

TOWN OF FERDINAND
REGULAR MEETING

October 19, 2021

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, in the Ferdinand Town Hall. Present were Council President, Ken Sicard; Vice-President, Debbie Johnson via Zoom; Council Member, Ron Weyer; Sharon Bohnenkemper, Town Attorney and Tamara Miller, Clerk-Treasurer.

Ron moved to approve the Minutes of the September 21, 2021 Council Meeting. Debbie seconded. Roll call vote: Ron Weyer - Aye, Debbie Johnson – Aye, Ken Sicard – Aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard stated the written department head reports (attached) were distributed to the Council prior to the meeting.

Lloyd Froman, Police Chief, reported Rayce Jones, the newest patrolman, will be going on regular shift beginning October 25, 2021.

Chris James reported for the Fire Department. He stated that this is fire protection month, please check to make sure your smoke detectors are working properly. The Council thanked all of the Ferdinand Firefighters for their service to the department.

Tom Lueken, property and street superintendent, stated the fall clean-up went smoothly.

Roger Schaefer, water/wastewater superintendent, stated the water testing has been completed for the new water main and they have started making connections to customers.

Mike Steffe requested approval of the October 30th YMCA Monster Dash route. The 5K Run/Walk will begin at 10 AM at the YMCA and end at the Community Center. Ron moved to approve the route. Motion was seconded by Debbie. Roll call vote: Ron Weyer - Aye, Debbie Johnson – Aye, Ken Sicard – Aye. Motion carried 3-0.

James reported Amy Kippenbrock, Dubois County Clerk, is planning to attend the next Ferdinand Town Council meeting (11/16/2021) to talk about Vote Centers passing through the Election Board and the district conversation. The Tri-County YMCA will be the voting center in Ferdinand for all elections where any Dubois County registered voter can vote.

At 6:45 PM, Miller introduced Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2021-19, appropriating \$160,593 from the Community Crossing Grant Fund for capital outlays. The amount represents the CCMG grant received to resurface sections of ten streets throughout Ferdinand. Ron moved to adopt the Ordinance 2021-19. Debbie seconded. Roll call vote: Ron Weyer-Aye, Debbie Johnson-Aye, Ken Sicard-Aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard recommended the Town of Ferdinand Guidelines for Business Operations and the Meeting Procedures dated May 18, 2021 continue until the November 16, 2021, Council Meeting. Ken moved to approve. Ron seconded. Roll call vote: Ron Weyer-Aye, Debbie Johnson-Aye, Ken Sicard-Aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-20, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2020-21, regarding Salaries, Compensation and Wages for Elected Officials, Appointees and Employees of the Town of Ferdinand. The Ordinance states Rayce Jones shall be hired as a full-time Patrolman at a rate of \$18.50 per hour effective October 4, 2021, at the meeting it was introduced. Debbie seconded. Roll call vote: Ron Weyer-Aye, Debbie Johnson-Aye, Ken Sicard-Aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron Weyer reported the Town Hall sign has been ordered and we are working with the sign company to work out some color/material matters.

The agenda item, Ordinance regarding Traffic Regulations and Stop Streets, was tabled.

Council considered Trick or Treating hours for this year. Debbie moved to allow Halloween Trick or Treating, during the hours of 5 PM – 7 PM on Sunday, October 31, 2021. Ron seconded. Roll call vote: Ron Weyer-Aye, Debbie Johnson-Aye, Ken Sicard-Aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper stated the Town has worked out the Water Main Extension Contract and the Sewer Main Extension Contract with Kerstiens Development, Inc. for Hidden Meadows Subdivision. The Sewer Main Extension Contract has an estimated annual revenue allowance of \$685.53. The Water Main Extension Contract has an estimated revenue allowance of \$495.55. These numbers were based on the most recent 12 months usage available from comparable customers. Ron moved to approve both contracts and allow Ken Sicard to sign off on the Sewer Main Extension Contract and the Water Main Extension Contract with Kerstiens Development, Inc. Debbie seconded. Roll call vote: Ron Weyer-Aye, Debbie Johnson-Aye, Ken Sicard-Aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper stated that the cost to relocate the poles was given to the developer of Hidden Meadows Subdivision to consider. The developer has paid the cost to relocate the poles.

At 7:00 PM, the bids for the equipment advertised for sale were opened.

