

FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

June 27, 2022; 7:00 P.M.

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, June 13, 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, present; 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:

James Beyioku and Charity Bailey of the Grant County Economic Growth Council updated the Council on events and future plans.

Beyioku and Bailey reported thirty-one information requests for business locations.

The goal of the Growth Council is to visit Town/City Councils and communities to determine county needs for workforce development, internship and entrepreneurial opportunities.

PURCHASE ORDERS:

Clerk-Treasurer Treon presented purchase order #3634 to Indiana Emergency Lighting in the amount of \$1,504.00 to replace backup lights and flashers on two Street Department dump trucks.

Motion made by E. Treon to approve purchase order #3634. Seconded by Armstrong; 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 four ayes and one nay.

MINUTES:

Motion made by Pollen to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting on June 13, 2022. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:

PRESIDENT:

STREETS & PARK:

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton elaborated on the lighting purchase for the dump trucks. The trucks only have strobe lights which presents a safety hazard. The new lighting will include yellow bars and LED corner strobes for the trucks.

Hamilton reported weed maintenance for utility easements has been completed.

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton provided information from the latest State Road 26 Progress Meeting: the next section will begin at the Wesleyan Campground and work back to 450 East. This section is scheduled to start the week of July 4th or 11th.

Hamilton advised the Street and Park Departments prepared for the Spring Car Show (June 25th) for three days. Trash barrels and bags were provided for the event, unfortunately, the barrels at the pavilion were overflowing with trash. Hamilton reported he and Scott Bailey emptied trash and cleaned the park on Sunday. Members from the car club arrived mid-morning on Monday to assist with event cleanup.

Hamilton requested the car club attend a Council Meeting prior to scheduling events at the park to be certain all parties understand and agree to cleanup guidelines.

Vice President Armstrong and Councilman Broyles suggested preparing a letter to the car club outlining expectations for obtaining permission to use the park for events.

Councilman Broyles thanked Hamilton for meeting with him regarding the alley behind his building on Main Street.

Hamilton recommended repairing the gutter. The Street Department would assist with removal of the concrete and attempt to grade the area. Broyles prefers the gravel be removed and maintenance of pavement beneath the gravel.

Councilman Broyles inquired of the new light poles near Washington and Hill Streets; a drop down has been installed, but no lighting. Considering there is no lighting from Hill to Wilson Streets on Washington Street, will lights be installed?

Marshal Dollar advised within incorporated areas the responsibility is lighting at intersections only not in between in front of residences.

POLICE AND FIRE:

Marshal Dollar presented the May Charge Summary for the Council to review.

Dollar reported the Ford Taurus was involved in a minor accident. While responding to call, the officer hit a raccoon. The radiator of the Taurus was punctured when the raccoon broke the grill of the vehicle. Thompson's in Swayzee will be providing an estimate for the repair.

Marshal Dollar requested flyers for the July 18th food drive be included in the July water bills.

WATER & WASTEWATER:

Councilman Broyles requested a start date for the sewer line installation on Kelsu Drive. Superintendent Deal advised letters will be sent to residents prior to starting the project.

Superintendent Deal provided the Utility Report for the Council to review.

Deal reported new headwalls have been installed at the creek and paving on 4th Street damaged during the installation has been repaired. The new headwalls allow the creek to stay in the creek rather than flow into the town system.

Superintendent Deal reported the repaired raw pump has been installed; however, the pump began making noise over the weekend. We are currently waiting on a return call from the repairman.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:

Clerk-Treasurer Treon reported the concrete work at the back of the building is complete. The rock area will require more stone to fill the area near the new curb. The shrubs will be removed from the area.

FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:

None.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION:

President Hedrick reported no meeting was scheduled for the month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk-Treasurer Treon presented Ordinance #4-2022, Amending Salary Ordinance #13-2021. The ordinance discontinues the insurance buyout for an employee that needs to add their spouse on the insurance offered by the Town.

Motion made by E. Treon to suspend the rules and continue to second reading for Ordinance #4-2022. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes. Roll Call Vote: Pollen, yes; Broyles, yes, E. Treon, yes; Armstrong, yes; Hedrick, yes.

Motion made by Broyles to pass Ordinance #4-2022. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with all ayes.

Clerk-Treasurer Treon presented Ordinance #5-2022, Amend Water Rates. Indiana General Assembly passed House Bill 1002 which eliminates the utility tax paid by the Town effective July 1, 2022. The elimination of this tax allows the water rate to decrease by \$0.46 per customer. The Town is required to notify customers in writing a minimum of two times. Letters will be included in the water bills for two months.

Motion made by Pollen to suspend the rules and continue to final reading of Ordinance #5-2022. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with all ayes. Roll Call Vote: Pollen, yes; Broyles, yes; E. Treon, yes; Armstrong, yes; Hedrick, yes.

Motion made by Pollen to pass Ordinance #5-2022 on the second reading. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Vice President Armstrong and Assistant Superintendent Hamilton discussed the replacement of a bush at 6th and Buckeye Streets. Hamilton removed what he thought to be overgrowth at a stop sign.

Hamilton advised he did speak with the homeowner. The homeowner thought the shrub may grow back.

President Hedrick advised the LED sign is in production. Expected completion is October.

Hedrick requested the Council consider options for landscaping around the concrete footer for the sign.

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