

TOWN OF FERDINAND
REGULAR MEETING

October 18, 2022

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, in the Ferdinand Town Hall. Present were Council President, Ken Sicard; Council Member, Ron Weyer; Town Attorney, Sharon Bohnenkemper and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Kayla Hoffman.

Ron moved to approve the Minutes of the September 20, 2022 Council Meeting. Ken seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Department head reports (attached) were distributed to the Council prior to the meeting.

Kerri Blessinger, Police Chief, reported for the department reviewing the items in her department report.

John Hoppenjans, Fire Chief, recognized Melvin Daunhauer, a 25-year member of the fire department for his service from 1973-1998 as he recently passed away.

Todd Fischer, Electric Superintendent, asked for Council approval to extend a conditional offer of employment to Mitch Konerding for the Electric Lineman position. Mitch has a two-year degree in Electrical Line Technology. Ron moved to approve Ordinance 2022-33, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2021-22 Regarding Salaries, Compensation and Wages for Elected Officials, Appointees and Employees, at the meeting it was introduced. The ordinance also approves the wage for Scott Hoffman to move from the Street Department to the Water/Wastewater Department. Scott Hoffman's start date with the Water/Wastewater Department will be October 21, 2022 with compensation of \$23.00 per hour based on a 40-hour work week. Mitch Konerding will start on November 1, 2022 contingent on passing the drug screening with an hourly rate of \$26.50 per hour based on a 40-hour work week. After obtaining his CDL, his pay will increase by \$0.50. Ken seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Ken moved to allow Chris James, Town Manager, to advertise for the open position in the Property & Street Department. Ron seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Ken moved to allow Ben Brinkman, Water/Wastewater Superintendent to advertise for an open position in the December-January time frame due to the potential retirement of Steve Lechner. Ron seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Brinkman stated that the Water/Wastewater Department should have their work completed on the Old Town Lake Restroom Building soon.

Mike Steffe stated that the 2023 Heartland Half Marathon will take place in Ferdinand on September 16, 2023. The route has not been established yet. Ron moved to approve the route for the 2022 Monster Dash 5K. Currently there are 160 participants signed up. