

FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
December 11, 2023; 7:00 P.M.

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, December 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, 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:

#3442 – MVH to purchase of an extension trimmer and backpack leaf blower from Truland at cost of \$1,071.98

#3663 – Encumbering \$158,900.00 from Local Roads & Streets for Midwest Paving. This is the final funding for the Main Street Project from 2nd to 8th Streets.

#3662 – Econosigns for street signs on Main Street in the amount \$4,708.56 from American Rescue Funds.

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

CLAIMS:

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

MINUTES:

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting November 27, 2023. Seconded by Broyles; motion carries with all ayes.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

None.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:

PRESIDENT:

None.

STREETS & PARK:

Superintendent Gossett advised the leaf machine has been stored for the winter. Lawn waste should now be bagged or boxed for pickup.

The signage for Main Street is on order. The final walk through for the Main Street Project will be in the Spring.

Superintendent Gossett reported the Polaris side-by-side has been delivered for the Park.

Gossett advised Bailey will be upgrading the benches and bleachers at the old little league diamond over the winter as well as installing touchless faucets in the park restrooms.

POLICE & FIRE:

Marshal Dollar reported Officer Seward completed Instructor Development last week; he is the departments second instructor. Officer Powell completed the entrance testing for ILEA. He will be attending the academy after the first of the year.

Fire Chief Clint Jump took a moment to thank Mill Township and Summitville for mutual aid assistance.

Jump advised foam (extinguishing agent) was on order.

WATER & WASTEWATER:

Superintendent Shelton advised the crew has been clearing the creek bank from Madison to Monroe Streets. Annual equipment maintenance is nearly complete.

Shelton reported the AMI update for Neptune 360 has been installed; working through glitches with meter reading software has been a trial, but successful.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:

None.

FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon reported the dental insurance rate will increase for 2024. She requested the Council approve the Town absorbing the increase rather than the employees. The rate increased \$2.84 for single coverage and \$8.42 for family coverage.

Motion made by Broyles to approve keeping the employee portion of dental insurance the same as 2023. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with all ayes.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION:

Councilman Broyles advised the solar ordinance remains the topic of discussion. Those opposing the solar ordinance should let the court system decide the outcome.

Broyles advised the Area Plan meetings may be viewed on youtube.

Councilman Broyles, audience members Richard Treon and Don Spahr discussed manufacturing of solar panels, replacement and solar law.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon presented Ordinance #9-2023, 2024 Salary Ordinance. The only difference in the ordinance is spousal insurance coverage; spouse's insurance is above 10% of monthly income, the spouse may join the employee plan.

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

Motion made by Armstrong to adopt Ordinance #9-2023. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with all ayes.

President Hedrick requested the Council approve sending newly elected Council member, Ken Pollen and newly elected Clerk-Treasurer, Kelly Reneau to the Newly Elected Officials training on January 16 – 18, 2024 in Indianapolis.

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

President Hedrick addressed Councilman Broyles, thanking him for his service on the Town Council.

President Hedrick presented Clerk-Treasurer JoAnn Treon with the Key to the Town and congratulated her on her upcoming retirement. The Council presented J. Treon with a crystal vase and thanked her for over 40 years of service to the Town.

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 all ayes.

Steve Hedrick, President

ATTEST

JoAnn Treon, Clerk-Treasurer