Truck bids:

Paul J. Gogel	\$1,250	Brian Waninger	\$2,000	Drew Weyer	\$4,120
Bob Waggoner	\$1,220	Kenneth Allen	\$3,156.74	Larry Englert	\$4,255
Joe Henderson	\$3,000				

Roger Schaefer, department head, found the high bid from Larry Englert of \$4,255 to be acceptable.

Jon Boat:

Bradley Ables	\$200	Jim Weyer	\$264	Paul J. Gogel	\$175
Keith Metcalf	\$106	Bob Waggoner	\$90	Nick Pund	\$150
Joe Henderson	\$100	Chris Hubert	\$222		

Roger Schaefer, department head, found the high bid from Jim Weyer of \$264 to be acceptable.

Steiner Mower:

Chris Roos	\$650	Aaron Hopf	\$1,500	Kevin Gudorf	\$2,750
Joe Henderson	\$6,000	Nick Pund	\$2,100	Justin Weyer	\$1,526
Kenneth Allen	\$1,367.54	Clint Schaeffer	\$5,051	Terry Brockman	\$5,895
David Altman	\$5,550	Lloyd Froman	\$2,345.67	Michael Schneiders	\$2,556
Jim Weyer	\$823	Jeremy Bockting	\$2,656.50	Keith Metcalf	\$506
Mike Kyle	\$1,500	Jim Meyer	\$1,517	Ryan Gehlhausen	\$5,001
Larry Schnell	\$3,000	Brian Waninger	\$2,000		

Roger Schaefer, department head, found the high bid from Joe Henderson of \$6,000 to be acceptable.

Each piece of equipment was awarded to the high bidder.

Tom Lueken spoke to the representative with CHEOPS, a company that uses a tub grinder to grind and disburse the limbs. The representative stated their equipment could not enter the gates or have enough room to operate at the location and could not operate where the limbs are initially deposited due to the gas lines. He further gave an opinion that taking down selected trees at the site would create tree trunks and the treetops from cut trees would add to the debris on site. The

representative suggested we continue what we are doing and let the debris rot down and revisit in the spring.

At 7:30 PM, the hearing was held for Ordinance 2021-15, An Ordinance Amending the Schedule of Rates and Charges for Use of and Services Rendered by the Municipal Water Utility of the Town of Ferdinand and Amending 10.02.060 and 10.10.045 Regarding Connection Fees for Water and Sewer and Amending Chapter 10.30 Relating to Connection Fees for Electric Service. The ordinance includes a Wholesale for Resale Water Utility Rate increase to \$7.1685 per 1,000 gallons with minimum usage of 35,000 gallons, \$250.90 per month. That increase that was redacted from Ordinance 2021-08 passed at the May 18, 2021 Council Meeting to allow time for St. Henry to meet with the Town and discuss the proposed utility rate change. The ordinance also corrects a typo in section 10.03.040. The ordinance also includes increased tap in fees for water and sewer, currently \$850 each, to \$1,250 each, and contains provisions allowing for an electric service connection fee: Residential service is \$200, Commercial or Small Industrial service is \$400 or \$2 per amp, whichever is greater, and Industrial service is \$1,000 or \$2 per amp whichever is greater. The ordinance, if passed, would take effect during the first full billing cycle beginning November 10, 2021. Vote to close the hearing. Roll call vote: Ron Weyer-Aye, Debbie Johnson-Aye, Ken Sicard-Aye. Motion carried 3-0. Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-15 as presented, Debbie seconded. Roll call vote: Ron Weyer-Aye, Debbie Johnson-Aye, Ken Sicard-Aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Ken introduced a non-agenda item. Electric work must be done at the Cedar Manor Trailer Park. New service needs to be provided for the first time on some of the lots. Council was in favor of no connection fee being due if the lots are hooked up prior to November 10, 2021. Roger mentioned the Trailer Court has equipment that is being delayed due to supply issues. Schaefer will inform the owners. He will suggest they be proactive and communicate with the Town if the connections are not completed by November 10, 2021.

There were four Seniors from Forest Park High School in attendance: Jason Welp, Hunter Bumm, Beau Rasche and Clay Mason. William Keller, a new Ferdinand resident, was also in attendance.

