

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

February 18, 2020

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, in the Town Hall. Present were Council President, Ken Sicard; Vice-President, Deb Johnson; Council Member, Ron Weyer; Clerk-Treasurer, Tamara Miller; and Town Attorney, Sharon Bohnenkemper. Ron moved to approve the Minutes of the January 21, 2020 meetings. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Froman reported for the Police Department.

John Hoppenjans reported the Fire Department had 3 fire and 13 EMR runs in January. Ben Hayden, a new fireman, has completed 50% of the EMR training.

Becher reported the Electric Department had no power outages in January. They are doing maintenance including taking down trees at the park, rebuilding a line and replacing poles on Alabama Street. They are assisting the sewer department with the standpipe water tower pit electrical work.

Lueken reported for the Street Department. ANR Pipeline Company ("ANR") plans to perform pipe replacement activities on the Town property at W 23rd Ave. and Industrial Park Road between March 16, 2020, and June 30, 2020. ANR has requested the use of the 23rd Street facility as a staging area, including removal of the fencing, while they replace the gas lines in the area. They will reinstall the fence and replenish new stone in the area upon completion of the project. ANR has requested the Town waive the 45-day waiting period associated with the landowner notification process. The Council will consider the request and address it at a future meeting after more information is available.

Lueken suggested Industrial Park Road South road lanes near the CVS, McDonalds and future Arby's site be reviewed and restriped to allow a through lane and a turn lane for both directions of traffic. He will work up a plan to present. He requested permission for one employee to attend Purdue Road School if deemed necessary, on March 10-12, 2020 including two nights hotel, meals and travel. Ron moved to approve the request. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

James reported for the Sewer and Water Departments. February 5, 2020, they repaired damage to the road and sewer line at Southview Drive caused by a semi driver. Patoka Water plans to install a new water pit at the standpipe water tower at their cost in late spring. The Town will cover the cost of the SCADA System as previously budgeted. The project will provide better water service to the area and provide a back-up system for the lines that currently serve the area. They

are continuing to test hydrant pressure. Bohnenkemper is working with Schaefer to secure the easements needed to proceed with the 5th Street water loop project. In the wastewater department, a 20-year old blower failed and is being replaced. Weyer Electric is repairing another blower. They completed flushing water mains at the Kerstein's subdivision.

Matt Weyer reported for the Park Department. Jill Schipp is the new board member. They held their major lease meeting and are looking at wireless access systems for the concession stands. Lueken is looking for a seasonal park employee.

James reported the Folk Fest will hold a fundraiser on March 28th at the American Legion. April 1st is the deadline for Dubois County Leadership Program applications. He will attend Designated Employer Representative training on February 27, 2020. A Forest Park 8th grade English class is working on a project to promote Ferdinand. AIM Spring Roundtable dinner dates are March 26 or April 7. Chris will coordinate with Council and submit reservations.

Tori Hemmerlein and Isabella Harmon gave a Safe Haven Baby Box presentation which offers mothers in crisis a safe, anonymous place to surrender their baby up to a certain age. The girls have been working with Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center and Dubois County Right to Life to bring the box to the county and would like to install it at Ferdinand's 24-hour EMT station (202 E. Third). The Council agreed to support the project if a memorandum of understanding can be reached with the hospital, which would oversee the baby box. Bohnenkemper has reviewed the agreement between with the Hospital and Safe Haven and has prepared an MOU to present to the Hospital if the agreement between the Hospital and Safe Haven Remains as proposed.

Beth McManaway with German American Bank requested April 25, 2020, for Clean Sweep beginning at 7:00 AM. The Town will provide Police for a safety start and a trash truck from the street department. Ron moved to approve. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Contact Beth at 367-2288 x2527 for team registrations.

Sicard appointed Duane Lorey to the open position on the Plan Commission.

Matt Weyer reported the Old Town Lake project is going well stating the bridges, railings and concrete work are complete. They are planning for an early spring trail opening. Board is considering applying, by June 1, for a second DNR 50/50 matching grant, utilizing donations for the Town's portion of the project.

Ron Weyer reported the electrical infrastructure progress is at a standstill until the regulators are delivered.

Sicard is working on the Old Town Lake Dam – ER & Maintenance Plan.

James reported in 2021, the plan is to pressure wash the interior of the standpipe water

tower.

Lueken stated the town has submitted all the necessary paperwork to partake in the Indiana Department of Transportation's Community Crossings grant program that provides a cost-share for local road work. The town is waiting to hear if the projects are approved for funds.

Deb moved to allow Sicard and Miller to sign the Town fee for services contract with Dubois Strong for 2020, not to exceed \$5,062.78. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper reviewed the Benet Hall, L.P (Sisters of St. Benedict) Compliance with Statement of Benefits Real Estate Improvements CF-1. She stated all forms were in substantial compliance with their application and recommended the forms be approved and the President and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign the compliance forms. Ron moved to approve and sign the annual Compliance Forms. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Lueken requested that Sicard sign the Universal Design proposal for Town Hall exterior renovation (preliminary design phase only). Deb moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper requested permission for Lueken to seek written quotes for work to be done on the enhanced detention area on Vienna Drive to be opened at 8:00 PM at the March 24, 2020, Council meeting. Deb moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper reviewed the 2020 ADA Transition Plan submitted by Lueken and requested the Council approve the plan as presented and allow all Council members and the Clerk-Treasurer to sign. Ron moved to approve. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

James is reaching out to eGov Strategies and other website designers to look at a website redesign and compliance.

Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2020-02, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 04-05, The Drug and Alcohol Substance Abuse Policy of the Town of Ferdinand, IN to Designate DER at the meeting it was introduced. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Deb moved to adopt Ordinance 2020-03, An Ordinance Approving Town of Ferdinand Equipment Usage Schedule of Fees and Charges at the meeting it was introduced. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to reschedule the March 17, 2020, Council meeting to March 24, 2020. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Miller requested permission to advertise for an Additional Appropriation for the Old Town Lake in the amount of \$130, 000 for a hearing on March 24, 2020, at 8:10 PM. Ron moved to approve the request. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Miller requested permission to attend the ILMCT Institute and Academy in Muncie, March

8-12, 2020, at a cost of \$450 and hotel, travel and meals. Deb moved to approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

On February 21st, there will be an employee benefits meeting to help employees maximize their health benefits. On April 16, Memorial Hospital will hold an on-site health screening for Town employees. The Council reviewed utility credit adjustments for January 2020 to correct the sprinkler charges to industrial customers.

Deb moved to approve regular claims. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The following announcements were read:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	March 24, 2020 at 7:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	February 26, 2020 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	February 26, 2020 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	March 4, 2020 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Comm.	Monday	March 16, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Deb moved to adjourn. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL

Tamara M Miller
Clerk-Treasurer

Ken Secord

Ron Wy

Dea Jensen