

FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
May 23, 2022; 7:00 P.M.

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, May 23, 2022. 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, absent; Steve Hedrick, present; Angie Armstrong, present; David Broyles, present. Also, in attendance; Clerk-Treasurer, Jo Ann Treon and Town Attorney, Phil Stephenson.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Jake Roth, Fairmount Lion's Club provided concert information for this summer. Roth reminded the Council of the upcoming concert at the James Dean Memorial Stage on June 8th.

PURCHASE ORDERS:

Clerk-Treasurer Treon presented the following purchase orders for approval:

#3388 to Steven R. Jenkins for the purchase of six uniforms for officers in the amount of \$3,176.51;

#3635 to Stello Products for the purchase of reflective street signs and posts in the amount of \$33,879.58; and

#3331 to Utility Supply for the purchase of a tapping machine in the amount of \$30,635.00.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the purchase orders as presented. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with all ayes.

CLAIMS:

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

MINUTES:

Motion made by E. Treon to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting on May 9, 2022. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:

PRESIDENT:

President Hedrick introduced new council member, David Broyles.

Hedrick read a Thank You Card from Rick Haynes.

President Hedrick advised he had received quotes for an LED sign to be placed between the fire station and water plant. The first quote was in excess of \$54,000.00 and did not include a maintenance plan or software.

Hedrick presented the complete quote from Stewart Signs. The sign cost will be \$18,193.00 with designated software and maintenance plan. Installation will be an additional \$6,000.00. The sign will allow eastbound and westbound traffic to easily see the information. A demonstration of the sign is available through the email received by President Hedrick.

Audience member, Don Spahr, stated with the absence of a newspaper, the sign would provide another information option for residents. Council member Broyles agreed. Spahr also stated the museum had issues with regulation from Area Plan.

President Hedrick advised the quoted sign is within the new guidelines of the Area Plan ordinance. American Rescue Funds will be used to purchase the sign.

Clerk-Treasurer Treon suggested limiting the change of information on the sign to the Clerk's Office and Police Department.

Council member E. Treon suggested a better location on Main Street for visibility. Council member Broyles agreed.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the purchase of an LED sign at the stated cost. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with all ayes.

STREETS & PARK:

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton advised the purchase order for Stello Products includes 410 reflective signs, posts and brackets.

Council member E. Treon and Hamilton discussed a timeframe for installation of the new signs. Hamilton advised the department would continue with total patching and sign post repairs until the new signs arrived.

Hamilton reported E & B Paving advised the walkway in the park would be paved between mid-June to mid-July. He will advise of a date as soon as possible.

Hamilton advised the first round of mowing/weed letters have been sent.

Hamilton reported a damaged tree at the park near the center pavilion. The tree has a crack allowing the tree to twist during windy conditions. Gunter Tree Service removed the tree at a cost of \$850.00.

Hamilton reported a second tree fell in the park near the railroad tracks. When the tree fell it fell into a third tree. Gunter Tree Service will remove both trees at a cost of \$1,300.00. Steve Deal will remove the wood.

Council member Broyles requested further information on the tree. Hamilton advised the hickory tree was hollow and had been damaged during the wind last Friday.

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton reported the State Road 26 project is on schedule per INDOT.

Superintendent Deal advised State Road 26 is now closed at 450 East.

Hamilton reported new cameras have been ordered. Council member Broyles requested further information for the cameras.

Hamilton stated the purpose for the cameras is to prevent vandalism to the park restrooms and pavilions.

Hamilton reported a new water line will be ran at the south end of the park for restrooms and the concession stand. Superintendent Deal advised the utility department will remove the galvanized section and tie into the remaining water line.

Council member Armstrong inquired of pool guidelines such as fencing. Hamilton advised the Town follows Grant County Area Plan guidelines for pools.

Council member Broyles requested Hamilton check the alley behind the record store on Main Street. He advised the gravel in the alleyway is causing drainage issues for the businesses. Hamilton advised they would check the alley.

POLICE AND FIRE:

Marshal Dollar provided further information for the uniform purchase. Class B uniforms are on a 2-year rotation for budgeting purposes. Class A uniforms are worn for special duty; meaning those uniforms last longer the daily wear uniforms.

Dollar reported the property in the 200 block of South Walnut and the property at 4th and Elm Streets sold in the tax sale. New owners take possession in October.

WATER & WASTEWATER:

Superintendent Deal provided a utility report for the Council to review.

Deal advised the separation project will continue on Elm Street near Auto Network allowing for better drainage from Elm Street to 4th Street to Madison Street.

Deal reported Liberty Mobile Home Park has been speaking with Commonwealth Engineers. A separate meter will be needed for the park.

Council member Broyles inquired if wastewater lines would continue to the park.

Superintendent Deal advised the line would be on the west side of Wilson Street near the Wesleyan Campground. Liberty Mobile Home Park will be responsible for the return line.

Superintendent Deal advised a new sewer line will be ran in Kelsu Drive. Separate storm and sanitary line will prevent issues in that area.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:

Clerk-Treasurer Treon reported painting of the meeting room will be complete this week. The carpet and chairs will be cleaned when the painting is complete.

FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:

Clerk-Treasurer Treon reported the utility tax for water revenue has been repealed effective June 2022. The repeal allows water rates to lower \$0.42 per household; however, increasing postage rates will not allow a rate change.

Clerk-Treasurer Treon advised Commonwealth Engineers will provide the final design for the Main Street project at the June 13, 2022 meeting.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION:

President Hedrick advised Area Plan will meet next week. There will not be a July meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council member Armstrong reported residents are concerned about the large machine behind the fence at Auto Network.

Superintendent Deal advised Auto Network has been crushing vehicles to reduce overflow. They are making accommodations for the sewer line extension.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Council briefly discussed Ordinance 3-2022, Digital Sign Use.

Motion made E. Treon to suspend the rules and move to adoption of the ordinance. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

Motion made by E. Treon to adopt Ordinance 3-2022. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

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