

FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

July 24, 2023; 7:00 P.M.

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, July 24, 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, present; Angie Armstrong, present; David Broyles, present. Also, in attendance; Clerk-Treasurer, JoAnn Treon and attorney, Kyle Persinger.

PURCHASE ORDER:

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

#3439 – USA Bluebook in the amount of \$1,589.95 for an alum pump;

#3440 – S & K Equipment in the amount of \$1,275.00 for a water pump for the Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

#3649 – Harbor Freight in the amount of \$1,200.00 for a toolbox at the Wastewater Treatment Plant

Motion made by Pollen 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 Broyles motion carries with four ayes and one nay.

MINUTES:

Motion made by E. Treon to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting July 10, 2023. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Dale Gick, Commonwealth Engineers, Inc., spoke to the Council concerning an amendment to the contract for engineering fees for the Main Street project. Change Order from Midwest Paving to allow more signage for the Main Street Project.

Mr. Gick presented an amendment for an additional \$25,000.00 for a full-time Resident Project Inspector (RPI). The cost is an hourly and only for time on site.

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton advised the Street Department is in favor of having a full-time RPI.

Motion made by E. Treon to approve the amendment to the contract for an additional \$25,000.00 for a full-time Resident Project Inspector. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

Mr. Gick presented the change order in the amount of \$7,000.00 for additional signage, barricades, and road blocks. Councilman Broyles questioned if the proposed amount was to purchase or rent the needed signage. Gick advised this is rental only for 17 additional signs.

Hamilton and Gick discussed options for provided additional signage for the project. Hamilton advised he would contact the Grant County Highway Department for possible assistance.

Mr. Gick and Assistant Superintendent Hamilton discussed the conduit for the project as well. The electrical for the lighting should be a size of 2"; however, 1" was ordered for the project.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:

PRESIDENT:

President Hedrick reminded everyone of the Back-to-School event on July 29, 2023 at the Main Street Barber Shop.

Hedrick reported the hiring freeze has been removed for the Utility and Police Departments.

STREETS & PARK:

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton reported the forms for the sidewalks on Main Street are in place and concreted is being poured beginning today.

Hamilton advised Midwest will be making a minor adjustment at 4th & Main Streets for a decorative rod-iron fence. The sidewalk will maintain a straight line in that area.

Hamilton reported chip and seal is complete for the year. Additional roads were completed with the extra oil.

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton reminded everyone that yard waste pickup is on Monday and Friday mornings each week; usually complete by 9:00 a.m. Hamilton reminded residents if the bags collapse, the resident is responsible for cleaning up.

Hamilton advised an electrical post was replaced at the park. They believe the damage occurred during the ball tournaments.

Councilman Broyles questioned if the post should have a barrier to prevent damage. Hamilton advised he would relay the idea to Superintendent Gossett.

Three lights have been installed on the back road in the park.

Hamilton reported the park truck will go to Skip's Parts & Service on August 8th for brakes and a rear differential.

POLICE & FIRE:

Marshal Dollar advised Assistant Marshal Reneau will complete Instructor Development this week. Reneau will be certified to instruct secondary courses for the department.

Dollar advised Reneau made a few changes to the Reserve Officer Program; a tier system will be in place for reserve officers.

Marshal Dollar reported the department is accepting applications for Reserve Police Officers.

Dollar advised he and Reneau have interviewed and tested five potential officers. Dollar advised the following will complete the 40-Hour Pre-basic Course: Isaac Shelby, Clayton Powell and Randi Street. Street is also an EMT, CPR Instructor and has six years of experience as a Reserve Police Officer.

Motion made by E. Treon to approve the Reserve Officer proposal as presented by Marshal Dollar. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

Marshal Dollar reminded everyone of school starting soon. Every school bus has a front and rear camera; drivers who disregard the stop arm on the school bus will be ticketed for the violation.

President Hedrick spoke with Marshal Dollar regarding the 300 North Barclay property. It appears to have been mowed one time, but there are no signs of any demolition of the uninhabitable mobile homes. There is a vermin problem as well as another water leak on the property.

Dollar advised an ordinance violation could be filed, but if the Town was awarded the property, it would also be responsible for any demolition. Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon advised to turn the complaint over to Grant County Area Plan.

Marshal Dollar and President Hedrick briefly discussed other avenues for the property compliance.

WATER & WASTEWATER:

Interim Superintendent Shelton reported a new water tap was completed on Wilson Street.

Shelton advised the mini excavator is expected to arrive in August.

Shelton reported all testing has been completed for month. Over the next month, QA-QC testing (sewage) will be completed; anticipating no issues.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:

None.

FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon presented the June Fund Report and Bank Reconciliation for the Council to review.

J. Treon advised we are working on the 2024 budget. We will meet with DLGF to set the budget on August 1, 2023.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION:

Councilman Broyles advised the handbook is up to date; a follow-up meeting will be July 28, 2023.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Vice President E. Treon reminded the Council of the committee meeting on July 26, 2023. The committee will discuss the ambulance service with the fire department.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

JoAnn Treon, Clerk-Treasurer

Kyle Persinger, Attorney