

***FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL***  
***Regular Meeting***  
***August 14; 7:00 P.M.***

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, August 14, 2023. 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 attorney, Kyle Persinger.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

Randy Miller, of RMA Surveyors, stated he surveyed both properties in the 200 block North Main Street. He stated he is willing to help the council anyway he can to resolve the dispute over the alley in between the properties. The council thanked Mr. Miller and will get back to him if needed.

Randy Williams, 318 W. Washington St, has purchased the property at 124 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and he is wanting to tear down the old garage and replace it with a new one. The council gave their approval and told Mr. Williams to go to Area Plan and get his permits.

**PURCHASE ORDER:**

Clerk-Treasurer read the following purchase orders:

#3410: Dell Corp. for Rubbed 540 Latitude laptop for police car \$2,002.88

#3595: Best One for four tires for Grass Rig. \$1,324.00.

Motion by Armstrong to approve purchase orders as read, seconded by E Treon, motion carried 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 July 24, 2023. Seconded by E Treon; motion carries with all ayes.

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

**PRESIDENT:**

President Hedrick reported Park Place Communitas on 300 N. Barclay has started cleaning up the property and removing old trailers.

President Hedrick thanked the family of Jane Sickman for sharing their mother as she severed on the School Board of Madison-Grant School Corp and the Fairmount Town Council.

**STREETS & PARK:**

Dale Gick, of Commonwealth Engineering Service, presented the council with an application and certification for payment to Midwest Paving for the Main Street Project in the amount of \$106,139.25. Motion by Armstrong to approve for payment to Midwest in the amount of \$106,139.25, seconded by E Treon, motion carried with all ayes.

Superintendent Ryan Gossett stated he was two estimates for the installation of the nineteen (19) light pole bases for the Main Street Projects.

Midwest Paving	\$33,551.00
Mantz Electric	\$31,000.00

Motion by Broyles to accept the estimate from Mantz Electric in the amount of \$31,000.00 for the pole bases, seconded by E Treon, motion carried with all ayes.

Superintendent Gossett reported on the Main Street Project:

The curbs height was changed from 6” to 5” to allow water to run off the sidewalks. There will be additional change of \$22,215 to change the conduit from 1” to 2”.

Gossett stated Midwest Paving has been allowing the school bus to go down Main Street in the morning and afternoon to pick up children. The council stated to stop all traffic going down North Main Street during construction.

Gossett reported new lights have been installed along the back road of the park and also over the garage door at the stage in the large pavilion.

The merry-go-round has been repaired by replacing the bearing with the help of Auto Network. The tetter totters were also repaired.

**POLICE & FIRE:**

Marshal Dollar requested to hire Steven Deeter as a Deputy Marshal with a starting date of August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dollar stated the Grant County Sheriff has released Deeter and he won’t be charged a fine for leaving the department.

Motion by E Treon to hire Steven Deeter as Deputy Marshal, seconded by Armstrong, motion carried with all ayes.

The new K-9, Borat, after biting his handler Kyle Vincent three times was exchange for a new K-9, Zeuse. Zeuse and Vincent has been in training for the last two weeks and working well together.

The 2023 Ford Explore is being equipped with lights and cage and will be the new K-9 unit.

Marshal Dollar stated on November 26, 1903 Marshal James Joshua Payne was killed in the line of duty at 5<sup>th</sup> and Main Street after a bank robbery. Each year the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund remove the plaques of fallen officers memorialized within the Hall of

Remembrance inside the National Law Enforcement Museum. Dollar requested the plaques be placed in the Town Hall, he will have the plaque mounted and hang in the Town Hall.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Aaron Solms of Fairmount Fire Department, stated the department will be training with Swayzee Fire Department to burn down a house which will help the new firemen who don't have experience with house fires.

He thanked the Fairmount Civil Defense who helped the fire department with down electrical line. The fire department gave them a \$500 donated.

He reported there are two firemen in training to be able to drive the ambulance.

**WATER & WASTEWATER:**

Superintendent Bud Shelton reported they completed the replacement of a 2" water line between Walnut & Sycamore St.. on Monroe St.

The Bobcat mini excavator is on order and delivery expected the end of September.

Shelton presented quote from Don Scott Grant County Asphalt for repairs of:

Adam St from Fairmount Ave to Penn Street; \$8,394.66.

Tyler Street from Factory Street to Pannell & Son parking lot; \$8,250.00.

Estimated road cuts within the town; \$5,000.

Motion by Broyles to pave the different areas stated, seconded by E Treon, motion carried.

Bud Shelton requested to hire Brian Davis of 110 S. Walnut at \$18.61 hours starting August 21<sup>st</sup>. Motion by Armstrong, seconded by E Treon to hire Brain Davis, carried with all ayes.

**BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:**

Clerk-Treasurer reported the condenser core is out of the furnace in the Water Office. The unit is only four years old but out of warranty. The cost from Dudding's Heating and Colling for the repairs is \$4,900.00. Motion by Armstrong, seconded by E Treon, to repair the unit at \$4,900. Motion carried with all ayes.

**FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:**

Clerk-Treasurer Treon presented an engagement letter agreement related to services on the Long-Term Control Plan for IDEM from Bakertilly Municipal Advisors. Bakertilly working with Commonwealth Engineering are updating the LTCP to keep the town in compliance with IDEM. The cost is not to exceed \$20,000.

Motion by Pollen to approve the bid from Bakertilly Municipal Advisors for \$20,000, seconded by Broyles, carried with all ayes.

The State Board of Accounts has completed the Federal and Regular Audit of 2022 with the exit conference on August 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am.

2024 Budget was presented to the council for review. The Public Hearing will be September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and the Final Adoption of the Budget September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**AREA PLAN COMMISSION:**

None

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

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Steve Hedrick, President

ATTEST

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Jo Ann Treon, Clerk-Treasurer