

FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
November 13, 2023; 7:00 P.M.

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, November 13, 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, absent. 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 E. Treon; motion carries with two ayes and one nay.

MINUTES:

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting October 23, 2023. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with all ayes.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Andrew Heald, Main Street Fairmount, concerning banners for light poles on Main Street. Mr. Heald thanked the Council for all of their hard work in town.

Heald presented a proposal for new banners to replace the Experience Fairmount banners on Main Street and Washington Street; total of sixteen banners at a total of \$2,400.00 (\$150.00 each).

Heald advised Main Street Fairmount plans to expand when the new poles are ready. They are asking the Town to commit to sponsoring the banners.

Heald advised the banners will be a mix of historical photos and Veteran recognition banners.

Motion made by E. Treon to sponsor the banners at a cost of \$2,400.00. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with three ayes.

Krista Brown, Fairmount Campground, requesting the Council consider an adjustment for three water leaks at the campground.

Brown advised they were unable to shut off the water at the time of the leak due to a family event at the campground. The leaks were repaired after the event.

The Council advised by local ordinance, an adjustment is not available for not-for-profit or businesses.

Ed Hartman spoke with the Council regarding municipal setbacks for the Solar Ordinance. He is requesting Fairmount submit an amendment of a minimum one-mile setback to the county. An example amendment was provided for the Council to review.

Hartman reported the land leases are to be recorded with the county; however, solar companies have not complied with the reporting leases.

The next APC meeting will be held in December.

Audience member Don Spahr spoke with the Council regarding an issue with Centerpoint. Mr. Spahr advised a resident provided the wrong address to Centerpoint to discontinue service. The company turned off his address instead of the correct customer. Mr. Spahr now has to provide documentation of his residency. The Clerk's Office provided information and a letter for Mr. Spahr.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:

PRESIDENT:

President Hedrick advised the employee Christmas dinner will be on December 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Shelter House.

Hedrick announced there will be only one Council Meeting in December; December 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. due to the holidays.

President Hedrick addressed an issue with citizens coming to elected officials' home unannounced and asked citizens to respect officials' privacy at their homes.

STREETS & PARK:

Superintendent Gossett reported the street sign posts have been powder coated and are ready for installation.

Gossett advised the punch-list for the Main Street Project is near completion.

Superintendent Gossett reported eight new trees have been planted at the park.

POLICE & FIRE:

Marshal Dollar advised the Soultz alley information will be forwarded to Ryan Malott, Executive Director of Grant County Area Plan on November 14, 2023.

Dollar advised the Durango is back in service.

Marshal Dollar thanked the other agencies assisting in a pursuit with Officers Street and Powell approximately two weeks ago.

Dollar reported department training is complete. We are currently reviewing applications for Reserve Officers.

Assistant Fire Chief Jump reported four new firefighters have been added to the roster; two for town and two for township.

Jump advised four sets of bunker gear are in need of replacement at a cost of \$3,600.00 each; total cost for the Town is \$7,208.00.

The fire department will also replace foam to keep a minimum of fifty gallons at the station. Jump advised the Fire Department will provide a purchase order for the foam in the amount of \$625.00 (\$125.00 per 5-gallon container).

WATER & WASTEWATER:

Superintendent Shelton reported Utility Supply will be updating the meter reading software this week. Rosenbush installed the antenna and heliax cable on the water tower for AMI meter reading.

Shelton advised Gripp completed installation of the CSO monitors.

Superintendent Shelton reported they had land applied sludge and are working on the report.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:

None.

FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:

None.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION:

No meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Hedrick addressed the need to replenish the Eagles Nest food pantry at Park School. He suggested placing donation areas at the municipal building as well as a location on Main Street.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

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

Steve Hedrick, President

ATTEST

JoAnn Treon, Clerk-Treasurer