

FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
September 26, 2022; 7:00 P.M.

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, September 26, 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.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Bobby Voorhis, owner of the Palace Bar, requested an additional adjustment for the September billing cycle from the Council.

Voorhis explained several leaks have been repaired; however, as soon as one leak is repaired another appears. He stated he has also contacted a contractor to refurbish the store front and is planning to install a new kitchen in the bar.

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon advised the Council the Palace Bar account has received two adjustments to date. She also provided a copy of the billing history to each Council member.

The Council and Mr. Voorhis discussed the leaks and the allowed two adjustments annually.

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon advised the Council the adjustment for this billing cycle would be \$900.00 if approved. The Council discussed the options and adjustments.

Motion made by E. Treon to allow \$450.00 adjustment rather than a \$900.00 adjustment for the Palace Bar. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with a roll call vote: Armstrong, yes; E. Treon, yes; Broyles, yes; Pollen, no.

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon advised Mr. Voorhis to call when the façade is complete. The Town offers a Façade Grant to business owners updating their store fronts.

Councilman Broyles and Voorhis briefly discussed contractors.

Daniel Roth, Fairmount Lion's Club, expressed appreciation to the Council for their support during James Dean weekend and Main Street Fairmount for their fundraising efforts. Roth also thanked the Town employees for all of their clean-up efforts after the event.

Roth requested the following dates for the 2023 Concerts at the Stage: all Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.; June 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, July 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, August 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd of 2023.

Motion made b Armstrong to approve the dates provided for the 2023 Concerts at the Stage season. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with all ayes.

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 Armstrong to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting on September 12, 2022. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with all ayes.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:

PRESIDENT:

President Hedrick commended the Town Departments for all the hard work over the weekend; excellent job cleaning up. Thank you to Main Street Fairmount for continuing Garfield's Great Race.

Hedrick stated he heard compliments from Fairmount citizens as well out of town, state and country visitors.

STREETS & PARK:

Vice President Armstrong spoke on behalf of Assistant Superintendent Hamilton. Hamilton wanted to thank Megan Pollen, Heather Blaisdell, Frank Columbus, Peyton Dollar, Levi Blake and all volunteers for helping maintain and cleanup over the weekend.

Armstrong continued with thanking the Fairmount Police Department for their work over the weekend as well as traffic control for the parade.

POLICE & FIRE:

Marshal Dollar advised 217 South Penn has been sold. The structure is now secured, no trespassing signage is posted and the yard has been mowed. The owners are following Town Ordinance.

Dollar reported the officers did very well over the weekend; it was a quiet weekend.

Marshal Dollar advised concrete barricades were purchased at a cost of \$200.00 from Speedway Concrete to assist with road closures over the weekend. The barricades may be used for multiple Town events.

Dollar thanked Coy Winslow for picking up the barricades and the Utilities Department for unloading them.

Marshal Dollar reported a rejection letter was received for the Bourne K-9 Grant. Councilmember Broyles and Dollar briefly discussed the grant.

Marshal Dollar explained the need to replace the K-9 vehicle as well as the dog. Engine hours of the vehicle are very high due to keeping the vehicle running for the dog, especially throughout the summer months.

Dollar provided the following costs: \$20,000.00 for the K-9 and training (officer), \$36,000.00 for the vehicle and \$12-\$13,000.00 for lighting of the vehicle. The requested amount for the grant was \$54,000.00.

Marshal Dollar advised the public has had a positive response to the K-9 unit. The current K-9, Rob, will likely retire at the end of the year.

Vice President Armstrong and Marshal Dollar discussed donations. Dollar advised multiple businesses and citizens have donated to the K-9 fund.

WATER & WASTEWATER:

Superintendent Deal thanked the Council for the compliments.

Deal requested permission to attend the Water Institute Conference in French Lick, Indiana from December 5th to 8th, 2022 for a total of \$689.31 for the conference and hotel.

Motion made by Armstrong for Steve Deal to attend the Water Institute Conference. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with all ayes.

Superintendent Deal reported the raw sewage pumps and controls have been ordered. There was a miscommunication concerning the pump controls; to be a stand-alone system the controls may be an additional \$3,000 - \$5,000.00. Due to the lack of infrastructure, tying into the original system is not an option.

Deal advised the next project within the 5-year Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) will consist of monitoring flows back to the creek.

Councilman Broyles and Superintendent Deal discussed monitoring and projects.

Deal advised IDEM's expectation is for the sewage portion of the utility bills to be a minimum of \$100.00 per household.

Deal advised notice has been received from Commonwealth stating the intent to build a water and sewer line to Liberty MHP pending the IDEM permit. The lines will be on the north side of State Road 26.

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon presented Amendment #6 of the Wastewater Project; no money involved; any balances left within the categories of the original plan will be moved into categories requiring payment. If the funds are not used on the project USDA will request a refund of any balance.

Motion made by E. Treon to approve Amendment #6. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:

None.

FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon presented the August Fund Report for the Council to review.

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon reported an emergency purchase at a cost of \$2,650.00 was made to update the Clerk's Office server and router. J. Treon stated a hacking attempt had been made as well as an attempt to withdraw funds from the Water Fund. The account is being closely monitored by First Farmer's Bank and Trust, the Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. No funds have been stolen from the account.

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon presented quotes to replace the copier in the Clerk's Office:

Sterling Company – Canon 47251 Digital Copier - \$5,395.00

Canon, Inc. – 47251 Digital Copier - \$8,000.00

Beckley Office Supply – Canon digital copier - \$4,500.00; includes service agreement, toner, one cent per copy.

Motion made by Armstrong to purchase the copier from Beckley Office Supply. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with all ayes.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon presented the 2023 Budget with a proposed rate of 1.7301. The 2022 proposed rate was 1.9570 with an actual of 1.4228. Pending approval, the budget may be signed tonight and sent to DGLF tomorrow.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the 2023 Budget. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with all ayes.

President Hedrick addressed Councilman E. Treon to establish a committee.

Vice President Armstrong requested the Town do something for the Fairmount Civil Defense for a job well done. Possibly a donation of \$1,000.00.

Councilman E. Treon suggested a \$500.00 donation to the Summitville Fire Department for standing by for Fairmount Fire Department.

Motion made by E. Treon approving a donation to Fairmount Civil Defense in the amount of \$1,000.00 and a donation to Summitville Fire Department in the amount of \$500.00. Seconded by Broyles; motion carries with all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Pollen asked Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon if an insurance committee meeting was needed to discuss options.

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon advised several agents have inquired to bid. The current agent is bidding through the Indiana Chamber of Commerce which offers a discount. The Town is already using Indiana Public Employees Plan, which is the plan the other agents suggest bidding. All employees have completed an updated application.

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

Steve Hedrick, President

ATTEST

Jo Ann Treon, Clerk-Treasurer