motion made by Pollen to approve purchase order #3338. Seconded by E. Treon; 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 four ayes and one nay.

MINUTES:

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting on February 27, 2023. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with all ayes.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:

PRESIDENT:

President Hedrick reported the meeting with BZA on March 6, 2023 went well; the board approved the location for LED sign.

Hedrick thanked Grant County Area Plan, Grant County Highway Department and Alan Busby for all of their efforts in the demolition of 801 South Walnut Street.

President Hedrick read letter to Fairmount residents concerning the tree removal on Main Street. The letter addressed complaints from citizens regarding the tree removal.

STREETS & PARK:

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton reported street signs have been straightened and/or repaired and will begin scheduling locate orders for the new signs.

Hamilton advised there are 213 signs to install and he is gathering information for hydraulic drivers to help with the installation process.

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton advised the baseball and softball seasons will be starting soon. A list of maintenance items has been e-mailed to the League.

Hamilton reported the wood carpet (mulch) for the playground has been ordered from Zeeger Brothers, Inc. at a cost of \$2,576.00 (shipping included). The Park Department will supervise high school students spreading the mulch during Community Day this year.

POLICE & FIRE:

Marshal Dollar reported Sergeant J. Seward attended Field Sobriety Instructor course and Assistant Marshal J. Reneau attended Grant Writing course.

Dollar reported Deputy K. Vincent will be the K-9 handler for the new single-purpose dog. They will be visiting Vohne Liche Kennels for selection of the K-9.

Aaron Solms, Fairmount Volunteer Fire Department, reported FIT testing for masks and CPR training has been completed.

Solms advised flow testing was completed on the pump trucks; the trucks did not pass testing. While they are still usable, vacuum is the problem.

WATER & WASTEWATER:

Superintendent Deal reported IDEM conducted a sanitary survey at the Water Plant, wells and water tower. The survey went well; minor issues of painting the piping in the well houses, tightening a packing gland on a valve and adding the inspector's name to the monthly report were found.

Deal advised the piping replacement of the meter pits on the east side of Main Street have been started; galvanized or lead piping is being replaced.

Deal advised Robert Vetor resigned effective March 6, 2023. The Utility Department will be taking applications until March 27, 2023. Applications are available in the Clerk's Office Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Superintendent Deal reported he will be retiring effective June 30, 2023.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon reported the sound system has been ordered.

FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon reported receiving \$4,442.00 for the wheel tax. The Council will be notified when usage and restrictions are available.

J. Treon advised the Boyce Systems, Keystone Software maintenance and licensing renewal invoice total is \$12,410.00. This includes utility billing, accounting, payroll and asset software. The total will be divided among the four funds.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION:

Council member Broyles requested the Council consider petitioning for additional funds for legal services for Grant County Area Plan. Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon and Attorney, Kyle Persinger advised requesting funding is usually done during budgeting or with an additional appropriation.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Hedrick addressed the mobile home park on Barclay Street. It is in violation of Chapter 84 of the Town Code. Marshal Dollar advised the Town could site the park for the violations; however between court costs and clean-up costs the Town would still incur all cost.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

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

Steve Hedrick, President

ATTEST

Jo Ann Treon, Clerk-Treasurer