

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

August 17, 2021

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, in the Ferdinand Town Hall. Present were Council President, Ken Sicard; Vice-President, Debbie Johnson; Council Member, Ron Weyer; and Clerk-Treasurer, Tamara Miller.

Ron moved to approve the Minutes of the July 20, 2021 meeting. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard stated the written department head reports (attached) were distributed to the Council prior to the meeting.

Lloyd Froman, Police Chief, requested permission to hire Shawn Apps as a full-time police officer starting at \$20.50 per hour, contingent upon passing the drug test. Debbie moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Froman also requested permission to fill three reserve officer positions with the applicants: Rayce Jones, Robert Spurling, and Kolton Brown, contingent upon passing the drug test. Ron moved to approve. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Roger Schaefer requested permission for Kyle Lechner and Clint Meyer to attend a tour of Bloomington Water/Wastewater plants on September 1, 2021, including travel and food as part of their apprentice training. Debbie moved to approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ed Cole with Dubois Strong gave an update of the community actions. He stated the annual meeting will be held September 16, 2021, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm at the Huntingburg Event Center.

At 7:00 PM Debbie moved to open the Budget Hearing. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Sicard stated the Advertised 2022 Budget is \$2,535,647 (2021 was \$2,126,214) with an adopted tax rate of .7669 (2021 adopted rate was .8009) per \$100 of assessed value of \$115,799,270 (2021 was \$107,508,272). The Maximum Levy is \$897,647 (2021 was \$861,106) an increase of 4.3%. The 2022 Budget Form 3 was posted on Gateway and is available at www.budgetnotices.in.gov. The 2022 budget adoption meeting will be Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. There being no further discussion. Ron moved to close the hearing. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard recommended the Town of Ferdinand Guidelines for Business Operations and the Meeting Procedures dated May 18, 2021 continue until the September 21, 2021, Council Meeting.

Debbie moved to approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron Weyer reported the Town Hall sign has been ordered and we are awaiting delivery.

Sicard stated he has spoken to Police Chief Froman regarding the increase traffic due to the new housing development near 17th Street. Potentially, 17th Street would become a one-way street west from Main Street for two blocks. Sicard plans to visit the residents of the two block area before moving forward. Regarding parking on both sides of 9th Street west of Main Street, Sicard will meet with the local business owner to get input. There will be further discussion at the next meeting.

James reported he submitted the SWIF Grant application for Standpipe Water Tower repair. The grant award date has been extended to August 27, 2021.

Introduction of Water Utility Rate Ordinance Wholesale and Amendments to two Sections of Code was tabled until next month.

Miller stated the Community Crossing Matching Grant application for \$152,440.43 has been submitted.

Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-13, an Ordinance Permitting and Regulating Mobile Food Vendors in the Town of Ferdinand, at the meeting it was introduced. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Main Extension / Pole Relocation / Schedule Meeting with Developer was tabled until the next meeting.

Per Chief Hoppenjans report, the Comfort Inn False Alarm issue has been addressed and the hotel has put procedures in place to rectify the problem.

The Legion has requested the following dates for Burn Permits for 2021: October 10, November 14, December 12, for 2022: January 9, February 13, March 13 & April 10. Ron moved to approve the request. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Consultant Agreement/Tree Conservation agenda item was tabled.

The Limb/Yard Waste Program Ordinance agenda item was tabled.

Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-14, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4.12 of the Ferdinand Municipal Code Regarding Recycling, at the meeting it was introduced. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

James stated the Title VI Employee Seminar was held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at 9:30 AM for all employees. Two additional dates were added to enable all employees to

view the webinar. Future employees will view the video as part of the onboarding process.

The True Vine agenda item was tabled. Sicard stated the True Vine Baptist Church will have a ground breaking on August 27, 2021 at 1 PM.

Sewer Extension Annexation Waiver agenda item was tabled.

Ron moved to approve a payment of \$1,000 to the Dubois County Leadership Academy for the Town's annual installment for 2021. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Miller requested the hiring of Kayla Hoffman as Deputy Clerk with a starting salary of \$19.25 per hour and a start date of August 23, 2021, contingent upon passing a drug test. Debbie moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to approve the advertising of the following items for sale: 2000 Chevy Silverado 2500 HD Pick Up Cub Cab, Steiner PT 440 Mower and a 2-person Jon Boat Model 1231. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Senior Citizens Center has been re-keyed with non-reproducible keys. Keys must be signed out from the Town Hall. A Senior Citizens Center (SCC) representative has been given a key to keep in her possession due to her weekly duties at the SCC. The police department will also be given a key.

