

FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
June 12, 2023; 7:00 P.M.

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, June 12, 2023. President Hedrick called the meeting to order and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Deputy Clerk Treasurer Reneau called the roll: Eric Treon, absent; Karen Pollen, present; Steve Hedrick, present; Angie Armstrong, present; David Broyles, present. Also, in attendance; Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Kelly Reneau and attorney, Kyle Persinger.

PURCHASE ORDER:

None.

CLAIMS:

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

MINUTES:

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting May 22, 2023. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with all ayes.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Theron Beardslee regarding extension of utilities further on West Second Street. Beardslee would like to build on property currently owned by his niece and nephew. Access to the property would be through family's property.

The Council, Assistant Superintendent Shelton and attorney, Kyle Persinger discussed right-of-way, proximity to utilities and annexation of the property. Councilwoman Armstrong suggested tabling extension of utilities. Councilwoman Pollen agreed stating the Council needs to explore the request and requirements further before making a decision.

Carrie Pollock, Breathe Easy Grant County Program Coordinator, presented "Clean Up Your Butts, Grant County" presentation to the Council. "Breathe Easy Grant County is a broad-based coalition of local organizations and individuals believing everyone deserves the right to breathe smoke free air at work and in all public places." The initiative to clean up cigarette butts is from June 5th to 30th. Everyone is encouraged to volunteer to help "clean up." The coalition provides supplies needed by contacting Carrie Pollock at 765-660-7202 or Carrie.Pollock@marionhealth.com to join the program.

Scott Franko, SURF Internet, regarding fiber optic addition to high-speed internet service. The company provides alternatives to broadband internet. Franko provided pamphlets for the Council to review and will email further information to the Council.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:

PRESIDENT:

President Hedrick read the thank you letter from Tracy Miller, M-G Prom Committee, for the audience and Council. Hedrick and the Council congratulated all graduates.

President Hedrick reported on the conference call with the owner of Park Place Community and manager. The owner and manager agreed to the six-month timeline to clean up the property as well removal of the dilapidated mobile homes. The group will meet again in approximately three months to discuss the progress of the cleanup. A dumpster should be at the property at the end of June for removal of the first of the mobile homes to be demolished.

STREETS & PARK:

Superintendent Gossett reported a list of telephone lines wrapped around utility poles had been sent to Frontier. The lines were wrapped up after the severe storms.

Gossett advised eight more letters had been mailed for overgrown (weeds, mowing) properties.

Superintendent Gossett reported the street sweeper is back from repairs, but is pulling to the right. The cost for alignment was \$153.70; tires were \$820.18.

Gossett presented the 2023 Chip and Seal road list for the Council to review. Estimated cost is \$24,335.31.

Gossett reported State Road 26 is lifting again. So far, no reason has been given for the issues.

Superintendent Gossett requested permission to attend class for Purdue road school, pavement care, in Carmel next week. This is a one-day class at no charge.

Gossett advised the Main Street Project is approximately two weeks from beginning.

Superintendent Gossett advised mulch has been spread around trees at the park. A few new trees may not recover from the late frost. We will keep a close check on those.

The pavilion will be seal coated on June 15th. We would like to thank the 9th Street Gang car club for the seal coating.

Gossett advised he and Scott Bailey have been working on trash disposal for James Dean weekend. Republic Services is unable to supply trash totes or pick up over the weekend. After researching several avenues, we have found 96-gallon totes for \$30.00 each and 64-gallon totes for \$20.00 each in Missouri. The museum has agreed to purchase the totes, but need someone to pick them up. The totes can be stored at the Street Barn. Manifold Refuse will pickup trash over the weekend at a cost of \$1,500.00.

Superintendent Gossett requested permission to use the Town equipment to go to Missouri to pick the totes.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the trip to Missouri to pick up the totes to be purchased by the museum and for Manifold to pickup trash over James Dean weekend. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with all ayes.

POLICE & FIRE:

Marshal Dollar presented the May Charge Summary to the Council.

Dollar advised he and Officer Vincent will pick up the new K-9 on June 29th. The concrete has been poured and the dog kennel is ready at Officer Vincent's residence.

WATER & WASTEWATER:

Assistant Superintendent Shelton reported Tracy Sovern began June 1st filling the last utility worker position. Bearden and Sovern have been learning the Water Plant, lab, and check procedures.

Shelton advised an ALUM pump stopped working on May 30th. We are currently working with FACO to rebuild the pump. The current pump is no longer in production. We are working with Hawkins (alum vendor) on possible purchase of a new pump if the current pump cannot be repaired.

Superintendent Shelton reported Hartford City Metal and Iron delivered a dumpster for scrap material at the Wastewater Plant.

Shelton reported a Variable Frequency Drive went down on the Return Activated Sludge station. We are working with Mantz Electric to bypass the VFD.

Shelton advised the Bobcat compact mini excavator is on order. Expected delivery is late June to early July.

Assistant Superintendent Shelton thanked the Council, Rob Rosenbush and Kelly Reneau for Steve Deals retirement party. We miss him already.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:

None.

FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:

Deputy Clerk Treasurer Reneau requested permission to attend the ILMCT (Indiana League of Municipal Clerk Treasurers) Conference state called meeting on June 27th through 28th in Fort Wayne. The cost of the conference is \$400.00 and hotel is \$375.00.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve attending the conference at a total cost of \$775.00. Seconded by Broyles; motion carries with all ayes.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION:

Councilman Broyles reported the county is still looking for a Building Inspector; preferably with ICC credentials.

NEW BUSINESS:

Linda Majors, Fairmount Public Library, requesting the Town Council approve an additional appropriation resolution for a new roof on the library. Majors advised the library has had fundraisers which resulted in \$16,000.00 of the estimated \$29,000.00 to \$34,000.00 for a metal roof. DLGF guidelines allow funds from the Rainy Day Fund may be used. We would like to adopt the resolution allowing \$17,551.00 to be used for the metal roof. This does raise the budget for the year. The resolution has been published two times and of the all six Library Board members in attendance at the meeting were in favor of the resolution.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the additional appropriation resolution. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with a roll call vote as follows: Pollen, yes; Broyles, yes; Armstrong, yes; Hedrick, yes.

Linda Majors announced she will be retiring effective August 1st, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Steve Hedrick, President

ATTEST

Kelly Reneau, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer