

FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

April 25, 2022; 7:00 P.M.

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, April 25, 2022. Vice President Hedrick 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, virtual presence via Zoom; Eric Treon, present; Karen Pollen, present; Steve Hedrick, present; Angie Armstrong, present. Also, in attendance; Clerk-Treasurer, Jo Ann Treon and Town Attorney, Kyle Persinger.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Jeremy Schmitt, Commonwealth Engineers, presented Change Order #6 to the Council.

The purpose of this change order is to perform work to extend the separation of combined sewers by extending storm sewer to 4th Street and to perform CSO outfall/headwall improvements. The substantial completion date is extended in this change order by 180 days, while the final completion is reduced by 60 days. Accounting for previous change orders, the date of substantial completion was scheduled for January 30, 2022. This change order extends that date to July 29, 2022 and changes the date ready for final payment of \$321,599.00 to August 28, 2022.

Schmitt presented Amendment #5 use of remaining funds in the amount of \$202,014.82. The remaining funds will be used to complete Change Order #6 extending storm sewer to 4th Street.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve Change Order #6 extending the completion and payment date and Amendment #5 use of the remaining funds from the USDA grant. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with roll call vote: E. Treon, yes; Pollen, yes; Hedrick, yes; Armstrong, yes; Sickman, yes.

Ryan Malott, Grant County Area Plan Commission, presented an area digital sign ordinance and sign use table amendment to the Council. The ordinance defines digital display signage, location, and regulation of digital display signage. The ordinance addresses lighting issues associated to digital signs, such as brightness and length of display time.

Clerk-Treasurer Treon advised this ordinance will be local ordinance #3-2022. The Council will table adoption of the ordinance until the next regular meeting on May 9, 2022.

Malott and Nicole Bailey updated the Council regarding demolition of 801 South Walnut; the property has been purchased and the new owner has scheduled demolition of the structure for August 2022. Property in the 600 block of North Sycamore Street is being addressed for clean-up.

Clerk-Treasurer Treon and Superintendent Deal requested Grant County Area Plan inspect property in the 400 block of North Elm Street due to fire damage as well as property in the 200 block of South Walnut Street for clean-up, debris removal.

PURCHASE ORDERS:

Clerk-Treasurer Treon presented purchase order #3328 to BBC Pump in the amount of \$3,391.43 for pump repair at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Motion made by Pollen to approve purchase order #3329. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with roll call vote: E. Treon, yes; Pollen, yes; Hedrick, yes; Armstrong, yes; Sickman, yes.

CLAIMS:

Motion made by Armstrong 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 Pollen to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting on April 11, 2022. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with roll call vote: Sickman, yes; Hedrick, yes; Pollen, yes; E. Treon, yes.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:

PRESIDENT:

None.

STREETS & PARK:

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton advised of a progress meeting with INDOT on May 5, 2022 concerning construction on State Road 26.

Hamilton reported he met with Dustin Jennings regarding improvements for the 2nd Street to 8th Street Main Street Project. Specifically, the width of the travel lane; Main Street would have to be widened to 12' to accommodate an 18" gutter. However, decreasing the travel lane to 11' is an acceptable option. This is a common width for streets.

Hamilton advised a decision is needed to proceed with design plans for the project.

Motion made by Armstrong to decrease the travel lane on Main Street to 11'. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with roll call vote: E. Treon, yes; Pollen, yes; Hedrick, yes; Armstrong, yes; Sickman, yes.

Hamilton advised the departments has been working on potholes with the total patcher.

POLICE AND FIRE:

Clerk-Treasurer Treon reported Fire Chief, Trent Payne, requested \$10,000.00 from American Rescue Funds to purchase loading racks for the fireworks. The racks will allow firemen to preload the fireworks and fire the displays in succession rather than delays. The racks also provide a safer environment for the firemen lighting the fireworks.

With Council discussion, President Sickman favored getting the racks on order, Council member Pollen voiced concerns regarding the budget and Council member E. Treon stated while \$10,000.00 is a good investment to provide safety for the firemen, maybe approval should be tabled to the next regular meeting pending further information. Clerk-Treasurer Treon advised rescue fund balance is \$195,000.00 and another \$312,000.00 will be disbursed to the Town in July.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the purchase of racks for the fireworks. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with roll call vote: E. Treon, yes; Pollen, yes; Hedrick, yes; Armstrong, yes; Sickman, yes.

WATER & WASTEWATER:

Superintendent Deal reported the water main repair on Tyler Street is near completion. Water samples from the new water main were sent for testing today and another sample will be sent tomorrow for testing. Weather permitting, the new water main will be complete April 29th.

Deal advised GIS mapping is approximately 1/3 complete. Inventory for the lead law has been added to the system.

Superintendent Deal reported spring maintenance at the Wastewater Plant is in progress.

Deal provided an update to the Council regarding construction of apartments at Buckeye Street and State Road 26. A 6" sewer line is already in place near that location and each apartment will have a water meter. Apartment parking for possibly 16 vehicles will be accessible on Buckeye Street. The owners are approximately 6 to 8 months from beginning construction.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:

Clerk-Treasurer Treon reported the floor installation in the Town Hall is expected to be complete by Wednesday of this week.

Clerk-Treasurer Treon advised Fire Chief Payne provided estimates for concrete repairs to the drain in the fire barn as well as the sidewalk at the rear entrance of the Town Hall. Two of the four contractors contacted for estimates responded to the request.

Cornelius provided an estimate of \$6,000.00 to repair the drain in the fire barn.

Kingston provided an estimate of \$19,568.00 to repair the drain in the fire barn, reconfigure the sidewalk including the rock garden, area around the natural gas meter, increase of the apron in front of the fire barn doors including grade repair.

Superintendent Deal advised of a water line running from the well to the Water Plant is under the fire barn. The line will need to be rerouted prior to or during the concrete repairs. Due to product supply delays, the repair is approximately 30-45 days from a start date.

Council member E. Treon suggested tabling this project until confirmation of supplies.

FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:

None.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION:

Vice President Hedrick advised the Grant County Area Plan Commission meeting is Monday, May 2, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council member Armstrong advised she had received complaints about the patch work done by Miller Pipeline on North Elm Street. Complainants reported speed bump type patches across the road.

Assistant Street Superintendent Hamilton advised the roadcut patches usually sink and are temporary.

Vice President Hedrick reminded residents to keep grass clippings out of the roadway. Hedrick also reminded residents that it is golf cart season, remember to renew or register golf carts.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

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

Steven Hedrick , Vice President

ATTEST

Jo Ann Treon, Clerk-Treasurer