

FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
September 11, 2023; 7:00 P.M.

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, September 11, 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, absent. Also, in attendance; Clerk-Treasurer, JoAnn Treon and attorney, Kyle Persinger.

President Hedrick requested a moment of silence for 9/11.

PURCHASE ORDER:

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon presented purchase order #3651 to Best Equipment in the amount of \$17,569.00 for video/locate equipment for sewer lines. Rescue America funds will be used for the purchase.

Motion made by Pollen to approve purchase order 3651. 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 E. Treon; motion carries with three ayes and one nay.

MINUTES:

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting August 28, 2023. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with all ayes.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Paula Eccles, 1300 block of North Elm Street, spoke with the Council regarding a feline problem in the neighborhood.

Eccles advised over the last four years; she has taken seventeen cats for spay/neuter.

Hedrick advised her to call Marion Animal Control for assistance. Armstrong advised her to contact Helpful Paws. They may be able to help with the issue.

Jake Roth, Fairmount Lion's Club, thanked the Council and Town employees for their support of Concerts at the Stage.

Roth requested the following dates for the 2024 season: June 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th; July 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st; and August 7th, 14th, and 21st. The July 3rd concert will begin at 5:00 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. All other concerts will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the dates as presented. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with three ayes.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:

PRESIDENT:

President Hedrick asked the Council if they would like to have a booth at the Fall Block Party. The Council stated the police and fire departments are already there; prefer to help them out during the event.

Hedrick reminded citizens that Fall is approaching; remember to use paper bags for lawn refuse.

STREETS & PARK:

Superintendent Gossett reported Gunter Tree Service trimmed trees at Memorial Point.

Gossett advised the pole bases and conduit are complete for the Main Street Project. Milling of Main Street between 2nd and 8th Streets will begin soon.

Superintendent Gossett reported the next meeting with management of 300 North Barclay will be September 27, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

Gossett advised the manager does not have enough help to accomplish the work that needs to be done within the mobile home park.

Superintendent Gossett presented two bids for sealcoating at the Street Barn:

Preferred - \$1,250.00 – last day for sealcoating will be October 13, 2020

Scott's Grant County - \$2,300.00

Motion made by E. Treon to accept the bid from Preferred. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

Superintendent Gossett and the Council briefly discussed the trees at the edge of the alleyway on Main Street.

Councilman E. Treon requested Gossett get quotes for tree removal to help open the alleyway.

Dale Gick, Commonwealth Engineers, presented the following:

Gick also presented partial payment application #2: payment to Midwest Paving, LLC in the amount of \$199,641.80 and retainage in the amount of \$10,506.04; totaling \$210,147.84.

Change Order #1 for signage increases the contract price by \$3,810.99; revised contract amount \$785,582.66.

Change Order #2: addition milling and resurface of 1 ½ inches at the intersection of 2nd and Main Streets; add 5,953 left of centerline striping in both directions. CO#2 decreases the contract amount by #80,115.80; revised contract amount \$705,466.86

Motion made by E. Treon to approve Change Order #1 and #2. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

Motion made by E. Treon to approve Pay Application #2 in the amount of \$210,147.84. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

POLICE & FIRE:

President Hedrick thanked the Fairmount Fire Department for the fireworks after 2023 Homecoming.

WATER & WASTEWATER:

Superintendent Shelton advised the utility department is trying to locate a non-potable water line.

Shelton presented a quote from Gorman-Rupp for self-priming pumps; \$85,613.00 plus freight. This price does include installation. Accepting the quote now will lock the price; installation will be Spring 2024.

Councilwoman Pollen discussed the cost with Shelton. He advised the representative from Rupp expects a 5% increase next year.

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

Superintendent Shelton advised of Hydrant Flushing next week, September 25th through 29th, 2023.

Shelton reported the mini-excavator will be delivered Wednesday or Thursday.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:

None.

FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon updated the Council on the Christmas Decorations for Main Street. Decorations will begin at the doctor's office at 8th and Main Street and continue south on Main Street. The light poles will have a variety this year.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Hedrick opened the Public Hearing for the 2024 Budget.

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon reported the 2024 budget total will be \$2,529,891.00 with a proposed rate of 1.731. The maximum levy amount is \$961,657.00

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon advised \$190,000.00 of the budget is ARPA funds.

With no further questions regarding the 2024 Budget, the Public Hearing was closed by President Hedrick.

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