

FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

May 9, 2022; 7:00 P.M.

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, May 9, 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: 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:

Vickie Logan, Ice Cream Dream truck, requesting permission from the Council to host and ice cream social on May 22, 2022 starting at 12:00 p.m. The Council advised a permit is not needed to host the event.

PURCHASE ORDERS:

Clerk-Treasurer Treon presented the following purchase orders to the Council:

- #3382 to Amazon in the amount of \$1,554.36 for cabinets in the police department;
- #3329 to Utility Supply in the amount of \$6,320.90 for the water line repair on Tyler Street;
- #3330 to Utility Supply in the amount of \$1,559.50 for new water line in the park.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the purchase orders as presented by the Clerk-Treasurer. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with four ayes.

CLAIMS:

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

MINUTES:

Motion made by Pollen to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting on April 25, 2022. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with four ayes.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:

PRESIDENT:

Vice President Hedrick read the resignation letter from President Sickman. The Council expressed their appreciation for the many years Sickman served on the Council.

Motion made by E. Treon accepting Sickman's resignation. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with four ayes.

Vice President Hedrick appointed Council member E. Treon as liaison for the Police and Fire departments effective immediately. All other liaisons will remain the same.

Vice President Hedrick and the Council briefly discussed whether to fill the role of President or wait for the appointment to the vacant seat.

Motion made by Armstrong for Hedrick to continue as Council President for remainder of 2022. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with four ayes.

President Hedrick nominated Armstrong for Vice President.

Motion made by E. Treon to appoint Armstrong as Council Vice President. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with four ayes.

STREETS & PARK:

Vice President Armstrong reported the walkway patching is complete at the park.

Vice President Armstrong requested two wet floor signs for the Shelter House.

POLICE AND FIRE:

Marshal Dollar expressed appreciation to Sickman for her service.

Dollar presented the April Charge Summary for the Council.

Marshal Dollar reported Officer Reneau completed class, enhanced field sobriety training.

Dollar advised Administrative Assistant, Kathy Wolfe, has been painting cabinets in the police department.

Marshal Dollar requested permission for Kayla Reagan and Second Harvest to use the park for their community event on June 20, 2022.

Motion made by Pollen to approve the use of the park for their event. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with four ayes.

Dollar reminded the Council of the Second Harvest food drive on July 18, 2022 from 3:00 – 4:30 pm at the park.

WATER & WASTEWATER:

Assistant Superintendent Shelton expressed appreciation for Sickman's service.

Shelton advised the water main on Tyler Street is finished; landscaping and road paving will complete the repair. Temporary hookup and water lines have been removed and Tyler Street is open with the exception of the intersection at Tyler and Factory Streets.

Assistant Superintendent Shelton reported a water report will be included with this month's water billing. Due to inclement weather, a water sample from February was not received by IDEM in a timely manner. The report will also be published in the newspaper.

Sandra Moore, owner of Liberty Mobile Home Community, requesting provisional approval from the Council to continue planning for wastewater utility for the MHC at State Roads 9 and 26. Moore advised Commonwealth Engineers have been engaged to plan to the project. Council member E. Treon suggested an executive session with the Council, Commonwealth Engineers and Liberty MHC to discuss details of the project and any potential issues.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:

Clerk-Treasurer Treon reported the flooring and public restroom of the Municipal Building have been completed. She advised an additional \$350.00 will be required to paint the Meeting Room after the roof repairs.

FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:

Clerk-Treasurer Treon presented the April Fund Report for the Council to review.

Clerk-Treasurer Treon reported the American Rescue Fund balance is \$109,193.35 after the renovations to the Municipal Building and the fireworks racks for the Fire Department. The Town will receive \$312,000.00 in July 2022. All funds must be used by 2026.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION:

President Hedrick attended the Grant County Area Plan meeting at the first May. Commissioners discussed proposed cleanup areas in the Marion area.

Council member E. Treon reported Alan Busby, owner of Busby's Point Pizza, purchased the property in the 800 block of South Walnut Street. Busby plans to demolish the current structure and replace it with a smaller residence for use as an Air B & B.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jeremy Schmitt, Commonwealth Engineers, requesting approval from the Council to use the remaining USDA funds of \$523,614.82 to extend the Wastewater Project.

Clerk-Treasurer Treon confirmed the extended work will completed within that amount. The Town will be responsible for any overages.

Schmitt advised items in the extension will be moved around to accommodate the balance of \$523,614.82.

Motion made by E. Treon to approve the additional work. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with four ayes.

President Hedrick reported he will be getting prices for a digital outdoor sign to replace the sign near the fire barn.

Council member Pollen reported positive feedback from people about the meeting being on Facebook. Clerk-Treasurer Treon advised the meetings will continue to be on the Town's page.

Vice President Armstrong reported the Courier newspaper from Upland is available at Village Pantry, Horner's Market and Subway. Editors and writers for the newspaper may find the minutes on the Town's website, www.fairmount-in.com.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Council tabled approval of Ordinance #3-2022, Area Digital Sign and Use Ordinance.

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

Steven Hedrick , President

ATTEST

Jo Ann Treon, Clerk-Treasurer