Sicard explained there is a public meeting scheduled for August 23, 2021 at 6:30 PM, to get public input for uses of the roughly \$500,000, based on the allowable expenditures, as outlined in the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Town Council Meeting Special Meeting	Monday	August 23, 2021 at 6:30 PM
Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	September 21, 2021 at 6:30 PM
Town Council Budget Adoption	Tuesday	September 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM
BZA	Wednesday	August 25, 2021 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	August 25, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	September 8, 2021 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Comm.	Monday	September 20, 2021 at 6:00 PM

As there was no further business to discuss, Ron moved to adjourn. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk-Treasurer

Ken Sicard

Ron Wy

Debbie Jones

Ferdinand Police Department

243 W 10th Street, Ferdinand Indiana 47532

Phone: 812-367-1806 / Fax: 812-998-2094

Chief of Police: Lloyd Froman

Assistant Chief: Brian Seffernick

Total Calls For Service		Calls For Service Report July 2021 	
Miles Driven	216		
Total Gallons	5690		
Average MPG	406.5		
Complaint Type		Complaint Type	
	Total		Total
Alarm	13	Missing Person Adult/Child	1
Animal Complaint	0	Parking Violation	2
Assist Other Agency	23	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	2
Battery/ Assault	0	Protective/Restraining Order	0
Burglary (attempted)	0	Prowler (report of)	0
Burning Complaint	0	Report to Station	2
Child Abuse/Neglect	2	Return Messages	36
Civil Matter /Dispute	2	State Dispatch	17
Citizen Assist	3	Scam	1
Debris in Roadway	1	Security Check	0
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	8	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	3
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	0	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	2
Drug Complaint	0	Theft	3
Domestic Problem	1	Traffic Control	3
Escort	2	Traffic Warnings	2
Eviction	0	Traffic Citations	0
Extra Patrol	1	Trespassing	0
Fight	0	Threats/ Intimidation	0
Finger Printing	0	Vandalism	0
Fire	1	Vehicle Accident	15
General Information	31	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	0
Gun Permit	0	Vehicle Check	4
Harassment	2	Vehicle Lock Out	6
Hazardous/ Not Chemical	0	Warrant	0
Investigation	2	Weather Related Problems	1
Identity Theft	0	Welfare Check	13
Illegal Dumping	0	911 false calls	10
Intoxicated Person	1		0
Juvenile Incurrigible/Runaway	0		
Lines/ Poles Down	0		
Lost/ Stolen License Plate	0		
Mental Subject	0		

FERDINAND POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Complaint Type	Lloyd	Brian	Rob	Eric	Tom	Christian	Joshua	Kyle	Adam	Jay	Total
Mental Subject											0
Missing Person Adult/Child							1				1
Parking Violation				2							2
Property Lost/Found/Recovered						1	1				2
Protective/Restraining Order											0
Prowler											0
Report To Station				2							2
Return Messages	6	4	4	6	11		5				36
State Dispatch		2	3		6		6				17
Scam					1						1
School Check											0
Suicide/or a Suicidal person			1		1	1					3
Suspicious Person/Vehicle							2				2
Theft			1		1		1				3
Traffic Control	1	2									3
Traffic Warnings	1	1									2
Traffic Citations											0
Trespassing											0
Threats/ Intimidation											0
Vandalism											0
Vehicle Accident		1	1	7	2		4				15
Vehicle Accident Leaving The Scene											0
Vehicle Check	1	1		2							4
Vehicle Lock Out				2	2		2				6
Warrant											0
Weather Related Problems						1					1
Welfare Check	1		2	5		2	3				13
911 False Calls	1	1		2	2	4					10
											0
Total Calls	22	28	21	41	46	20	38	0	0	0	216
Miles Driven	475	240	615	1086	1086	649	1539				5690
Total Gallons	27	30	72	58.5	106.5	30	82.5				406.5
Average MPG	17.5926	8	8.5417	18.56	10.1972	21.63333	18.65455	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	14.00



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Also for the month of July, we applied for two grants for body cameras. Did EVO training for Spencer County and our department. Did physical tactics training, and attended Title VI training. As of **August 2nd** we have received one application for the open position. (Jailer / Reserve Deputy for the Perry County Sheriff's Department). We had two prior applications (Department of Corrections Officers) on file from the first of the year but those two were applying for reserve positions. They have not indicated if they would be interested in the full time opening. Plan on doing the written test and physical agility for these three on **August 14th** and will inquire if the other two are interested in our full-time position. If we get any additional applicants, we will do another testing later in the month. Any questions let me know. Thanks.

Lloyd O. Froman
Chief Ferdinand P.D.

