

FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

October 9, 2023; 7:00 P.M.

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, September 11, 2023. President Hedrick 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, present; Angie Armstrong, absent; David Broyles, present. Also, in attendance; Clerk-Treasurer, JoAnn Treon and attorney, Kyle Persinger.

PURCHASE ORDER:

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon presented the following purchase orders for approval:

#3411 in the amount of \$692.63 to Almack Auto for repair of the Ford Taurus police vehicle.

#3412 in the amount of \$3,816.96 to Cardio Partners for the two AEDs for the Fire Department.

Motion made by Pollen to approve the purchase orders. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with three ayes.

President Hedrick questioned if an AED should be available in the Municipal Building. Marshal Dollar advised each police vehicle, ambulance and fire trucks are equipped with AEDs.

CLAIMS:

Motion made by E. Treon to approve the claims and order warrants on same. Seconded by Broyles; motion carries with two ayes and one nay.

MINUTES:

Motion made by E. Treon to approve the minutes for the Special Meeting September 19, 2023 and Regular Meeting September 25, 2023. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with three ayes.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Karen Farmer, Fairmount Wesleyan Campground, requested the Council consider a wastewater adjustment one of their accounts due to a water leak.

Farmer stated the leak began during "Family Camp". The leak was repaired August 17, 2023; however additional underground leaks were located during the initial repair. Unfortunately, their backhoe is inoperable making it difficult to complete the remaining work.

Vice President E. Treon advised Farmer adjustments are not an option until all leaks are repaired; President Hedrick agreed. Councilman Broyles suggested installing individual shut-off valves while repairing the leaks.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:

STREETS & PARK:

Superintendent Gossett reported the Main Street Project is substantially complete. Boring for the lighting will begin Tuesday.

Gossett advised the existing inventory of sign posts are being powder coated. Gossett, E. Treon and J. Treon discussed regulations regarding street sign reflection and color.

Superintendent Gossett advised a new sign will be needed to show direction for points of interest in town.

Gossett reported a new trash receptacle is needed near the James Dean Memorial Park. The cost of waste can is \$2,059.00 if we choose to keep the same style of cans. Donations and sponsorships were offered when Main Street Fairmount chose the receptacles on Main Street.

Motion made by Broyles to purchase the matching receptacle. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with three ayes.

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon advised funds for receptacle were available from the ARPA (rescue America) fund.

Superintendent Gossett reported street sweeper has concluded; leaf pickup will begin October 16, 2023.

Gossett addressed the request to paint the control boxes (for the street lights) on Main Street. The boxes are powder coated to help preserve the material. Gossett suggested leaving the control as they are to keep maintenance at a minimum.

Superintendent Gossett requested permission to purchase a side-by-side utility vehicle for Park maintenance use. The Gator is near the end-of-life usage.

Gossett advised Sourcewell estimates are at \$31,000.00; quotes are in process from Flat Out Motor Sports.

President Hedrick and Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon discussed and agreed purchasing the equipment using ARPA funds

Motion made by E. Treon to pre-approve the purchase using ARPA funds. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with three ayes.

Dale Gick, Commonwealth Engineers, presented Change Order #3 in the amount of \$24,528.55 to Midwest Paving for the additional work – extra inlet box, ADA ramp and replacing existing storm drain structure.

Motion made by E. Treon to approve Change Order #3. Seconded by Broyles; motion carries with three ayes.

Gick presented the Certification of Substantial Completion for the Main Street Project.

Gick advised a walk-through of the project was completed on September 23, 2023. The punch list shows twenty-five items to address including repair of landscaping, removing cement from water meter lids and drainage issues. Commonwealth recommends retainage in the amount of \$93,000.00. Midwest Paving will have thirty days to complete the punch list.

Motion made by E. Treon to accept the Certification of Substantial Completion. Seconded by Broyles; motion carries with three ayes.

Gick presented Pay Application # in the amount of \$325,807.90.

Gick advised the recommended amount is \$315,395.59 due to retainage, previous payments, and partial payments.

Motion made by E. Treon to approve the pay application in the amount of \$315,395.59. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with three ayes.

POLICE & FIRE:

Marshal Dollar reported the Police Department will be participating in the Madison Grant Trunk or Treat at Park School on October 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Dollar reported the annual Open House will be October 22, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the fire station.

Marshal Dollar reported one mobile home at 300 North Barclay Street has been torn down; follow-up next month on the progress of cleaning up the property.

Dollar advised he had sent a letter to the property owner of the unimproved lot at 3rd & Main Streets. The owner will have five days to remove the boulders at the alleyway.

Marshal Dollar requested permission to hire Clayton Powell as a full-time police officer. Mr. Powell has donated 160 ½ hours as a Reserve Police Officer in the last three months.

Motion made by E. Treon to hire Powell for the full-time police officer position. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with three ayes.

WATER & WASTEWATER:

President Hedrick addressed the excessive water leak at 300 N. Barclay Street; 10,000 gallon per day water loss. Utility employees are turning the water on for fifteen minutes, twice per day. Currently, this is non-potable water.

Hedrick advised the Grant County Health Department is also involved; telling the manager of the park to complete water line repairs within days.

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon advised the Town must notify the health department when mobile home parks or apartment buildings are shut off. Further, multiple family divisions such as mobile home parks are not eligible for wastewater adjustments.

Superintendent Shelton reported hydrant flushing is complete.

Shelton reported meter pits have been raised or lowered as needed on Main Street.

Councilman Broyles and Shelton discussed the crooked hydrant at Second and Main Streets.

Superintendent Shelton reported Grupp will be coming to town the third week of October to set five CSO meters.

Shelton advised Robert (Rosenbush) will be attending the Fall Conference (water) this month. Rosenbush has obtained the Distribution License as well.

Shelton requested to promote Rosenbush to 1st Utility Worker, \$1834.60 biweekly.

Motion made by Broyles to approve the promotion. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with three ayes.

Motion made by E. Treon to promote Lewis Shelton from Interim Superintendent to Superintendent. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with three ayes.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:

None.

FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:

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

AREA PLAN COMMISSION:

Councilman Broyles reported there are plans to codify the Area Plan rules.

Broyles reported of slow movement for the rules and regulations of solar farms.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon presented Ordinance #5-2023, amending the 2023 Salary Ordinance. The amendment includes an insurance buyout for Rosenbush.

Motion made by E. Treon to suspend the rules moving forward with approval. Seconded by Broyles; motion carries with roll call vote: Pollen, yes; E. Treon, yes; Broyles, yes.

Motion made by E. Treon to adopt Ordinance #5-2023. Seconded by Broyles; motion carries with three ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

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

Kyle Persinger, Attorney

ATTEST

JoAnn Treon, Clerk-Treasurer