

TOWN OF FERDINAND
REGULAR MEETING

August 8, 2017

The Ferdinand Town Council met for their regular meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, August 8, 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 July 11th meeting was approved on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Lloyd Froman, Police Chief, gave July police report. Police assisted at Heimatfest. Steffen Zink has completed 6 weeks of training at Academy. Police department worked with the State and County on drug sweep detail. Lloyd thanked Roger, Steve, and Tom for helping with animals that are picked up, especially dogs. Lloyd explained that we are a dumping ground for animals people don't want. Anyone caught in the act of dumping their animal in Ferdinand will be dealt with to the full extent of the law. Reed Duncan resigned as reserve officer and Debbie made a motion to accept resignation and Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Dan Lindauer, Fire Chief, reported 17 runs for July, ten were fires and 7 first responder runs. Two new doors will be purchased at 23rd st. fire station. Luke Fleck said fire truck committee looked at fire truck specs. He didn't like the language the bid spec says "or equal to" for truck. His committee specified certain brands and feared this would lead to a lower price using an inferior product. Because a company representative helped with the chassis description, it was believed items such as pump might favor one manufacturer over another. Fleck explained all the companies would have access to those components. Bill Shaneyfelt explained that the Town Council cannot show favoritism for a particular manufacturer or supplier. The firemen asked if they can review and reject any bid, and Ken said that the bids will be taken under advisement after opening and it will be the council's decision which to accept. The firemen were told they can look over the bids. It was decided to advertise and the bid opening for 8 PM on September 12th council meeting on motion by Debbie and seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Any bids rejected, we will have to back up our decision why it was rejected.

Steve Becher, Utility Superintendent, is working with Roger on Begle waterline.

Tom said his department replaced culvert on Club Road and will pave street later. Tom finishing up sidewalks for grant and some curbing residents has requested. Christ the King Parish requested Maryland Street between 8th and 10th to be closed for picnic on August 27th for car show from 11:00 AM to 4 PM. Ron made motion and Debbie seconded to approve closing of street. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

The hearing on annexation Ordinance 2017-10 was conducted with no remonstrators present. The hearing was closed on motion by Debbie and seconded by Ron. Ordinance can be adopted in 15 days after hearing but will wait till September 12th meeting.

Roger said Ryan Ernst last day is August 18th. Roger would like to advertise for employee to replace Ryan. Debbie made motion and Ron seconded to advertise but send ad to Council members first for their approval. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Matt Weyer said leagues are still using park. Park Board are evaluating and adjusting lease costs. He said have not heard from Rosenvolk.

Chris said he met with Don Bodette of Field Services about storm sirens. The north siren has not been working. They changed batteries. The problem the siren is having is it is picking up too many signals such as the fire pagers. Multiple signals are cancelling each other. The company is trying to figure out how to make it receive only one signal. Graduation ceremonies will be August 10th at VUJC for Leadership Academy. Also \$7500 was received from Dubois County Community Foundation for the musical instruments in the 18th street park which was a capstone project by one of the groups. August 19 is the singer songwriter contest at Forest Park High School as a fund raiser for Folk Festival.

Mike Jenner and Ben Huckaba from Alpha Engineering gave a presentation about their business. Sometimes they do work for our electric department. There was a hearing on August 8th at 8:30 PM about the property swap with the Sisters of St. Benedict. Ron made motion and Debbie seconded to approve property swap. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Larry Mundy on W. 23rd Street has flooding issues with water going up to his door of his house for three rains this year. The culvert by his house is not taking all the water. He suggested another four foot pipe be installed while we are redoing 23rd street so that it will be 8 foot culvert. Steve Grundhoefer will be instructed to talk to him to see what can be done. Also the design engineer on project will be asked to look at road to see if something can be done.

Chris reported that Quality Craft Construction will clean up Missouri St. at end of week. They will saw cut Virginia Street also at that time. The water utility will pay for re paving of Missouri street.

John Wetzel from Midwestern Engineers said that Division 2 site piping is in and the bank was taken down with storage building also coming along. Division 1 is complete. They are two-three weeks behind in schedule. Concrete work is being held up by weather. The following claims were submitted for payment: Graves Plumbing for Division 1 \$12,131.30 and Division 2-\$187,489.45, and also Midwestern Engineers \$41,209.96 for construction engineering and inspection. Debbie made a motion and Ron seconded to pay these claims and sign paperwork. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. After these bills are paid from the RD loan, there is a balance of \$100,000 remaining, after which the \$900,000 grant will kick in.

It was decided on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie to give Sisters of St. Benedict easement when we do the property swap. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. The electric supplier contract extension with Nextera for additional 36 months for no increase in price was approved on motion by Debbie and seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. The contract will expire May 31, 2023.

Ordinance 2017-11, an ordinance amending ordinance No. 16-27 regarding salaries, compensation and wages for elected officials, appointees and employees of the Town of Ferdinand, Indiana was adopted at meeting introduced on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. This is for Steve Becher's wages and on call increase to \$80.00 per week. Milestone Ventures Inc. failed to file for Benet Hall tax abatement and is asking for a waiver of noncompliance for their tax abatement because they did not fill out the necessary forms. A hearing is set for 8:30 PM on September 12th to discuss whether to waive the noncompliance. Ron made motion to schedule hearing and Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

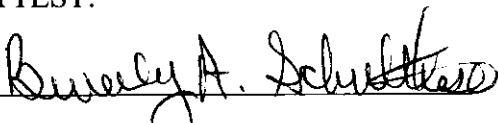
Claims in the amount of \$518,730.44 and \$165,280.18 were approved to pay on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried to pay regular claims 3-yes, 0-no.

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

Next regular meeting is September 12, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting of Economic Development Commission will be on September 12th at 6:00 PM. The Park Board will meet on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 4:30 PM. Zoning Board will meet Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 6:30 PM and Plan Commission meeting will be at 7:00 PM. Also the budget hearing will be at 7:30 PM on September 12th.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL


Clerk-Treasurer