UPDATE:

Chief Froman advised me on Friday August 13 of a very good candidate for the open full-time officer position, who came to his attention after his initial report was submitted. A gentleman by the name of Shawn Apps, currently works for the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department, saw the position posted on the ILEA website and reached out. He came in Thursday August 12 and passed his physical testing, and rates very high in the Chief's eyes. Shawn has already completed the Law Enforcement Academy, so we don't have to worry about getting him scheduled for that. Chief took him for a drive through Town after concluding testing and Shawn was very impressed with the look of the Town, with particular attention paid to 18th Street Park. Depending on how the candidates coming in on August 14 for written and physical testing, Chief asked me to inform council he may be asking for permission to hire a new officer at Tuesday's meeting.

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FERDINAND FIRE DEPT.

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2021 Summary of Incidents

	FIRE	EMR		TOTAL
JANUARY	7	4		11
FEBRUARY	10	11		21
MARCH	5	7		12
APRIL	5	12		17
MAY	9	14		23
JUNE	7	10		17
JULY	8	18		26
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER				
OCTOBER				
NOVEMBER				
DECEMBER				

On July 24th we had our Firemen's Ball, and want to thank everyone that came out and supported us. We had a great turnout. Our raffle winners were posted to our Facebook page and Ferdinand News published them.

Chase, Max, and Sabrina have passed the Mandatory part of their training, which includes basic firefighting skills and HAZMAT. Chase and Sabrina will move on to Firefighter 1&2 while Max has to take it next year due to his wedding and class conflict.

Comfort Inn problems were being fixed on the 11th and finished up the 12th.

Electric Department Report

August 17, 2021

- 2 unplanned outages
 - 5th street and Alabama caused by animal approx. 45 min
 - Wide spread outage on 15th caused by vines on a Center Point transmission line.
- Continuing with 4kv conversion on Missouri and 10th
- Replaced Scoreboard at 18th St. Park
- Pole changeouts
- Industrial bypass intersection lights are complete
- Discuss Hidden Meadows line relocate?



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Town Council Meeting

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Departmental Reports:

We did get a large number of street projects together and working with all other people involved, were able to meet the short timeline and did get the next round of CCMG applications in plenty of time for them to review.

Repaired some sink holes in the pavement caused by broken or separated storm pipe in the street or by inlets. We are currently working to repair a large problem area at the intersection of 17th and Missouri. On the west side of the street one problem we were able to address. It was a fitting that failed. However, we are still undecided how we are going to repair the major problem with the storm pipe running down Missouri street between 16th and 17th. It appears that when fiber optic was installed the pipe was damaged, possibly hit with a boring machine leaving 3 fiber lines laying across the damaged pipe. To add to the problem a couple feet from broken pipe another fiber company has lines encased in concrete and can't move around. Planned to maybe cap that pipe in the intersection cut across Missouri street and connect to the pipe we repaired on the west side of the street, thinking we could avoid some of the fiber lines especially the ones encased in concrete. At this point not sure we know there are fiber lines running down Missouri street but didn't think they were in concrete. According to the person locating the lines with his experience he thinks they would be. So with that being said, we are still not sure how we will proceed.

Last month I reported we had made repairs and did a system test on the non-potable sprinklers at 5th park and as of Wednesday afternoon [August 11th](#) was notified the water is on ready for use.

Monday [July 26th](#) Kendra and myself did do the annual retention pond inspections.

I am adding this request to my notes because I didn't hear from anyone one way or the other. Last month's meeting I requested that after the Parks officially close [November 1st](#) to [April 1st](#) the time Brian our seasonal employee is normally working during this period I would like for him to come in one day a week for a few hours mainly [Friday](#) to clean and stock the Park restrooms and empty trash containers that stay out open year round this would be a great especially now with the Old Lake addition. **I have spoken with Tom and noted approval was given, so all is good with this.**

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Town Council Meeting

Water Department;

Repair water leak at 131 East 24th Street

Leveling dirt at New Lake

Best Chairs Line between Mobel and Best Chairs, Removed service main to old sprinkler pit that was leaking

Working at Kersteins project with contractors locating our old main

All 3 Guys have started their Training and is going well

Non-Potable is on and we noted Monday and Tuesday we had rain 1.6 inches and the fields still used over 20,000 gallons of water. Some adjustment is needed. The holding tank for the non-potable leaks at a rate of 10,000 to 20,000 gallons per day due to bad concrete. The tank is 60 years old.

Wastewater Department;

Hauling sludge to 475 E Site

Cleaning problem manholes

Had Fire Department Generator repaired

Working with new employees on their CDL Training, working with Lloyd on driving course skills for the guys

Need permission to send Kyle and Clint to Bloomington September 1st for part of their training

Roger Schaefer
Water/Wastewater Superintendent

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PARKS DEPARTMENT TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

August 2021

General Park Report

- The park board met on August 11, 2021.
- The board invited the leaders of the various youth sports leagues to review their seasons and to prepare for any off-season improvements to the facilities.
- The board reviewed the ordinance to allow electronic participation. It was discussed and unanimously approved in the meeting it was presented.
- It was confirmed that there will not be a Rosenvolk Festival this fall in Ferdinand. Events will resume in 2022.
- Based on conversations after the meeting, it appears that as of Thursday, 8/12 the sprinklers were permitted through the efforts of the water department. The electric and property departments also assisted with testing and repair as well.
- There is no update yet on the 18th street park basketball court resurfacing. The installer is having sourcing issues with the surface material. Dates will be relayed once a schedule is finalized. The new surface will have both basketball and pickleball lines.
- The 18th street ball field scoreboard was replaced with a salvaged scoreboard provided to the park by the SE School Corporation. The board also voted to purchase a wireless receiver and wireless controller to allow for the used scoreboard to operate.

Park Cleaning & Sanitation

- Per the direction of the council, Pre-Covid cleaning procedures of shelter houses and restrooms began commencing this month again, with Tom's department doing the bulk of the clean-up.

Old Town Lake

- We are awaiting the water levels to raise to finish construction of the floating kayak dock. The parts have arrived.
- The entrance signage project—being constructed by Eagle Scout candidate Miles Welp—is expected to start this month. We are waiting on the sign which has been ordered.

Matthew Weyer
August 14, 2021



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TOWN MANAGER TALKING POINTS AUGUST 17, 2021 MEETING

1 – We are still awaiting word on our SWIF Grant Application. I received word that due to an “overwhelming number” of applications, the IFA had to delay its official award announcement to Friday August 27. Ideally, we would have received word on being approved or refused prior to the special ARPA Funds Use special meeting on August 23. This would have given us a clearer picture on potential uses, but this is unfortunately not going to be the case. As soon as word is received, approved or otherwise, I will inform council.

2 – I was chosen to be a member of a select “Siren Committee” made up of persons from those communities that have been experiencing intermittent emergency siren issues, for a variety of mechanical and other reasons, as well as members of EMA and 9-1-1 Dispatch. At our last gathering on August 9, it was proposed that a pair of lesser used frequencies be monitored, to see if siren traffic could be re-routed. After only two days, it became apparent this wouldn’t work, as both of these channels pick up heavy amounts of traffic from other regions. The group did decide to move the official start time of monthly siren testing from 6pm to 6:05pm and to do a “double tone”. It is hoped these two modifications will solve the issue

3 – As of today, we are one month and one day away from the 2021 Ferdinand Folk Festival and work is ongoing. The majority of vendor information packets have been sent out, but we are still receiving contacts from potential vendors, both new and previous, about getting into this year’s Fest. Even though the official application gives July 30 as the deadline, the hard date for submitting an application is Friday September 3. This will allow me time to process any late arriving documents and get word to those vendors. I am happy to announce we have several new vendors coming in this year and we hope to make their experience the best one possible, so they become recurring vendors. There are also

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some of our previous vendors who are not attending this year, for various reasons, but we will keep them in mind for the 2022 Folk Fest.

4 – The Dubois County Leadership Academy has now completed two sessions, with our most recent class, dealing with Business and Entrepreneurship, on August 11 at the Old National Bank building in Huntingburg. Many thanks to ONB, especially Kim Hagan and Nick Stevens, for not only providing the meeting space, but presenting for Old National. Amy Gehlhausen did double duty in her segment, as she spoke about the new Dubois County Chamber of Commerce, as well as her personal business- QualiCare. Our third session is on Government and will be Tuesday August 24th at the Jasper City Hall and Pfaffenweiler Room.

5 – I want to take a moment to thank our summer Park and Rec employees, for doing an excellent job this year. Denai Sicard and Grace Schuetter came in fresh to the program and were able to quickly grasp what was needed and how to get the children involved- especially with an off-year in 2020. Our numbers were down this year, in comparison to previous summers. I attribute that to a combination of factors, including some residual COVID-19 concerns as well as families finding other summer activities to fill the gap from not having a program last year. It is my expectation that the 2022 program will more closely resemble our past Park & Rec sessions, where we have one full session, instead of doing two separate groups. I am also looking forward to having both ladies return next year and build on what they accomplished!

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