

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

July 11, 2017

The Ferdinand Town Council met for their regular meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 in the Town Hall. Present were President, Ken Sicard and Ron Weyer and Debbie Johnson, Council members, Clerk-Treasurer, Beverly Schulthise, and Town Attorney, Bill Shaneyfelt. Minutes of the June 13th & July 5th meetings were approved on motion by Ron and seconded by Ken. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Lloyd Froman, Police Chief gave June police report. From April-July the police have had five incidents of counterfeit money passing around businesses. Steffen Zink is in his third week at the academy. Officers Hopkins, Vaal, and Randle were praised by Froman for their professionalism during recent pursuit. Videos from pursuit will be incorporated in training.

Dan Lindauer, Fire Chief, reported 11 runs for June, four were fires and 7 first responder runs. July 22nd is Firemen's Ball. Randy Begle will install Knox Box on his new apartment building.

Chris said the 2016 water quality report has gone out to residents, and submitted to IDEM water division. The waterline to Randy Begle apartments is being worked on and planning is being done for the sisters project. Quality Craft construction is just about finished with Missouri waterline project.

Tom Lueken said they are doing right-of-way mowing and culvert on Club Road inside the corporate limits needs replacing. He would like this to be complete before school starts. This is 54" culvert and pipe will be installed and will add to concrete culvert. Dubois County will help with labor and machinery.

Roger Schaefer, Wastewater Dept., said sludge is hauled out of plant.

Mike Steffe reported that Park Board has approved the musical instrument display to be installed at 18th street Park. This was leadership academy group plan. Twenty-three teams have softball tourney this weekend. Park Board hopes to make changes in lease structure.

Chris James said the last Leadership class is at Sisters of St. Benedict on Wednesday. Graduation is set for August 11th at the C-TEM building on VU Campus. He is still seeking vendors for Folk Festival. A fund raiser for Folk Festival will be Sunday, August 6th at Brew Works. Jason Wilber will perform. The singer/songwriter showcase will be at high school in few weeks. Wednesday, November 8th will be annual Chamber get together and Doug Bawel will be guest speaker.

John Wetzel from Midwestern Engineers said that Division 1 is about complete for Phosphorus project and Division 2 is continuing with structure and drying beds. Bottom of three beds are complete. They are two weeks behind schedule. Roger is 1/3 of the way done on waterline with Begle Properties.

Ron made a motion and Debbie seconded to close accepting of 2017 street project bids. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. The following are the bids: Calcar Paving-\$88,727.50, J.H. Rudolph-\$93,318.10, and Hunter Paving-\$96,862.00. Ron made motion and Debbie seconded to accept the low bid of Calcar Paving upon Bill and Tom's review. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Bill said firemen need to make a word version of the bid documents on the fire truck. Bill is working on land swap agreement with Sisters. Bill said he needs the land evaluations from Chris and Tom. He has not received them. It was decided that the Superintendent for utilities needs to be for electric and water. Ken asked Debbie to find information for wages of employees from communities of our population. She will put a spreadsheet together for wage review at budget time. Debbie made a motion and Ron seconded to increase the on call pay to \$80.00 per week for electric department and it to be effective at the next full pay period. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. It was decided to hire Steve Becher at \$32.00 an hour based on 40 hours a week as Superintendent of electric & water utilities. Steve is Class D water holder and certified lineman. He is familiar with the system. A motion was made by Ken and seconded by Ron to make a conditional offer of employment based upon Steve passing drug test. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. We will look at what wages are for budget purposes and see what can be done for all our employees.

Bill explained that Mike Jenner from Alpha Engineering will be here at 8:00 PM to introduce a new person that will be working for Alpha Engineering and taking Mike's place.

On July 12th Tom will be submitting an application for \$695,856 total construction cost for Community Crossings from INDOT. It will be for reconstruction of W23rd Street and Scenic Industrial Drive. The grant applied for is \$521,899 and local match \$173,957.

An annexation waiver and utility extension was approved on motion by Debbie and seconded by Ron.

Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Insurance committee meeting is scheduled for July 18 at 1:30 PM at Town Hall. Budget Workshop will be starting at 6:00 AM on July 31st at Town Hall. Ramsey Development LLC asked if we could accept a insurance company bond instead of performance bond for subdivision plot of property owned by Sisters of St. Benedict project. It was decided that a letter of credit could be done and it would be okay if the insurance bond was A rated and Indiana Co. The insurance company bond they wanted to use was not an A rated company and not from Indiana.

Claims in the amount of \$656,071.17 and \$409,182.06 were approved to pay on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried to pay regular claims 3-yes, 0-no. Special claim to Graves Plumbing for Division 2 of wastewater system improvements for \$279,878.40, \$3,122.76 to Patoka Lake for water hook-up, and \$4,000.00 to FPBH Inc. for bat survey were approved on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. to pay claims. Ron made a motion and Debbie seconded to pay Quality Craft cons. \$17,734.32 for Missouri Street water line project. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Debbie made a motion and Ron seconded to pay HJ Umbaugh \$8,000.00 for water utility rate study. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

As there was no further business to discuss, Debbie made a motion to adjourn and Ron seconded.

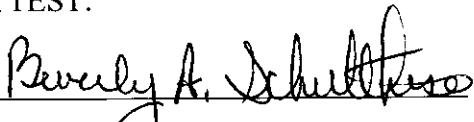
Motion carried 3-Yes 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next regular meeting is August 8, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting of Economic Development Commission will meet on August 8th at 6:00 PM. The Park Board will meet on Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at

4:30 PM. Zoning Board will meet Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 6:30 PM and Plan Commission meeting will be at 7:00 PM.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL


Clerk-Treasurer

