

FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

July 25, 2022; 7:00 P.M.

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, July 25, 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:

Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. presented Partial Payment Application #12 to Watson Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$374,903.51 and partial release of retainage for work completed on the Sewer Separation Project.

Motion made by E. Treon to approve payment number 12 to Watson Excavating, Inc. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

PURCHASE ORDERS:

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon presented purchase order #3639 to Aerial Titans for 2022 Lift in the amount of \$31,950.00. The cost includes delivery.

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton elaborated on the purchase. He explained a used lift was unavailable. The lift has a 34' platform and 40' work extension which allow street light changing and tree trimming to be completed in a much safer manner.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the purchase order. Seconded by Pollen; 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 E. Treon to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting on July 25, 2022. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:

PRESIDENT:

President Hedrick thanked the Street Department and Fire Department for their cleanup efforts after the storm. Hedrick stated it was good to see neighbors helping one another remove debris.

President Hedrick requested the Council consider an alternative site for the LED sign as the location on Main Street is unavailable. Options are to place the sign in the area next to the fire

barn or between the large windows in front of the Clerk's & Water Office. Electrical is already available at the front the building.

STREETS & PARK:

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton reported Street and Park employees worked Saturday to assist with storm cleanup. The woodchipper was used for as much as possible.

Hamilton advised he did a post on Facebook regarding guidance for cleanup efforts. Large logs will need to be cut into manageable pieces for pick up. He also requested patience from residents. The team of three will get to all streets, it's a slow process.

Hamilton reported the paving of the walkway at the park is complete; however, backfilling at the edge has not been completed yet.

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton advised preparation work for this year's chip/seal started last week.

Hamilton reported the John Deere tractor is out of commission due to a flat tire. New tires are being ordered and will be installed by Best One of Grant County.

Hamilton also reported the south overhead door opener at the street barn is failing; J.C.'s Garage has ordered a new opener at a cost of \$1,200.00.

Vice President Armstrong requested Elm Street from Madison to Jefferson Streets be blocked on August 27, 2022 for the annual cornhole tournament.

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

POLICE & FIRE:

Marshal Dollar requested permission for Officer Metzger to attend Survival Tactics for Police Officers at a cost of \$225.00.

Motion made by E. Treon to approve the request. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with all ayes.

Dollar reported the Ford Taurus is back in service.

Marshal Dollar advised the Second Harvest food drive went well. A total of 90 cars attended the drive.

WATER & WASTEWATER:

Superintendent Deal advised there was no storm damage at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Deal reported a meter pit in the 200 block of West 4th Street needs to be moved from the driveway of the property. At 2nd Street and Rush Street water is coming to the road surface; replacing the water line to 4 houses then disconnecting the old line will eliminate that problem as well as the issue at the intersection.

Deal advised the annual water samples were taken on July 14, 2022 and sent to HML for analysis. Results have not returned at this time.

Superintendent Deal and Councilman Broyles discussed the Kelsu Drive sewer replacement. The project will not begin until property descriptions and sewer tap locations are confirmed due to multiple turns of the sewer line.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:

None.

FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon reported the final cost of the Main Street Project will be \$1,444,263.00. The final design cost of \$30,000.00 and project bidding cost of \$10,000.00 are not included in the project amount. Funding for the Town's portion of the matching grant will be paid by the following:

- General Obligation Bond - \$317,200.00
- Local Roads & Streets - \$150,00.00
- MVH Highway Fund - \$50,000.00
- Rainy Day Fund - \$150,000.00

The project will begin in Spring 2023. The Town is required to send a letter of commitment to continue the process.

The Council and Dale Gick of Commonwealth discussed the milling (4 ½) of Main Street from 2nd to 8th Streets and the possibility of milling into the brick under the existing pavement. Spot repairs will be made and paved over to finish the project.

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon advised the conduit for the street lights are included in the design and grant; however, street lights are not within the guidelines of the grant.

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon reported the Wastewater Operating fund ended the month of July in the red. She requested permission to contact Baker Tilly to conduct wastewater rate study. The last

increase for wastewater was 2020. The Council agreed to calling Baker Tilly to conduct a rate study.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION:

President Hedrick advised there will be a Special Meeting to discuss the solar ordinance. The regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 1, 2022.

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.

Steven Hedrick, President

ATTEST

Jo Ann Treon, Clerk-Treasurer