Debbie moved to approve regular claims. Ron seconded. Roll call vote: Ron Weyer-Aye, Debbie Johnson-Aye, Ken Sicard-Aye. Motion carried 3-0.

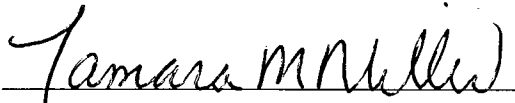
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	November 16, 2021 at 6:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday (cancelled)	October 27, 2021 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday (cancelled)	October 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	November 10, 2021 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Comm.	Monday	November 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM

As there was no further business to discuss, Ron moved to adjourn. Debbie seconded. Roll call vote: Ron Weyer-Aye, Debbie Johnson-Aye, Ken Sicard-Aye. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

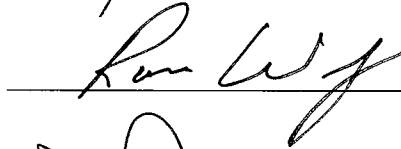
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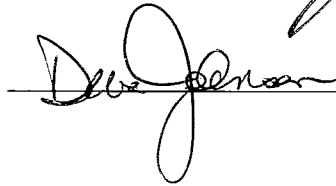
FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL



Clerk-Treasurer







Ferdinand Police Department

243 W 10th Street, Ferdinand Indiana 47532

Phone: 812-367-1806 / Fax: 812-998-2094

Chief of Police: Lloyd Froman

Assistant Chief: Brian Seffernick

Total Calls For Service		Calls For Service Report September 2021 	
Miles Driven	205		
Total Gallons	4138		
Average MPG	310.8		
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm	7	Missing Person Adult/Child	1
Animal Complaint	4	Parking Violation	1
Assist Other Agency	10	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	1
Battery/ Assault	1	Protective/Restraining Order	0
Burglary (attempted)	0	Prowler (report of)	0
Burning Complaint	3	Report to Station	6
Child Abuse/Neglect	0	Return Messages	27
Civil Matter /Dispute	0	State Dispatch	23
Citizen Assist	0	Scam	1
Debris in Roadway	1	Security Check	0
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	6	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	0
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	0	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	7
Drug Complaint	0	Theft	2
Domestic Problem	3	Traffic Control	21
Escort	6	Traffic Warnings	10
Eviction	0	Traffic Citations	1
Extra Patrol	0	Trespassing	0
Fight	0	Threats/ Intimidation	0
Finger Printing	0	Vandalism	2
Fire	1	Vehicle Accident	4
General Information	24	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	1
Gun Permit	1	Vehicle Check	3
Harassment	0	Vehicle Lock Out	15
Hazardous/ Not Chemical	0	Warrant	0
Investigation	4	Weather Related Problems	0
Identity Theft	0	Welfare Check	2
Illegal Dumping	1	911 false calls	5
Intoxicated Person	0		0
Juvenile Incurrible/Runaway	0		
Lines/ Poles Down	0		
Lost/ Stolen License Plate	0		
Mental Subject	0		

FERDINAND POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Complaint Type	Lloyd	Brian	Rob	Tom	Christian	Joshua	Rayce	Kyle	Adam	Jay					Total
Mental Subject															0
Missing Person Adult/Child		1													1
Parking Violation		1													1
Property Lost/Found/Recovered		1													1
Protective/Restraining Order															0
Prowler															0
Report To Station		3	2	1											6
Return Messages	5	8	7	4		3									27
State Dispatch	2	8	5	1	3	4									23
Scam				1											1
School Check															0
Suicide/or a Suicidal person															0
Suspicious Person/Vehicle		1	2			4									7
Theft			1	1											2
Traffic Control	1	10	2	8											21
Traffic Warnings	1	2	2	5											10
Traffic Citations			1												1
Trespassing															0
Threats/ Intimidation															0
Vandalism		2													2
Vehicle Accident				3	1										4
Vehicle Accident Leaving The Scene			1												1
Vehicle Check		3													3
Vehicle Lock Out	2	4	5		2	2									15
Warrant															0
Weather Related Problems															0
Welfare Check			2												2
911 False Calls	1	2	1			1									5
															0
Total Calls	25	61	43	41	12	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	205
Miles Driven	664	545	690	590	514	1081		54							4138
Total Gallons	38.1	29	80.7	66.9	53.1	43		0							310.8
Average MPG	17.4278	18.793	8.5502	8.819	9.67985	25.13953	#VALUE!	#DIV/0!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!					13.31



FERDINAND FIRE DEPT.

