

***FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL***

***Regular Meeting***

***July 10, 2023; 7:00 P.M.***

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, July 10, 2023. Attorney, Kyle Persinger called the meeting to order and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag in the absence of Council President, Steve Hedrick. Clerk Treasurer J. Treon called the roll: Eric Treon, present; Karen Pollen, present; Steve Hedrick, absent; Angie Armstrong, present; David Broyles, present. Also, in attendance; Clerk-Treasurer, JoAnn Treon and attorney, Kyle Persinger.

**PURCHASE ORDER:**

None.

**CLAIMS:**

Motion made by Broyles 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 Armstrong to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting June 26, 2023. Seconded by Broyles; motion carries with three ayes and one abstaining.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

Greg and Wendy Cox, 300 block of South Mill Street, requesting permission to place a manufactured home on the property at 324 South Mill Street. The home is 14' x 70' with a 7 ½' x 16' tip-out. The Cedar Home will have a permanent foundation. Contractors will build the foundation as well as set the home.

If the Cedar Home cannot be moved and set on the property, the Cox's would like to build a smaller home at the same location.

Cox advised the Area Plan Commission advised them to obtain approval from the Council before applying for the proper permit.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the plans for 324 South Mill Street. Seconded by Broyles; motion carries with four ayes.

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

**PRESIDENT:**

None.

**STREETS & PARK:**

Superintendent Gossett and Park Custodian, Scott Bailey thanked the Council for allowing them to pick up 125 totes and working with the Fairmount Historical Museum. This will allow easier refuse management during James Dean Weekend. Gossett and Bailey hope the Council will keep this in mind when the trash pickup contract ends.

Bailey thanked the Fairmount Fire Department and the Grant County Sheriff's Department for helping clean the park on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Bailey requested permission to allow himself and two part-time workers to clean the park on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Vice President E. Treon advised him to make the request next year prior to the event.

Bailey also requested the Council consider a minimum of six port-a-pots for the event next year. He advised he observed a lengthy line at the women's restroom. Current pricing for port-a-pots is \$125.00 per standard unit; \$150.00 for handicap accessible units.

Bailey expressed appreciation to John Metzger and Curt Hackney for helping with the yard sweeping at the park. They donated a second yard sweeper to the park.

Bailey reported there were two electrical issues during the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Fireworks; people were running over the electrical connections.

Gossett and Bailey also thanked the Fairmount Lion's Club for their efforts with Concerts at the Stage.

Superintendent Gossett reported Midwest Paving has started cutting at gutter locations; the Main Street Project is underway.

Gossett advised all the components have been delivered for the new street lights. Mantz Electrical and Midwest Paving have submitted estimates for installation of the lights.

Superintendent Gossett reported the Street Department is unable to use the total patcher due to weather; the tar gets gumming in the humidity.

Gossett reported Grant County Highway will be in town this week or next week for chip and seal. Residents on the streets scheduled for chip and seal will receive notification prior to the project.

Superintendent Gossett advised the new LED sign has been installed and is functional. Landscaping will begin when the ground settles around the base of the sign.

Superintendent Gossett requested street closings for the Fairmount Historical Museum for September 22<sup>nd</sup> thru 24<sup>th</sup> for James Dean Weekend. Street closings are the same as previous years.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the street closings during James Dean Weekend. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with all ayes.

**POLICE & FIRE:**

Marshal Dollar reported July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 will be Officer Collen Metzger's last day with the Fairmount Police Department. We wish him well with the Grant County Sheriff's Department.

Dollar advised he will continue with background checks through the hiring freeze to be prepared when the freeze is lifted.

Marshal Dollar reported Office Kyle Vincent is attending K-9 Training. The new K-9 is a Pointer named Borat.

Dollar reported Assistant Marshal Josh Reneau will attend Instructor Development Class near the end of the month. A minimum of two instructors are needed to keep up with in-service training for the officers.

Marshal Dollar reported the amended dog ordinance is complete.

Robert Rosenbush, Fairmount Fire Department, reported two firemen will attend the ambulance committee meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Rosenbush thanked the Council for approving additional funding for the fireworks. He advised a donation of \$1,000.00 was received on July 1<sup>st</sup> for the fireworks.

Rosenbush advised the department has drone footage of the fireworks.

Vice President E. Treon reported there were no injuries during the fireworks.

**WATER & WASTEWATER:**

Assistant Superintendent Shelton reported a 2" water line leak on Monroe Street between Sycamore and Walnut Streets was repaired this week.

Shelton advised he submitted his first MRO this week.

Assistant Superintendent Shelton reported the utility department is still awaiting the arrival of the mini excavator.

Water & Wastewater Utility Liaison, Pollen made a motion to appoint Assistant Superintendent Shelton to Interim Superintendent for the next six months with a salary increase to \$56,800.00. Seconded by Broyles; motion carries with four ayes.

Interim Superintendent Shelton inquired of the hourly increase for Robert Rosenbush. The Council advised the hourly increase will be addressed later.

**BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:**

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon reported the new LED sign has been installed and we will begin learning the software to operate the sign.

J. Treon advised installation of the new sound system for the Town Hall is complete.

**FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:**

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon advised State Board of Accounts is on site as of July 11, 2023 to conduct a Federal Audit for USDA grant funds received in 2022.

**AREA PLAN COMMISSION:**

None.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:**

E. Treon reported the ambulance committee (Marshal R. Dollar, Council President S. Hedrick, Vice President E. Treon and 2 Firemen) will meet July 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the potential purchase of an ambulance.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

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

ATTEST

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JoAnn Treon, Clerk-Treasurer

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Kyle Persinger, Attorney