

***FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL***  
***Regular Meeting***  
***May 8, 2023; 7:00 P.M.***

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, May 8, 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:**

Daniel “Jake” Roth, Fairmount Lion’s Club, requested permission to close Main Street on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. for the Pre-James Dean Run.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the closure. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with all ayes.

Roth advised the concert posters have been distributed for summer concert series.

**PURCHASE ORDER:**

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon and Superintendent Deal presented purchase order 3339 to Bobcat for the purchase of a mini excavator at a cost of \$65,432.44. The bid for the equipment is through Source Well.

Motion made by E. Treon to use the American Rescue Funds for the purchase. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with all ayes.

Motion made by E. Treon to approve Purchase Order #3339. Seconded by Broyles; motion carries with all ayes.

**CLAIMS:**

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the claims and order warrants on same. Seconded by Broyles; motion carries with three ayes and one nay.

**MINUTES:**

Motion made by Pollen to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting April 24, 2023. Seconded by Broyles; motion carries with all ayes.

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

**PRESIDENT:**

President Hedrick advised a Council member will need to be appointed for East Central Indiana Regional Planning. Meetings are held in Muncie quarterly, usually the second or third Tuesday of May, August and November. Councilman David Broyles was appointed to the committee.

President Hedrick advised the public meeting regarding the recommendation from the Area Plan Commission will be held at the next regular council meeting on May 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Details for the meeting location will be posted at the Town Hall as well as the Town's website, [www.fairmount-in.com](http://www.fairmount-in.com) and facebook page.

**STREETS & PARK:**

Superintendent Gossett advised the alley on Main Street is schedule for survey in approximately six to eight weeks. The Town requested the attorney send a letter regarding moving the vehicles.

Gossett reported the May 3<sup>rd</sup> preconstruction meeting went well. The initial construction for the Main Street Revitalization Project is scheduled to begin May 24, 2023 with substantial completion by September 21, 2023. Full completion of the project is scheduled for October 21, 2023.

Superintendent Gossett advised the street sweeper has been repaired and street sweeping will resume on Thursdays. Gossett reminded everyone to refrain from parking on curbed streets on Thursday mornings.

Gossett reported twenty-three yards in violation of the local mowing ordinance were turned in to the office. Letters will be sent to homeowners this week.

Superintendent Gossett presented the bids for the hydraulic post driver for the Council to review. Gossett requested purchase from Crowder Supply in the amount of \$5,494.83.

Motion made by E. Treon to purchase the hydraulic post driver from Crowder Supply. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with all ayes.

Gossett reported approximately four hundred people attended the Fish Fry at the park.

Superintendent Gossett reminded everyone of the Community Clean-Up event on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Gossett advised the car show of the season will be May 29, 2023 at the park.

**POLICE & FIRE:**

Marshal Dollar reported the Durango will be in for repair to replace the ABS module.

Dollar presented the April Charge Summary for the Council to review.

Marshal Dollar discussed the condition of the 300 North Barclay mobile home community. He has observed twenty-two lots with considerable issues.

Dollar advised he spoke with Solms Excavating regarding cleanup and/or demolition considering he has experience with such issues. This is a worst-case scenario, such as an unresponsive property owner. The estimate for demolition including dumpster rental would be \$105,000.00. Attorney fees and court fees would be an additional cost to the town.

Marshal Dollar and the Council discussed occupancy and the necessary steps to begin getting the property in compliance with local ordinances.

Assistant Fire Chief Jump reported the valves are in service on Pump 2. Annual maintenance for the fire trucks is scheduled for May 21, 2023.

Jump reported repair for the concrete is scheduled to begin May 22, 2023, weather permitting.

**WATER & WASTEWATER:**

Superintendent Deal reported a lot of debris came through during the recent hydrant flushing. The remaining hydrants will be flushed in the Fall.

Deal advised the lead service inventory is nearly complete. The Town's portion of the inventory will be ready for submission by 10/16/2024.

Superintendent Deal reported one employee will attend mosquito school at a cost of \$90.00. The certification is valid through the end of the year.

Superintendent Deal advised Federal Signal repaired the weather siren at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The bird nests were removed and sealed to prevent further issue.

Deal reported one of the positions with the Utilities Department has been filled; Blaine Bearden will begin May 11, 2023 at the pay rate of \$18.61. The position has a probationary period of nine months.

Motion made by E. Treon to approve the hire. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all eyes.

Superintendent Deal provided further information for the purchase of the mini excavator. The excavator will allow the workers to get into smaller areas to complete a variety of tasks. The mini excavator will have three buckets, angle blade and a large arm.

**BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:**

None.

**FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:**

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

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon advised the Notice to Proceed and the contract with Commonwealth Engineers will need to be signed as well as the Notice of Award for Midwest Paving.

**AREA PLAN COMMISSION:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Members of the audience requested the Council consider tabling the following ordinances: Ordinance #1-2023 Amending restrictions along streams in the Grant County Areawide Zoning Ordinance; Ordinance #2 Amending Grading Permits; and Ordinance #3 Adding regulation of Bed & Breakfast Housing and Air B & B Housing.

Motion made by Armstrong to table the ordinances until the June 26, 2023 Council Meeting. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with all ayes.

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon presented Ordinance #4-2023 Amending the 2023 Salary Ordinance as follows:

Deputy Marshal serving as Assistant Marshal \$1,976.07 biweekly; Deputy Marshal serving as Sergeant \$1,926.00 biweekly;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Utility Worker \$1,642.28 biweekly; and  
3<sup>rd</sup> Utility Worker \$1,488.80 biweekly

Motion made by Pollen to suspend the rules and move to the first reading. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with all ayes.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve Ordinance #4-2023. Seconded by Broyles; motion carries with all ayes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

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

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Steve Hedrick, President

ATTEST

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Jo Ann Treon, Clerk-Treasurer