

FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
March 14, 2022; 7:00 P.M.

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, March 14, 2022. President Sickman 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, present; Angie Armstrong, present. Also, in attendance; Clerk-Treasurer, Jo Ann Treon and Town Attorney, Phil Stephenson.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Daniel Roth, 514 Howard Ct, representing the Fairmount Lions Club asked the council for permission to place twelve banners in the rafters of the pavilion as a fund raiser for the organization. The banners would be 5'x 2' and can be customized by who purchase the banner. Fairmount Lions Club have eight bands scheduled to performing this summer and the proceeds will help to off set the cost of the bands.

Eric Treon made the motion to give the Fairmount Lions Club permission to install the banners at the large pavilion in the rafters. Seconded by Hedrick, motion carried with all ayes.

Since the closing of the Fairmount News Sun, the Lions Club have no way of advertising the bands playing in the park. Mr. Roth requested the town allow the Fairmount Lions Club to place a banner with the Dates, Time and Bands playing on the chain link fence in the park.

Armstrong made the motion to allow the banner on the chain link fence. Seconded by Hedrick, motion carried with all ayes.

Alissa Meyers, president of Fairmount Main Street, stated they are again this year working with the Madison-Grant Schools and hosting Fairmount Clean up Day the middle of May. She requested for the town, as in the past, furnish a roll off dumpster for the day.

Armstrong made the motion to furnish a dumpster for the day. Seconded by Pollen, motion carried with ayes. The funds for paying for the dumpster will be coming out of the Trash Fund.

Mrs. Meyers also informed the council, that Fairmount Main Street along with James Dean Gallery will be installing a 14' James Dean Muriel along with a 6'x4' sign on the property owned by Co Alliance on State Road 26. The artist is from California and he will also install the Muriel.

Jerry Watson, 1127 S. Main, complained after a heavy rain of water back up on his property and also running across the street into his neighbor property. When the house next to him was build the drainage ditch was filled in and no culver was installed under their driveway. Mr. Watson stated the fire hydrant and water meter were be affected by the high water.

E. Treon made the motion to have the Town Attorney's Phil Stephenson to send a letter to the homeowner Rhonda Wallen, 1196 S. Main Street and give her 60 days to install a culver under her driveway to help with the flooding. Seconded by Hedrick, carried with all ayes.

PURCHASE ORDERS:

Clerk-Treasurer Treon presented the following purchase orders to the Council:
#3633 J & B Medical for supplies for Fire Department \$10,000.00.

Trent Payne, Fire Chief of the Fairmount Fire Department, explained the fire department is continually responding to more calls every year with the trending nature of the calls being related to medical assistance. The fire department would like to advance their ability to provide the best service they can to anyone in need and outfit Pump 2 with medical equipment. This would give them two trucks available for medical calls and Pump 2 would be equipped if needed on a fire call.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve purchase #3633. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with all ayes the funds will come out of the America Rescue Plan.

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 Pollen to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting on March 14, 2022. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:

PRESIDENT:

None.

STREETS & PARK:

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton advised E & B Paving may start working repaving the Walk Way in the Park. Due to the high cost of oil, they may be raising their bid by \$2,500 to \$51,200.00, they will be getting in touch with the town on the total price.

Armstrong made the motion to use America Rescue Funds to repave the Walk Way in the park and approve raising the bid by \$2,500. Pollen seconded; the motion carried with all ayes.

Hamilton presented the council with a schedule from 1st Brooks Construction concerning the road work on St. Rd. 26 due to start August 11, 2022 and be completed by November 22, 2022 for the Fairmount Area.

Hamilton voiced concerns over the Frontier Communications junction boxes that are open and falling apart and the telephone lines that are wrapped around the poles instead of being removed. Pollen made a motion to send a letter to Frontier Communications concerning this problem. Seconded by Armstrong, motion carried with all ayes.

Hamilton stated the Tree Program at the Park has been losing money when the trees are sold at \$250.00 and needs to be raised to \$350.00.

Armstrong made the motion to raise to \$350.00 to purchase a tree and plaque. Seconded by E. Treon, motion carried with all ayes.

Hamilton requested to hire Richard Haynes part-time at \$21.00 hour for the next three weeks. Motion by Armstrong to hire Richard Haynes part-time for the street department. Seconded by E. Treon, motion carried with all ayes.

POLICE AND FIRE:

Marshal Dollar advised the council Pour to Perfection requested an Alcohol permit to put on a fund-raising event at the Blush Bar Lounge on May 21, 2022 for 11:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Armstrong made the motion to allow the permit as requested. Seconded by E. Treon, motion carried with all ayes.

Dollar request to send Josh Reneau to Peru at no cost to attend a class on May 9th and 10th.

Send Josh Reneau and Lance Sands to a class July 8th by Street Cop Training on NS Criminal Interdiction (drug enforcement) at a cost of \$498.

Armstrong made the motion to send the officers to the above-mentioned classes. Seconded by E. Treon, motion carried with all ayes.

Collen Metzger has completed pre basic and is on patrol.

WATER & WASTEWATER:

Assistance Superintendent Bud Shelton gave the Utility Report to the council stating the yearly maintenance has been completed on the Chlorinator at the Water & Sewage Plants.

A cylinder has been replaced on the Bobcat skid loader.

Borrowed a 24" Backhoe bucket from Seward Excavating to install Kelsu Drive Sewer and Storm line.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:

Clerk-Treasurer Treon reported Ron Ainsworth has finished painting the hallway and restroom and sanding/refinishing the oak doors.

CT Treon requested for Staggs Flooring to sanding and sealing the existing floor and installing 12 x 24 porcelain tile in the police station at a cost of \$5,953.52. Total project cost - \$17,956.30. The funds for the project will come from the American Rescue Plan.

Motion made by Pollen to approve the update project at a total cost of \$17,956.30. Seconded by Hedrick; motion carries with all ayes.

FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:

Clerk-Treasurer Treon presented the February Fund Report and Bank Reconciliation for the Council to review.

Clerk-Treasurer Treon presented the council with Resolution #2-2022 Capital Asset Policy for the council to review and vote on it at the next meeting.

Marshall Dollar request to sponsor a team for two different seasons, one in baseball and basketball with the M-G Sports League for \$900.

Pollen made a motion to allow the Police Department to sponsor two team with the M-G Sports League. Seconded by Hedrick; motion carried with all ayes.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION:

Hedrick reported he is working with Area Plan to get the house at 801 S Walnut demolished. Marshall Dollar asked him to get the house on 4th and Elm on this list.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

M. Jane Sickman , President

ATTEST

Jo Ann Treon, Clerk-Treasurer