

FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

April 11, 2022; 7:00 P.M.

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, April 11, 2022. President Sickman called the meeting to order via Zoom 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, absent. Also, in attendance; Clerk-Treasurer, Jo Ann Treon and Town Attorney, Phil Stephenson.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Brenda Blackburn, North Mill Street, requested an adjustment for a toilet leaking. Blackburn was unaware of the leak until the Utility Department downloaded the water meter for abnormal usage.

Vice President Hedrick advised the local Town ordinance does not allow an adjustment for water that has entered the sewer system, however; the Town will allow payment options.

Shannon Young spoke with the Council concerning the potential of constructing eight apartments on the property located on the corner of Buckeye Street and State Road 26.

Mrs. Young advised there are two units currently on the property. Grant County Area Plan advised her to obtain Town permission before moving forward with her plans.

Motion made by Hedrick to approve Mrs. Young's construction of apartments. Seconded by E. Treon providing the project is within the guidelines of Grant County Area Plan requirements. Motion carries with roll call vote: Sickman, yes; Hedrick, yes, E. Treon, yes; Pollen, yes.

Priscilla Huston, Fairmount Avenue, requested a special exception to place a building on their property for tax preparation business, single occupancy. Mrs. Huston advised the driveway will also be extended to allow a turn - around for customers.

Motion made by Hedrick to approve the special exception. Seconded by E. Treon. Motion carries with roll call vote: Sickman, yes; Hedrick, yes; E. Treon, yes; Pollen, yes.

PURCHASE ORDERS:

None.

CLAIMS:

Motion made by Hedrick to approve the claims and order warrants on same. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with roll call vote: Sickman, yes; Hedrick, yes; Pollen, no; E. Treon, yes.

MINUTES:

Motion made by E. Treon to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting on March 28, 2022. Seconded by Hedrick; motion carries with roll call vote: Sickman, yes; Hedrick, yes; Pollen, abstain due to absence; E. Treon, yes.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:

PRESIDENT:

None.

STREETS & PARK:

Hamilton advised South Main Street to Tyler Street has been swept with the Street Sweeper. The Street Department spent two days repairing stop signs throughout town.

Hamilton reported Rick Haynes has been providing training for operation of the Street Sweeper and Total Patcher.

Hamilton advised Haynes last day would be April 8, 2022. We appreciate all of his help. As a token of our appreciation, a gift card was purchased for Haynes.

Hamilton reported the street list for this season's chip and seal is ready. We are awaiting current pricing for the project.

Hamilton requested permission to hire Josh Gipson for part-time employment at a rate of \$18.00 hourly. The Street and Park Department will need the additional help during mowing and road repair season.

Hamilton reported the sand for winter 2022-2023 has been delivered and mixed with the salt.

Hamilton advised the INDOT progress meeting scheduled for April 7, 2022 was cancelled.

Motion made by Hedrick to approve hiring Mr. Gipson at the proposed rate. Seconded by Pollen. Motion carries with roll call vote: Sickman, yes; Hedrick, yes; E. Treon, yes; Pollen, yes.

Hamilton advised the new James Dean sign is scheduled for installation April 25 or 26, 2022. Main Street Fairmount requested assistance with the installation; a utility employee will operate the departments equipment to assist.

Hamilton requested approval to increase the rental fee for the Shelter House from \$75.00 to \$100.00 effective January 1, 2023. All remaining pre-scheduled rentals will remain at \$75.00.

Motion made by E. Treon to approve increasing the rental fee. Seconded by Pollen. Motion carries with roll call vote: Sickman, yes; Hedrick, yes; Pollen, yes; E. Treon, yes.

Hamilton reported the Fairmount Lion's Club donated \$1,500.00 to the Park for cameras to help detour vandalism at the restrooms. Hamilton expressed appreciation to the Fairmount Lion's Club for the donation. Jake Roth, a member of the Lion's Club, advised they intend to donate or something similar annually.

POLICE AND FIRE:

Marshal Dollar requested permission for Office Josh Reneau to attend Field Training Officer Course at Franklin Police Department at a cost of \$450.00.

Motion made by E. Treon to approve the course. Seconded by Pollen. Motion carries with roll call vote: Sickman, yes; Hedrick, yes; Pollen, yes; E. Treon, yes.

Marshal Dollar, Superintendent Deal and the Council discussed options to alleviate semi traffic through town during the State Road 26 project. Regular deliveries for Main Street businesses would be not be affected.

Marshal Dollar presented the March Charge Summary to the Council.

Dollar advised the Second Harvest Food Drive is April 18, 2022 at Play Acres Park from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

WATER & WASTEWATER:

Superintendent Deal reported two water leaks were discovered after a house fire on East Tyler Street. Temporary services have been established at four homes while new water main is installed, but will need to be sanitized and tested before residences are hooked into the new line.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:

Clerk-Treasurer Treon advised renovation to the hallway restroom has begun while awaiting the floor installation.

J. Treon advised Fire Chief, Trent Payne, will be submitting quotes for repair of the concrete around the floor drains in the fire barn.

FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:

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

J. Treon presented the invoices for the State Board of Accounts audit of 2018-2020 and 2020 Federal Audit as follows: Water fund \$3,628.00; Sewage fund \$13,426.00; General fund \$7,571.00; Federal audit \$7,784.00 for a total of \$32,409.00. The cost of the federal audit may apply for USDA funds.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION:

Vice President Hedrick advised Grant County Area Plan offices have been temporarily moved to the council chambers while new carpet is installed. The next meeting will be May 2, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

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

M. Jane Sickman , President

ATTEST

Jo Ann Treon, Clerk-Treasurer