

***FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL***

***Regular Meeting***

***August 28, 2023; 7:00 P.M.***

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, August 28, 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, absent; 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:**

None.

**CLAIMS:**

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the claims and order warrants on same. Seconded by Broyles motion carries with three ayes and one nay.

**MINUTES:**

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

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

Dale Guick, Commonwealth Engineering, advised a Change Order will be presented at the next Council Meeting for barricade rental in the amount of \$3,810.99.

The curbing removal is due to contractor and design error; the Town will not incur cost for the correction. The Town will also be reimbursed for the pending change order.

Gick advised Midwest remains consistent with substantially complete by James Dean Weekend. Final completion will be after September.

Gick reported conduit will begin Tuesday or Wednesday of this week.

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

**PRESIDENT:**

President Hedrick presented a uniform disclosure agreement between himself and Hoosier Jiffy Print, Hedrick's employer. The agreement states he receives no gain from the company in addition to regular salary.

Motion made by Broyles to accept the agreement. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

Hedrick presented October 28, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the Fall Block Party on behalf of Andrew Herald. He would also like to close Main Street from Washington Street to the south

side of the Fairmount Public Library from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. allowing time for set-up and clean-up of the activities.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve road closures for the Fall Block Party. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with all ayes.

**STREETS & PARK:**

Superintendent Gossett reported the sidewalks on Main Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to 8<sup>th</sup> Street are complete. The conduit for the lights will need to be completed before the ramps are installed at intersections.

Gossett advised Hoosier will not negotiate the bid price of \$97,000.00 for the electrical work.

Superintendent Gossett presented Mantz Electric estimate for the electrical and bases for lighting at cost of \$48,650.00

Motion made by Broyles to accept the estimate from Mantz Electric. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

Gossett advised the school bus routes have moved off of Main Street.

Superintendent Gossett reported the snow plow has been taken to Key & Sons for repair.

Superintendent Gossett reported Scott Bailey is working with a company from Kokomo for trash totes during the James Dean festival.

Superintendent Gossett requested permission to hire a part-time employee to help spread stone at the park. The part-time position hourly wage is \$15.00 for approximately 60 hours. Bailey would like to offer the position to Kurt, however, he is Bailey brother. Superintendent Gossett will supervise the part-time employee.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the part-time position. Seconded by Broyles; motion carries with all ayes.

Gossett requested Gunter Tree Service to trim the trees at the James Dean Memorial Park at cost of \$100.00 per tree.

Motion made by Broyles to approve the tree trimming. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

Councilwoman Armstrong thanked the Street & Park Department as well as the Council on behalf of the Justus Family for their efforts helping with the memorial event.

**POLICE & FIRE:**

Marshal Dollar reported Officer Vincent completed ARIDE (advanced field sobriety) course. The Reserve Officers have nearly completed the 40-Hour Pre-Basic Course.

Marshal Dollar advised Grant County Sheriff's Department will send a minimum of two deputies to assist James Dean Weekend.

Dollar reported the police car purchased from Pennsylvania has been delivered to the department. The vehicle ordered September, 8, 2022 is in Mooresville. The state bid price is still correct. The 2018 Explorer with 90,000 miles will be considered for trade-in options.

Marshal Dollar requested the Council make a motion to continue with the purchase of the car ordered in 2022 in the amount of \$42,882.25 (car only).

Motion made by Armstrong to purchase the vehicle as presented. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with all ayes.

**WATER & WASTEWATER:**

Superintendent Shelton thanked Aaron Solms for promptly responding to assist with a water line replacement.

Shelton advised Midwest contractors hit a line; using an out of date locate for the area. Midwest dug up the line. Repairs will not be charged to the company.

Shelton reported a surprise visit from IDEM. He advised it was a helpful visit. The inspectors provided more efficient methods as well as procedures and bookkeeping for maintenance schedules and asset management.

**BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:**

None.

**FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:**

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

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon advised the exit conference for the state audit will be held on August 29, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the Town Hall.

J. Treon scheduled an Executive Meeting for September 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss employee benefits.

**AREA PLAN COMMISSION:**

None.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilwoman Armstrong requested the Council consider donating funds to Madison-Grant sports; \$500.00 (if available) to high school fall sports.

Motion made by Armstrong to donate \$500.00 to MGHS. Seconded by Broyles; motion carries with all ayes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon presented the Christmas Décor – Winterland Production 3-year contract. The renewal contract is \$6,170.00 annually.

President Hedrick questioned if the contract included 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Streets. This section of Main Street is included in the contract.

Motion made by Armstrong in favor of renewing the contract. Seconded by Broyles; motion carries with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pollen requested the Council consider options for local internet service such as fiber optic.

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

ATTEST

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JoAnn Treon, Clerk-Treasurer

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Kyle Persinger, Attorney