

TOWN OF FERDINAND
REGULAR MEETING
May 15, 2018

The Ferdinand Town Council met for their regular meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday May 15, 2018 in the Town Hall. Present were President, Ken Sicard, Ron Weyer and Debbie Johnson, Council members and Town Attorney, Bill Shaneyfelt. Minutes of the April 10, 2018 meetings were approved, with a correction of the spelling of Koch, on Motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Lloyd Froman reported calls for April and presented a report of department activity. He thanked GAB for the Clean Sweep donation of \$300 to the police department. He will use the money to pay for the SOR School offered at VUJC. He noted that Officer Hopkins was chosen by senior, Austin Knies, as a positive educator at the academic award night at FPHS.

John Hoppenjans, Fire Chief, reported three fire runs and seven first responder runs were made in April. He presented a revised FFD candidate program adding no compensation for candidates, a signature block for candidate and Fire Chief along with date signed. There was a Motion to adopt the FFD Candidate program as presented above by Ron, seconded by Debbie. Motion passed 3-0.

Steve Becher reported there were two water leaks in April and one planned power outage in April. There will be a scheduled power outage for maintenance by Electric Power Systems on Sunday May 20 beginning at 6 am for 4-6 hours, up to 8 hours. The area affected will be between 5th - 18th streets. Ron and Steve will meet with Alpha Engineering regarding the substation. A Motion to move forward with the first phase of the plan and to approve project costs up to \$50,000 was made by Ken and seconded by Debbie. Motion passed 3-0.

Tom Lueken gave an update of the street department. He is working on renewing the 5-year compost permit. Tom is following up with IDEM to ensure compliance. He reminded residents that there is no trash or glass allowed at the drop off site. It is for yard waste only. August 6 there will be a Community Crossing grant hearing available for towns with population <10,000, 75/25 matching grant. He announced Kenrick Gehlhausen will be retiring effective May 31, 2018. The department and town council thanked Rick for his nearly 10 years of loyal service and dedication to the town. A Motion was made by Ken and seconded by Debbie to accept his retirement notice. Motion carried 3-0. Tom requested Scott Hoffman be hired at \$18.50 to replace Rick Gehlhausen. A Motion was made to approve the request, contingent upon passing the drug test, by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-0.

Roger Schaefer gave a report of the wastewater dept. Lift station 6 required repairs. He is still working on the camera use policy for the council's review.

Matt Weyer, Park Board President, gave a park update. There was discussion of the sale/disposal of the used rubber playground surface. The Heimatfest is scheduled for June 15 & 16. The park will officially open the disk golf and the musical park and formally thank the major donors.

Chris James gave an update of Dubois County Leadership Academy. He requested New Focus HR Consulting be hired to put together a new Personal Policy Handbook at a cost of \$4,000, \$2,000 up front and \$2,000 upon completion, and an annual fee of \$125 for updates. Job descriptions will be included. The process should take 4-5 weeks. A Motion was made to approve the request by Ron and seconded by Deb. Motion passed 3-0.

Ed Cole spoke on behalf of Dubois Strong about the workforce social media campaign.

Rachel & Brent Waninger requested the release of the License or Permit Bond No Q887460104 related to the demolition of their vacant home at 710 Main Street. After discussion, a Motion was made by Debbie and seconded by Ron to release the bond. Motion carried 3-0.

Brian Dale and Mike Cummings spoke on behalf of the Ferdinand Economic Development Commission. They introduced a Proposed Street Construction Loan Fund to help facilitate development. They requested the street department's budget include \$50,000 to loan to businesses for street and road construction. The council will take their suggestions under advisement. The item will be included the agenda next month.

Roger requested the purchase of a Slinger to spread sludge on fields. The used price is \$12,900. He said it would last 15 years as it would only be used for a short period in the spring and the fall. He noted it would reduce overtime hours. After discussion, a Motion was made by Ken and seconded by Ron to approve the purchase, with the stipulation that Roger look into and report on landfill options and related costs. Motion carried 3-0. He reported the road is showing signs of degradation. He feels we are holding back enough funds to remedy.

John Hoppenjans gave an update of the fire truck. It will be ready for a mid June delivery. The old fire truck will then be for sale.

Matt Weyer, Park Board President, gave a report on the Old Town Lake project. They are looking at a completion date of first quarter of 2020.

Tom Lueken gave an update of the W. 23rd St. Project. There is a preconstruction meeting on May 21, 2 pm at the town hall. June 18 is the start date with completion scheduled for the first week of September.

Schaefer and Becher gave an update of the utilities for the Sisters Project. James gave an update of the Rickelman fence construction. Tom gave an update of the Senior Citizen's door installation scheduled with Thomas Glass.

Tamara Miller requested permission to attend the Indiana League of Municipal Clerk Treasurer Annual Conference in South Bend, June 10-13 at a cost of \$425 with hotel cost of \$328.83 for a 3 night stay, gas and meals. A Motion was made by Deb to approve the request. The Motion was seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Resolution 2018-04, Fiscal and Development Plan and Policy for Proposed Annexed Area, related to the True Vine Baptist Church and Irene Mullis properties was introduced. A Motion was made by Deb and seconded by Ron to approve the resolution at the meeting it was introduced. Motion passed 3-0.

Ordinance 2018-07 Notice of Proposed Annexation (Mullis/True Vine/Town of Ferdinand) was introduced. A Motion was made by Ron and seconded by Deb to schedule a hearing for Ordinance 2018-07 on July 10, 8 PM. Motion passed 3-0.

A Motion was made by Deb to approve the Heimatfest 5K route schedule for June 16, 2018 as requested by Chris James. It was seconded by Ron. Motion passed 3-0.

A Motion was made by Deb and seconded by Ron to move the June 12 Council meeting to June 5th due to conflicts. Motion passed 3-0.

There was discussion regarding the purchase of an AED. A Motion was made by Deb and seconded by Ron to approve the purchase of an AED unit at a cost not to exceed \$1,600. Motion passed 3-0.

Regular claims in the amounts of \$818,889.29 and \$478,621.89 were approved to pay on Motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried to pay regular claims 3-0.

The council will meet again in regular session on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting of Economic Development Commission will be on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 6:00 PM. The Park Board will meet on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 4:30 PM. The Zoning Board meeting will be on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 6:30 PM and the Plan Commission will meet at 7:00 PM. Budget Hearing will be September 11, 2018 at 7:30 PM and the Budget Adoption Meeting will be October 9, 2018 at 7:30 PM.

As there was no further business to discuss, Debbie made a Motion to adjourn and Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

ATTEST:



Clerk-Treasurer

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL

