

TOWN OF FERDINAND
REGULAR MEETING
September 18, 2018

The Ferdinand Town Council met for their regular meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 in the Town Hall. Present were President, Ken Sicard, Ron Weyer and Debbie Johnson, Council members and Town Attorney, Bill Shaneyfelt. The Budget Hearing started at 7:30 PM and no remonstrators were present. Debbie made a motion and Ron seconded the motion to close the budget hearing discussion. Motion carried 3-0. The budget advertised was \$3,193,371 and the maximum levy is \$803,290. The net assessed value for Ferdinand is \$100,584,405.

Lloyd Froman reported police calls for August and presented a report of department activity. Officer Seffernick is applying for grants for equipment for the department.

Fire Chief, John Hoppenjans reported 5 fire runs and 14 first responder runs in August. The department will be receiving a Grant from REC Operation Round Up for universal mutual aid connectors. The department has four new candidates: Anthony Forester, Max Rickelman, Sean Mehling and Winston Glenn. Josh Stentenagel has resigned from the department.

Steve gave the electric department report and reported one power outage. He requested a planned power outage for Sunday morning 4-7 AM. The department is working on the step-down substation.

Tom Lueken reported the Fall Clean Up will be Tuesday, October 9 on the West side, Wednesday, October 10 on the East side and Thursday, October 11 as needed. Tom discussed the Citizen Action on our website that allows citizens to request for town work orders. He requested clarification of the process. Ken requested that Chris James investigate the process and communicate to employees the procedures to follow. Tom reported receiving complaints about the road cut on 5th street that has not been repaired and the mud on 5th street being tracked by the large equipment. He will contact the general contractor to correct the issues.

Roger Schaefer gave a department report for wastewater and water. Three residents on 9th and Industrial Drive have requested being annexed and being hooked up to town sanitary sewer. In order to receive town services, the residents must become part of the town. Roger will compile preliminary costs to extend the sewer service and submit to Shaneyfelt for review. Shaneyfelt requested permission to take action necessary to begin the annexation process and extend sanitary sewer service to the property. Ron made a motion to approve the request. Debbie seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Roger requested all employees attend an Annual Safety Seminar on October 9 at 8 AM at Huntingburg Event Center. Ron made a motion to approve attendance. Debbie seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Schaefer announced there will be hydrant flushing during September 24-October 5, 9 AM-2 PM starting on 9th street going south. In the spring of 2019 they will flush hydrants on the North side of town. Residents should flush their lines before doing laundry and dishes as the water may be discolored.

At 8:00 PM Kerstiens Development, Inc. requested approval of the Ordinance 2018-11, An Ordinance Rezoning Certain Lands within the Jurisdictional Area of the Town of Ferdinand. The ordinance requests rezoning of 2300/2400 Industrial Park Road, Ferdinand from Agricultural (A-1) to (R-1) One and Two Family Residential consisting of 7.008 acres. After discussion, a motion to approve the Ordinance as presented was made by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-0.

Matt Weyer, Park Board President, gave a park update. Ken requested a cost estimate of lights at the 18th street park near the golf range area. There was discussion about renting lights on the day of the Folk Fest. Steve will gather cost estimates for lighting options.

Chris James gave an update of the Folk Fest held on September 15, 2018. He thanked the Town employees and fire department for their help with the event. The Folk Fest requested a transfer of \$1,000 to the Park Department to help cover the costs of use of the park, trash, utilities and labor. A motion was made by Debbie to transfer \$1,000 from the Folk Fest Fund to the Park Fund. The motion was seconded by Ron. Motion passed 3-0.

8:15 PM Ordinance 2018-10 Vacating Part of a Public Alley (Voegerl, Streicher and Hagemeyer property) was presented for approval. After discussion, a motion was made by Debbie to approve the Ordinance as presented, Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

There was discussion regarding the Kerstiens-Country Ridge Estates subdivision utilities. Schaefer presented estimated costs of the offsite material and installation for water and sanitary sewer. Shaneyfelt explained the town's position on sharing costs of getting utility service to the subdivision. The cost of installation and materials of water and sanitary sewer on the interior of the subdivision will be the responsibility of Kersteins. The estimated exterior sanitary sewer cost was presented as \$34,256; \$12,444 is Kersteins portion, \$21,812 is the Town portion. The estimated exterior water cost was presented as \$10,558; \$2,691 is Kersteins portion, \$7,867 is the Town portion. Shaneyfelt will draft an agreement to summarize the costs presented. Roger will apply for the appropriate permits. There was a motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie to approve the signing of the document when complete by Ken and Tamara. Motion passed 3-0. The bond required by the town would be for the entire amount of all

development costs with adjustments considered as payments are made to the Town by Kerstiens.

There was discussion regarding Kersteins Development's offer to add an additional 1 inch of road thickness in excess of the minimum town standards (from 3-4 inches) with a cost to the Ferdinand street department of approximately \$9,000. Lueken explained the extended life would justify the cost. Ron made a motion to approve the additional inch of pavement. It was seconded by Debbie. Motion passed 3-0. The \$9,000 would be deducted from the payment from Kersteins to the Town Utility Departments for the Kersteins portion of the sewer/water exterior installation costs. The street department would reimburse the utilities for the \$9,000 cost.

Roger reported the wastewater phosphorus project is complete including all punch list items. US Rural Development has made the final disbursement. All bills have been paid and the Sewer Construction bank account will be closed.

There was discussion regarding the sale of the fire truck. John will advertise the truck through the Indiana Volunteer Fire Association.

Matt Weyer gave an update of the Old Town Lake project. The base bid is being modified to include additional paving of parts of the trail as required by IDEM. They are working to refine the cost estimates and getting required permits.

Tom Lueken gave an update of the W. 23rd Street project. He reported the project was substantially complete and presented a change order for \$17,640.75. These costs were unforeseeable and necessary. A motion was made by Ron to allow Ken to sign off on the change order. The motion was seconded by Debbie. Motion passed 3-0.

Roger and Becher reported on the Sisters project. Ron stated the back-up transformer should be shipping this week. Ken is working on the Old Town Lake Dam ER & Maintenance Plan.

Debbie Johnson reported the Dr. Thomas building located 202 E. 3rd street is currently for sale. There was discussion about town use of the building by the ambulatory service and fire department as it is located on the same block as the fire station. She requested permission to take all action necessary to secure 2 appraisals. Resolution 2018-05, A Resolution stating that the Town Ferdinand is interested in purchasing land located at 202 E. 3rd Street, "Thomas Property", was presented for approval. Ron made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Ken seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Chris James is working to complete the Title VI Implementation plan. There will be a special meeting to adopt the Plan when complete, time and date to be determined.

Tom Lueken presented the Community Crossing Commitment Letter related to four paving projects: (1) Scenic Hills Industrial Drive/Scenic Hills Drive (2) 21st Street (Northview Drive to Vienna

Drive) (3) 20th Street (Northview Drive to Vienna Drive) (4) Krampe Drive (20th St to 22nd Street). If the grant application is approved, the State would fund 75% of the project cost and the remaining 25% would be paid by the Town. A motion was made to allow Ken to sign the letter. The motion was made by Ron and seconded by Debbie to approve signing of the commitment letter. Motion passed 3-0.

Debbie reported the Health Insurance Committee has met and the employees are completing forms on Formfire. The committee is looking into viable coverage options.

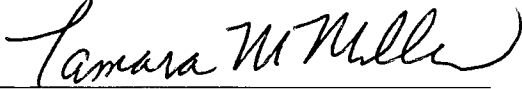
Minutes of the August 14, 2018 meeting were approved on motion by Debbie and seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Regular claims in the amounts of \$214,264.35 and \$919,799.85 were approved to pay on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried to pay regular claims 3-0.

The council will meet in regular session on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 7:30 PM. The Budget Adoption Meeting will be October 9, 2018 at 7:30 PM. The meeting of Economic Development Commission will be on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 6:00 PM. The Park Board will meet on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 4:30 PM. The Zoning Board and the Plan Commission will not meet at in September. There may be a special meeting of the Town Council prior to the October regular meeting, time and date TBA.

As there was no further business to discuss, Ron made a motion to adjourn and Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM.

ATTEST:



Clerk-Treasurer

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL

