

***FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL***  
***Regular Meeting***  
***September 12, 2022; 7:00 P.M.***

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, September 12, 2022. Council President Steve 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, Phil Stephenson via zoom.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

Matt Kerr, 104 South Mill Street, concerning door to door soliciting. Mr. Kerr was not in attendance.

Councilman E. Treon spoke on behalf of Alan Busby concerning 801 South Walnut Street. Mr. Busby is asking the Town to remove the mowing liens from the recently purchased property.

President Hedrick stated he was in favor of removing the liens; \$1,300.00 is a small price to pay for the improvements Mr. Busby is making to the property.

Motion made by Armstrong in favor of releasing the mowing liens on the property at 801 South Walnut Street. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with all ayes.

Lewis Shelton spoke on behalf of Andrew Herald, Fairmount Friends Church, concerning closing Main Street from Washington Street to Jefferson Street for the Block Party on October 29, 2022.

Motion made by Armstrong to close Main Street from Washington to Jefferson Streets on October 29, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Block Party.

**PURCHASE ORDERS:**

None.

**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 on August 22, 2022 and minutes for Executive Meeting on September 8, 2022 with the following changes to the Executive Meeting minutes; Monday changed to Thursday and Gossett to Hedrick. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with all ayes.

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

**PRESIDENT:**

President Hedrick advised he has spoken with Marshal Dollar regarding the condition of 217 South Penn Street and will speak to the Area Plan Commission at the next meeting on October 3, 2022.

Hedrick reported the new LED sign is near completion. Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon and President Hedrick discussed the scheduling of the base installation for the sign.

**STREETS & PARK:**

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton reported he and Marshal Dollar participated in the Commonwealth Golf Tournament. They raised \$450.00 for the K-9 Fund.

Hamilton advised the repairs are complete on the tree damaged section of walkway at the park.

Hamilton reported the new street signs, posts and braces have been delivered to the Street Barn.

Hamilton advised the new signs will be installed as weather permits. The Street and Park Department will continue preparing for James Dean Weekend.

Councilman Broyles stated the Park looks great.

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton, Councilwoman Pollen, Councilman E. Treon and Superintendent Deal discussed the paving/milling plans for State Road 26. Hamilton reported paving is expected to be complete by September 19<sup>th</sup>. The contractors will then be milling/paving from the Wesleyan Campground west on State Road 26 over the weekend.

**POLICE & FIRE:**

Marshal Dollar reported two of the individuals involved in the vandalism at the park have paid the fines.

Dollar advised K-9 Rob will be back to work Wednesday.

Marshal Dollar requested a flyer for the Second Harvest food drive be added to the water bills for the October billing. The drive will be held at the Park on October 17, 2022 starting at 3:00 p.m.

Dollar requested Council permission for Officer Metzger to attend the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy from January to April 2023 for the tier 1 course.

Motion made by E. Treon to send Officer Metzger to ILEA. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

Marshal Dollar presented the August Charge Summary for the Council to review.

**WATER & WASTEWATER:**

Superintendent Deal reported Liberty Mobile Home Park is moving forward with Commonwealth Engineers to have utilities ran to the property. The Town and the owners need to have a meeting to discuss billing/payment.

Deal reported on-going issues with raw sewage pumps. The pumps have a 6–7-year life.

Superintendent Deal presented options for replacement of the pumps as follows:

To replace the current system –

American Pump Repair – Flygt Pump at a cost of \$36,054.00 (2 pumps @ \$18,027.00 each)

S & K Equipment Company – Vaughn Pump Pedestal Chopper Pump at a cost of \$25,248.00 (2 pumps @ \$12,624.00 each)

Either of these options will need to be plumbed in, not just a replacement pump. These also have a 6–7-year life.

The third option is a better, more cost-effective solution to continuous pump repairs.

Covalen, representing Gorman-Rupp Company – 2 Gorman-Rupp Self Priming Pump, 300 gpm to 1,000 gpm. This package includes 2 variable speed drives, which would allow the operators to vary the gallons pumped per minute reducing the on/off cycle during low flow events. This option would require an addition communication package, new pump setting and connection to the current plumbing.

This system does not have seals separating the pump from the motor; if a seal need replaced, the motor is not infiltrated with water eliminating the need to repair or replace the motor. Additionally, if a motor fails, replace only the motor rather than the whole unit.

These pumps have approximately a 20-year life.

Gorman-Rupp Self Priming Pump - \$38,845.00 (2 @ \$19,422.50)

Installation, Startup, Training - \$18,630.00

Total Package for the two pump installation - \$57,475.00 plus freight.

The Council discussed the engineering aspects of this option as opposed to options 1 & 2.

Motion made by Broyles to approve the purchase of Gorman-Rupp package. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with all ayes.

Superintendent Deal presented purchase order 3332, Covalen in the amount of \$57,475.00 plus freight.

**BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:**

None.

**FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:**

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon advised the copier in the Clerk's Office is in need of replacement. She will have prices at the next Council meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon advised of an issue with the server; possibly a breach through email. A fraud case has been reported with First Farmer's Bank & Trust. We will have further information Thursday.

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon presented a façade grant application from the Fairmount Pro Hardware for the new sign in the amount of \$866.11. Discussion between Councilman Broyles, Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon and Trent Payne led to tabling the application until the September 26, 2022 Council meeting.

**AREA PLAN COMMISSION:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

President Hedrick opened the Public Hearing for the 2023 Budget. Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon presented the 2023 budget at a total of \$2,347,208.00 with a proposed rate of 1.7301.

With no questions, comments or objections, President Hedrick closed the Public Hearing for the 2023 Budget.

President Hedrick and Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon presented Ordinance #7-2022, Amending Employment of Close Family Members. Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon advised the amendment is to the definitions removing Clerk-Treasurer. The State of Indiana ordinance does not include Clerk-Treasurer.

Motion made by E. Treon to suspend the rules for first reading and move to the second reading. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with roll call vote: Armstrong, yes; Broyles, yes; Treon, yes; Pollen, no; Hedrick, yes.

Councilman Broyles requested further information on the amendment; Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon explained the ordinance and the amendment.

Motion made by E. Treon to adopt Ordinance #7-2022, Amending Employment of Close Family Members, removal of Clerk-Treasurer restriction. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with roll call vote: Armstrong, yes; E. Treon, yes; Broyles, yes; Hedrick, yes; Pollen, no.

Councilman E. Treon stated the Council was approached regarding a full-time position for Fire Chief. The Council reviewed provided information for such a position during the Executive Session held on September 8, 2022. The Council will not entertain approval of the position.

The Fairmount Town Council and Fairmount Volunteer Fire Department Chief Payne discussed pros and cons of a full-time (salaried position) Fire Chief.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

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

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Steve Hedrick, President

ATTEST

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Jo Ann Treon, Clerk-Treasurer