

FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
November 27, 2023; 7:00 P.M.

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, November 27, 2023. Vice President E. Treon called the meeting to order and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Vice President E. Treon requested attorney, Kyle Persinger, chair the meeting in the absence of President Hedrick. Clerk Treasurer J. Treon called the roll: Eric Treon, present; Karen Pollen, absent; 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.

MINUTES:
Motion made by Armstrong to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting November 13, 2023 and Executive Meeting November 13, 2023. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with three ayes.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:
None.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:

PRESIDENT:
None.

STREETS & PARK:
Superintendent Gossett advised the final day running the leaf machine will be December 7, 2023. Gossett requested residents pay closer attention to where they place the leaves for the machine. We cannot maneuver the tractor and leaf machine between utility poles or too close to vehicles.

Superintendent Gossett requested to close First Street from Main to Walnut Street on 12/03/2023 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for Main Street Fairmount's Christmas event.

Gossett advised the quote for regulatory signs from Stello is \$4,708.56. A meeting has been scheduled with Grant County Highway for black and white signs.

Gossett advised the regulatory signs are suppose to be replaced or refurbished every five years. He would prefer to start with new signs.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the quote of \$4,708.56 from Stello. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with three ayes.

Superintendent Gossett reported mulching continues at the park. The side-by-side will be ready for pick up on November 28.

Councilman Broyles requested Gossett check the placement of the first speed limit sign on West Washington Street. It is currently behind a tree.

Audience member, Joyce Marley, advised Helping Hands will be using the Shelter House for Christmas baskets.

POLICE & FIRE:

Assistant Marshal Reneau reported Officer Powell has progressed through field training and is doing well.

Vice President E. Treon confirmed that Officer Powell will attend the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in January.

Reneau advised there is one Reserve Officer opening; however, the department will wait until after the first of the year to fill the position.

WATER & WASTEWATER:

Superintendent Shelton advised the department has started constructing aggregate bins using the old stone at the wastewater treatment plant as a base, railroad ties and concrete barriers.

Shelton advised the creek bank is scheduled for mowing on November 28, 2023. He advised he would like to clear the trees along the creek bank from Madison Street to Jackson Street. The right of way for the Town is only from the creek to the trunk lines. Persinger advised contacting the drainage board and Grant County Surveyor for further information.

Shelton requested the Council consider an informational meeting over the long-term control plan for wastewater with Brady Dryer of Commonwealth Engineers.

Superintendent Shelton requested the Council allow him to carryover vacation time due to the department having only certified operator.

Motion made by E. Treon to approve Shelton to carryover 80 hours of vacation time to 2024. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with three eyes.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:

None.

FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:

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

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon advised the December tax draw will reflect \$19,400.00 deducted for the Federal and State Audit for 2022.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION:

Councilman Broyles advised little progress is being made approving the rules for the commission.

Broyles reported solar farms are still being negotiated with Grant County Area Plan when it should be in the court system.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vice President E. Treon reported the fire department submitted their fire run report. The Town has \$25,000.00 to be divided among the (Town) firemen based on how many calls each firefighter responded to during the year. In previous years, the Fire Chief and Fire Treasurer received pay for every fire run. This year the report requests bonuses for the Fire Chief, Assistant Chief and Captains. If the Town were to agree to the proposed pay the remaining members of the Fire Department would receive \$1.56 less for their efforts within the department.

Motion made by E. Treon to pay \$19.57 per fire run; no bonuses. Seconded by Broyles; motion carries with three ayes.

Councilman Broyles stated it would be nice if more funding was available for the firemen.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

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

ATTEST

JoAnn Treon, Clerk-Treasurer

Kyle Persing, attorney