

FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
October 23, 2023; 7:00 P.M.

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, October 23, 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, present; 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:

#3414 to Cardiopartners for two replacement AEDs in the amount of \$3,412.58 for the police department;

#3652 to J & K Communications for antenna chain mounts in the amount of \$1,954.96 to mount meter reading equipment to the water tower;

#3653 to Indiana Maintenance in the amount of \$3,690.00 for pump upgrades for the RAZ station to modify flow at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

CLAIMS:

Motion made by E. Treon 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 October 9, 2023. Seconded by Broyles; motion carries with all ayes.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Keith Allen requested the Council's favorable opinion to build a 30' x 48' pole barn style garage at 324 North Mill Street. The structure will have 8' doors as well a porch area.

Motion made by Armstrong provide a favorable opinion to Grant County Area Plan for the Allen's to continue with their plans. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with all ayes.

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon advised she would have a letter of recommendation for Allen this week.

Gene Heiny, 118 North Mill Street, requesting approval from the Council to have a 20' x 30' pavilion on "The Pad" next door to the Fairmount Masonic Lodge. The structure will have a peaked roof and anchored to the concrete. The area will still be available for use by Main Street Fairmount and the Town.

Council members Armstrong and Broyles discussed the uneven concrete/gravel on the lot as well as the style of the structure with Heiny.

Mr. Heiny advised the lot is fairly level east to west. The structure will be similar to a carport style with a closed gable.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the request for the Fairmount Masonic Lodge to install the pavilion. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with all ayes.

Dale Gick, Commonwealth Engineers, presented Change Order #4 at a cost of \$4,973.04 for casting at the southwest corner of 4th and Main Streets, the east side of the storm drain.

Motion made by E. Treon to approve Change Order #4. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:

PRESIDENT:

President Hedrick requested a moment of silence for Charles Rhoades.

Hedrick advised of the following events:

October 26 – Trunk or Treat at Park School

October 28 – Fall Block Party on Main Street, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

October 31 – Trick or Treat, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

STREETS & PARK:

Superintendent Gossett reported total patching is complete for the season. The leaf machine is out; please remember to remove sticks from leaves piled at the roadside.

Gossett advised the sealcoating at the Street Barn will be on the Spring 2024 calendar at the same price.

Superintendent Gossett reported Midwest Paving is working their way through the punch list for the Main Street Project. The surface issue may need to be addressed in the Spring.

Gossett advised the new street lights on North Main Street are on.

Superintendent Gossett reported the restrooms on the south side of the park have been winterized.

Gossett advised the event lights have been repaired; capacitor problem.

Gossett advised Bailey had installed another dog waste station at the park.

Superintendent Gossett advised the side-by-side cost including freight and delivery will be \$35,107.34. Expected delivery is December to January.

POLICE & FIRE:

Assistant Marshal Reneau advised Clayton Powell will begin October 26, 2023 as a police officer for the department.

The department will be accepting applications for reserve officers soon.

Reneau reported the department has not received confirmation of delivery for the letter to Mr. Soultz regarding his Main Street property. The letter will be hand delivered to Mr. Soultz.

Assistant Marshal Reneau advised the department will participate in the Trunk n' treat at Park School on the 26th as well as the Fall Block Party on the 28th.

WATER & WASTEWATER:

Assistant Superintendent Rosenbush reported the hydrant at 2nd and Main Streets has been straightened.

Rosenbush advised the utility workers have been removing dead/dying trees and stumps at the wastewater plant.

Assistant Superintendent Rosenbush advised the Neptune representative will need two hours to install software for the radio read water metering. The software allows us monitor for issues more closely than the current meter reading.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:

None.

FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:

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

AREA PLAN COMMISSION:

No meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon presented Ordinance #6-2023, Amending Animal Control Ordinance. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after dogs, etc. on public or private property. The Town may impose a \$50.00 fine for owners violating the ordinance.

Resolution #1-2023, Transfer to Rainy Day; 2023 transfer of \$80,000.00 from the General Fund to Rainy Day Fund.

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

Motion made by Armstrong to adopt Ordinance #6-2023 amending the animal control ordinance. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with all ayes.

Motion made by Armstrong to pass Resolution #1-2023 transferring \$80,000.00 from the General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council woman Pollen inquired of employee insurance quotes. Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon stated the insurance agent is scheduling a meeting with Town employees and IPEP.

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

Steve Hedrick, President

ATTEST

JoAnn Treon, Clerk-Treasurer