

FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
September 25, 2023; 7:00 P.M.

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, September 25, 2023. Vice President Eric Treon called the meeting to order and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Clerk Treasurer J. Treon called the roll: Eric Treon, present; Karen Pollen, present; Steve Hedrick, absent; 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 September 11, 2023 and Executive Meeting September 11, 2023 Seconded by Armstrong motion carries with all ayes.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Sandra Rowen of Main Street Fairmount, stated they are starting a painting project by painting murals on the building on Main Street. They have been in contact with the art teacher at Madison-Grant High School and were given two names of former students. They requested permission to paint the electrical boxes controlling the street lights on Main Street. The council requested Main Street Fairmount to draw up a design and present it to the council for their approval.

Motion by Armstrong to allow Main Street Fairmount to paint the electrical control panels for the street lights on Main Street with the council approving the design, seconded by Pollen, motions carried with all ayes.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:

PRESIDENT:

None

STREETS & PARK:

Superintendent Gossett reported on the Main Street project: The top coat was being applied today, the street lights poles will be installed by Friday, striping of the street will be done on Wednesday and there will be a walk thru with contractor, engineer, and street department Friday.

Superintendent Gossett reported he had two bids for the removal of two trees in the alley along the property owned Lisa Craig at 309 North Main:

Gunter Tree Service \$1,500

Rick Tucker Tree Service \$2,800

Motion by Armstrong to accept the bids of \$1,500 from Gunter Tree Service, seconded by Pollen, carried with all ayes.

Lisa Craig 309 N Main property was surveyed by Randall Miller who also surveyed the empty lot north of her owned by Jerry Soultz. The two surveys do not match. Mr. Soultz had placed large boulders along what he thought was his property line blocking the public alley. Mr. Miller is to get in touch with Mr. Soultz and telling him his survey of the empty lot is not correct and file a correction to/for Mr. Soultz's survey.

Grant County Area Plan with Lisa Craig's survey will not look at the Home & Addition as Non-Conforming Legal Structures. The council stated the house has been there for over 100 years and as far as they are concerned it is Conforming Legal Structure.

Kyle Persinger, Town Attorney, said once the surveys have been corrected a letter needs to be sent to Mr. Soultz to remove the boulders from the alley.

Superintendent Gossell stated with all the extra help the Park looked outstanding for the James Dean Car Show. The council thanked all the employees and extra help for a job well done.

While checking the electrical in the park it was noticed two of the stadium lights were not working. Will order parts from Kirbey Risk to make repairs. Gossett is looking into changing the lights to LED.

POLICE & FIRE:

Marshall Dollar stated the Fairmount Police Department is taking application for a Deputy Marshall till October 6, 2023. Two of the current reserves are interested in the positions.

James Dean Festival went smooth this year and did not hire any outside help. Fairmount Reserves, Grant Sheriff Department and Fairmount Civil Defense were a great help with the parade.

The council thanked Marshall Dollar and the whole department for their work during James Dean Festival "Job Well Done".

WATER & WASTEWATER:

Superintendent Shelton stated the department is flushing hydrants this week. While flushing hydrant on South Barclay the property at 702 S Barclay had just been graded and the water wash out part of his yard. Shelton stated the department will make and repairs needed.

Bobcat Mimi excavator was delivered on the 13th and the employees have been practicing using the machine.

Best Equipment delivered the video cameras and were training the employees use of the cameras. Shelton stated they need a new trailer for the Bobcat Mimi Excavator and presented three quotes

TC Trailers of Michigantown, Indiana \$8,395.30 20' with toolbox
Bridge Trailer of Woodburn, Indiana \$6,599.00 20' with toolbox
I69 Trailer Center of Markle, Indiana \$7,100.00 20' no toolbox

Motion by Broyles to accept the bid of \$6,599.00 from Bridge Trailer, seconded by Armstrong, carried with all ayes. The money will come out the Rescue American Fund.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:

None.

FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:

Clerk-Treasurer Treon presented an application from James Dean Museum 104 N. Main for the \$1,000 Business Façade Grant for a new Awning on the front of their building.

Motion by Pollen to approve the Business Façade Grant for the James Dean Museum in the amount of \$1,000, seconded by Broyles, motion carried with all ayes.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION:

Grant County is looking into new software.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

The adoption of the 2024 Budget. Motion by Broyles to adoption the 2024 Budget as presented, seconded by Armstrong, carried with all ayes.

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

Eric Treon, Vice President

ATTEST

JoAnn Treon, Clerk-Treasurer