221 E. Fourth St. P.O. Box 31
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2021 Summary of Incidents

	FIRE	EMR		TOTAL
JANUARY	7	4		11
FEBRUARY	10	11		21
MARCH	5	7		12
APRIL	5	12		17
MAY	9	14		23
JUNE	7	10		17
JULY	8	18		26
AUGUST	7	12		19
SEPTEMBER	4	4		8
OCTOBER				
NOVEMBER				
DECEMBER				

We flew the flag on our ladder truck on 9-11 at the Legion.

Our new truck 406 is having an issue with something and is throwing a code. It is scheduled to go to Ruxers on Tuesday October 19.

This past Sunday the IVFA held its district parade and queen contest in Christney. Our own Aubrey Luebbehusen won Miss Flame. She is Bill and Theresa Luebbehusen daughter.

Also, with this being Fire Prevention month, we would like to remind everyone to check their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, and also recognize all of the hard working, dedicated Firefighters on the fire department!

Electric Department Report

October 19, 2021

- 2 unplanned outages
 - Large factory service transformer approx. 6.5 hours
Sending in to be evaluated and repaired
 - Alabama St. area approx. 24 customers 30 min. caused by lightning arrestor

- Helped with trash and cleanup week
- Pole changeouts
- Permission to attend AIM webinar about renewable energy on 10.26 cost \$25



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Town Council Meeting

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Departmental Reports:

We completed the fall Town wide large item pickup.

We will start our annual curb side leaf pickup starting **Tuesday October 26** this will continue until further notice.

Last report I mentioned we were in the process of replacing a curb inlet and pipe on the south west corner of the Town Attorney's/ EMS building ahead of curb and sidewalk replacement work. After we dug open the inlet and pipe replacement area, three weeks later we received our needed pipe fittings. That same day we started the curb and sidewalk replacement for our ADA commitment project.

The Community Crossings paving project is near complete actually be completed **Tuesday October 19th**.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Cheops cost prior to tree conservation. Nothing new to report at this time.

Vacation time remaining as of **August 17th** Monday use by **September 5th** 8 working days to use it.

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Town Council Meeting

Water Department;

Finished installing Water Main. We are now working on getting the water main tested and after passing the test requirements we can make connections.

Water Tower transducer went bad at Stand Pipe, Ordered new unit, due to shortages it will take a few months to get.

Changing out water meter check valves

Repair yards we dug in, level dirt and sew grass and strawed

Wastewater Department;

Gate at 475East site repaired, Mouse chewed on 2 electronic boards, Replaced and put back into service.

Replaced Lift Station 2A pump, sent in bad pump for repairs. Were told it could take some time to get parts.

Running into severe shortages on fittings, we have been offered up to 3 times our cost for our surplus fittings and pipe we have on hand. We won't sell because if we get a major leak we will be in trouble.

Roger Schaefer
Water/Wastewater Superintendent

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PARKS DEPARTMENT TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

October 2021

General Park Report

- The park board met on October 13, 2021.
- The board met with Carrie Tauscher—IN Department of Natural Resources (DNR) State Urban Forestry Coordinator at the meeting. Prior to the meeting, Carrie and board member Jill Schipp walked the parks to allow for Carrie to review and provide comments, concerns, and ideas of our various parks. Carrie did identify a number of trees that pose safety hazards and/or have been infected with the emerald ash bore and should be considered to come down. She also provided ideas on how to evaluate and communicate these to the public. She provided some suggestions on tree and plant management moving forward which the board will take in consideration. Carrie was very informative and provided some great information to the board. She was also very complimentary of the parks.
- With the information gained from our discussion with Carrie—along with the previous tree experts and arborists, the board will be moving forward and responsibly removing several troublesome trees this winter once the foliage has fallen. Additionally, several spots of invasive species plants were identified and the park will investigate how to address.
- The 18th street park basketball court resurfacing project has been recently completed and is now available for use. The old surface and all cracking was completely covered with a new playing surface and lined with both basketball court lines as well as two new pickleball courts. A procedure to provide mobile pickleball net(s) is currently under consideration by the board. Please note the courts are not to be utilized for skateboards, scooters, roller-blades, etc. Signage will be posted on the fence, but we've had trouble (and damage occur) with this prior to and during the installation as a result of this.
- The board elected to repair and rework all (4) four softball and baseball fields at Fifth Street Park. Significant rework—of varying scopes--of the infields were needed at this time with some input from the leagues who use them predominantly. Additionally, the work should allow for significantly better field drainage—which should help with minimizing league rainouts. The board worked with both boys' baseball and girls' softball leagues' boards assist in financially contributing to the work so that we can accomplish this project yet this year. This project will commence in late October and will require closure of the fields for some time. All fields will be off-limits until further notice. However, play and practice is still possible at

Park Cleaning & Sanitation

- Per the direction of the council, Pre-Covid cleaning procedures of shelter houses and restrooms began commencing this month again, with Tom's department doing the bulk of the clean-up.



**PARKS DEPARTMENT
TOWN COUNCIL REPORT**

October 2021

Old Town Lake

- We are awaiting the water levels to raise to finish construction of the floating kayak dock. The parts have arrived.
- The entrance signage project—being constructed by Eagle Scout candidate Miles Welp—is expected to start this fall. We are waiting on the sign which has been ordered.

Matthew Weyer
October 15, 2021





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TOWN MANAGER TALKING POINTS FOR OCTOBER 19, 2021 MEETING

1 – I attended the 2021 AIM Idea Summit in French Lick October 5-7 and there were several informative sessions available. Many of these sessions focused on the multiple impacts of COVID-19: how to move forward, developing processes in the event of a future pandemic or other major crisis, the status of holding public meetings, etc; different ways to spend ARPA monies or to leverage ARPA to fund large projects. There were also sessions on best to handle the Main Extensions program (Developer Payback Law) and development of future sub-divisions.

2 – The Dubois County Leadership Academy is in the homestretch of the 2021 campaign. We held our final regular session October 13th at the Dubois County Community Foundation offices. Civic leadership/participation and philanthropy were discussed, along with various educational opportunities in Dubois County. Both groups are doing serious fundraising for their Capstone Projects. One team is raising money to help provide supplies for the new SWICAC location, specifically the break room, in the former 5th Street Elementary School in Jasper, while our second group is seeking funds to provide much needed cambros and a food carrier for the NE Dubois Intermediate School cafeteria, which was severely damaged in floods earlier this fall. Both groups worked with area media representatives during an earlier class session on the best way to promote their projects and raise needed monies. Graduation ceremonies have been scheduled for 6pm, Wednesday October 27, the Theater room at the CTIM Building on the VUJ campus.

3 – On September 30, I took part in a conference call with Ed Cole of Dubois Strong, Doug Merkel with Patoka Water, John Wetzel of Midwest Engineers and Rollie Terwiske from St. Henry Water. This served as a follow up to a previous discussion seeking potential proposals for increasing water supply to the area, in an attempt to entice business(es) to locate here. Dubois Strong receives multiple blind requests for possible business development, and are always touting the Mobel site

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as the area's best choice. Unfortunately, many of these requests have to be turned down, as there is not an adequate available water supply to handle our regular needs plus the new industry. Midwest Engineering came up with two separate proposals, one of which is focused on the Mobil site, to develop a plan for providing this additional water. The cost of this proposal, should it go forward, is \$12,500, with the Town and Patoka Water each paying \$4000, while Dubois Strong covers the remaining \$4500.

4 – Becky Hickman, Executive Director for the Dubois County Chamber of Commerce, recently approached Ken and I about filling some impending vacancies on the Chamber board. I have offered to serve a two year term, as a regular board member, provided my application is approved by the board's Executive Leadership Team. Confirmation should be known by tomorrow (Wednesday October 20). I am looking forward to providing a Ferdinand presence on the board.

5 – During the most recent Dubois Strong meeting, County Clerk Amy Kippenbrock provided an update on the Vote Center proposal that had been circulating for the past few months. The measure was approved and will take effect with the 2022 election cycle. This means a Dubois County resident may vote at any location in the county for both primary or general elections, not just at their registered location. There is also one specific change for Ferdinand residents. Also effective in 2022, persons will be casting their votes at the Tri-County YMCA, and not the Ferdinand Community Center. This is for any early voting times, as well as primary and general elections.

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