

FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

July 11, 2022; 7:00 P.M.

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, July 11, 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:

Leroy Johns, 9th Street Gang Car Club Inc. requesting permission from the Council to host four additional car shows at the park in 2023. The shows will be the last of April, May, July and August from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The car club will supply a DJ and food (hotdogs, hamburgers).

Mr. Johns advised the car club is non-profit organization. They raise money and donate to Grant County families in need.

Vice President Armstrong presented guidelines for the car shows to maintain the flow of information to the Town and preserve the integrity of the grounds.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the additional car shows. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with all ayes.

PURCHASE ORDERS:

None.

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 June 27, 2022 and Special Meeting on June 27, 2022. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:

PRESIDENT:

President Hedrick commended the employees for all of their hard work maintaining the appearance and operation of the Town. Councilman E. Treon agreed.

STREETS & PARK:

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton addressed the Kelsu Drive and Washington Street streetlight question for Councilman Broyles from the previous meeting. A dusk to dawn lighting program is available for residents wanting a streetlight. The light is placed in front the residence and billed to the resident. The Town provides and pays the cost of streetlights at intersections.

Hamilton reported the easement cleanup is complete.

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton advised a list of the 2023 chip/seal streets will be provided for the Council to review.

Hamilton advised E & B Paving marked the walkway in the park. Paving will begin this week or next week depending on the weather.

POLICE AND FIRE:

Marshal Dollar presented the June charge summary to the Council.

Dollar reported the vehicle parts have been delivered to repair the Ford Taurus and the Dodge Durango radiator hose was repaired this week.

Marshal Dollar reminded everyone of the Second Harvest food drive on July 18th from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the park.

Dollar requested permission to send Officer Sands to a four-day Drug Interdiction course at a cost of \$375.00.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve sending Officer Sands to the course. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with all ayes.

WATER & WASTEWATER:

Superintendent Deal advised Commonwealth Engineers spoke of possible federal funding available for lead service (water) line replacement. Considering the possibility of lead service lines under Main, Jefferson, Factory, Elm, Penn, Washington, Morton, 2nd, 4th and 6th Streets additional funding availability is worth exploring. An asset management plan is required to apply for the grant.

The water plant Monthly Report of Operations submitted to IDEM returned with no issues.

Deal reported the annual water testing is due the week of July 11th, 2022. This testing is for VOCs (volatile organic compounds), nitrates (blue baby syndrome) and TTHMs/HAA5 (chlorine byproducts).

Superintendent Deal advised many water trucks are being filled for the State Road 26 project. The project contractor (Brooks 1st) is being billed for the water.

Superintendent Deal reported another raw sewage pump stopped running and was taken to Indianapolis for service. Both small pumps are out of service for mechanical issues. The first raw sewage pump returned from repairs, ran for 88 hours and stopped due to inoperable bearings.

Deal requested permission for Robert Rosenbush and Nathan Deal to attend Water School in Kokomo at a cost of \$400.00 per person plus course materials.

Motion made by E. Treon approving Rosenbush and N. Deal to attend the course. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:

Clerk Treasurer J. Treon reported the Municipal Building roof was inspected and repaired; ceiling tiles were also replaced due to the leak.

FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:

Clerk Treasurer J. Treon presented the June Fund Report for the Council to review.

J. Treon advised work will begin this week on the 2023 Budget.

Clerk Treasurer Treon requested permission to replace the insert/fold machine (utility bills). The current machine is unreliable for large projects such as utility bills.

The machine would be replaced with a smaller, more manageable folding machine from Pitney Bowes at a cost of \$4,126.16. The school is interested in the older machine. The Council may declare it as excess property and give it to the school.

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

AREA PLAN COMMISSION:

President Hedrick advised the next meeting will be August 9th at the Grant County Fairgrounds to discuss the Solar Farm Ordinance.

Audience member, Julie Hartman, spoke to the Council regarding the solar ordinance. Hartman advised more protection is needed for farmers and residents regarding proximity of the solar farms. She urged the Council to support providing more than a quarter of a mile distance between solar farms and residences and limit acreage used for the solar farms. Farmers are concerned about property values; increased land prices are hurting small farmers.

President Hedrick advised anyone wanting more information on the Solar Ordinance should contact Commissioner Mark Bardsley or contact the Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

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