

**TOWN OF FERDINAND
REGULAR MEETING**

February 9, 2016

The Ferdinand Town Council then met for their regular meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 in the Town Hall. Present were President, Ken Sicard, Ron Weyer, Debbie Johnson, Council members, Clerk Treasurer, Beverly Schulthise, and Town Attorney, Bill Shaneyfelt. Minutes of the January 12th meeting was approved on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Minutes approved with 3-yes, 0-no. Two Boy Scouts were present to observe the meeting.

Lloyd Froman, Chief gave the January police report. Nathan Lueken completed NASRO training and is now a school resource officer. Lloyd introduced his recommendations for reserve officers. They are Daniel Schnieders, Riley Fleetwood and Steffen Zink. Debbie made a motion and Ron seconded to approve these candidates contingent upon completing and passing drug test. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Two Ferdinand Police officers, Ted Bieker and Rob Randle, displayed heroism on November 5, 2015 when they saved a man's life. Donna Haake found her husband, Pat, on the floor that day unresponsive. She dialed 911 and was told to start CPR. The call was issued at 5:47:14 AM and both Officer Bieker and Randle arrived at 5:47:55 (41 seconds later) they were able to revive Haake when the ambulance arrived at 5:51 AM. Without their quick action and response, it is doubtful Haake would be here at the Council meeting this evening. Ken presented each man with a special plaque. The officers were given standing ovation.

Dan Lindauer, Fire Chief, reported 7 runs in January, two of which were fires and 5 first responder runs. Firemen finished the application in January for fire fighters grant. They will be hearing later if received a grant.

Henry Haake reported his department is cutting down trees in power lines. The emergency siren on North side of Town is not working. They are moving poles and fire hydrant on 5th Street for curbing project.

Tom Lueken, Property Manager, said he is working on scope of costs for 2016 road project. Also they are trimming trees on 20th street by park property. February 17 is an education and trade show in Evansville given by Tenbarge Seed and Turfgrass and Tom would like to attend. The cost is \$25.00. Debbie made a motion and Ron seconded to send Tom to show and pay registration fee. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Ron made a motion and Debbie seconded to approve Tom Lueken attending Purdue Road

School on March 8-10th with meals, lodging and transportation to be paid for. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Roger Schaefer, Wastewater Superintendant said storm damage occurred at Lift Station at Interstate. Also East 23rd street lift station #1 was flooded during storm and tree limbs and debri clogged the ditch. Roger had to dig out the ditch and remove debri caused by homeowner upstream.

Mike Steffe said Boy Scouts will do tree planting in the parks. In March, Park Board will be accepting leases from the organizations with major leases in the parks. Scott Tretter resigned from the Park Board. Debbie made a motion and Ron seconded to appoint Matt Weyer as new member of Park Board thru 2018. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Chris James, Town Manager, said Folkfest planning committee is planning an event for Saturday, March 19 at Legion for first fund raiser for the Fest. He also mentioned that the Dubois County Leadership Academy is taking applications. The training will start April 1st and run thru August 11th with graduation. The Northside sign is being worked on with INDOT for right-of-way spacing and permitting. Annual funding request for leadership academy was approved for \$1000 on by Debbie and seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. The Town Manager was told that he should go out and find a different vehicle to drive and his current vehicle is to be parked at the Town Hall for people to use when going to training. He can spend the money appropriated from his budget and purchase before next Town Council meeting. Ron made motion and Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Ordinance 2016-5, an ordinance amending the Ferdinand Municipal Code to add section 1.06.070 schedule of park fees was adopted at meeting introduced on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

A hearing was held at 8:00 PM for an additional appropriation of \$28,000 for the Park Fund. No one was present to remonstrate. Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2016-03 was adopted at meeting introduced on motion by Debbie and seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Ed Cole from Dubois Strong was present to talk about the overall plan to adopt an inter-local agreement with City of Jasper and Huntingburg, Town of Birdseye, Ferdinand, and Holland. The annual meeting will be at the Ferdinand Community Center on April 20th. Ed is working on Dubois County profile for companies interested in locating here. They have someone working on a promotion video.

Allison Treat was present to request to use 18th street park on April 9th for the 5K Glow Run. She would like to use it from 3:30-10:30 PM. Ron made a motion to approve and Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. The cost is \$35.00 to rent shelterhouse.

Roger talked about the progress with Phosphorus project. Rural Development is requesting some additional information and clarification concerning our application for funding. Timber sales are moving forward with the sale of timber on site. We will be advertising and sending out letters to timber buyers concerning timber at Ferdinand Biosolids Facility. Debbie made a motion and Ron seconded to go ahead and advertise for bids and set the opening of bids for 8:00 PM on March 8, 2016.

The drainage issues at Dollar General Store have been fixed and is complete and satisfactory to Steve Grundhoefer the Town's stormwater coordinator. Tom said that once electric poles and hydrant are moved, the curbing on E. 5th street can be completed.

Bids were received on the truck for the Wastewater department. Debbie made a motion and Ron seconded to close receiving anymore bids. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. The following is a list of bidders and their bids. Uebelhor & Sons bid \$29,962.00 for Chevy ¾ ton plus \$5,545.00 for snow plow; Washington Chrysler bid \$28,960.25 for Dodge RAM plus \$5,545.00 for snow plow; Ruxer Ford bid \$32,937.00 for Ford F250 plus \$5,250.00 for snow plow; Sternberg bid \$30,981.54 for Ford plus \$5,545.00 for snow plow and RAM 5.7 \$29,712.00 plus \$5,545.00 for snow plow and RAM 6.4 for \$30,312.00 plus \$5,545.00. All bids taken under advisement and Roger will review. Debbie made a motion to purchase truck with the best responsible bid and Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Best Home Furnishings is interested in building an office/storage building for KNU LLC, a subsidiary of Best Home Furnishings. This parcel is near Fire Station No. 2 and Industrial Park Road. Town of Ferdinand owns some land around the property and has no plans for the parcel. The property will need to be surveyed and appraised. Best has agreed to cover all the costs and understands the price will be the average of two appraisals. Steve Grundhoefer will review any site distance issues on Industrial Park Road and a buffer around Fire Station No. 2 will remain for any future growth at fire station. Debbie made a motion to declare this surplus property and Town intends to sell. Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Ordinance 2016-04, an ordinance amending the Ferdinand Municipal Code Chapter 1.06 regarding appointment of Park and recreation board members was approved on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. The contract with Indiana 15 Regional planning for the codification of ordinances to the code books for the Town of Ferdinand for \$1600 was approved on motion by Debbie and seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Contract with Dubois Strong was approved on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. The contract is for \$5,062.78. Ken is to sign. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Clerk-Treasurer, Bev Schulthise presented a list with one outstanding check

over two years. Since the person could not be found and the check came back undeliverable, the Town is allowed to return the money to the department that wrote the check. The sewer fund wrote check #4345 to Tammy Hobbs for \$9.49 on 2/28/2013. Ron made a motion to return money to wastewater and Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

The Bonding requirements for Angie Gerber and Jane Durlauf in the amount of \$15,000 each and the Bonding of Clerk-Treasurer Beverly Schulthise for \$300,000 was approved on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

The Clerk-Treasurer job description was tabled. The Board of Zoning Appeals appointment was tabled, the purchasing policy was tabled, the Materiality ordinance was tabled, and Title VI coordinator was tabled.

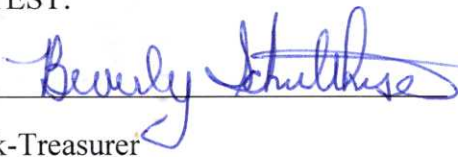
Claims in the amount of \$754,052.12 and \$312,528.78 were approved to pay on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

As there was no further business to discuss, Ron made a motion to adjourn. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-Y 0-N. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Next regular meeting is March 8, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting of Economic Development Commission will meet on March 8, 2016 at 6:00 PM. Wednesday, February 24, 2016 will be BZA meeting at 6:30 PM and Plan Commission meeting at 7:00 PM.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL


Clerk-Treasurer

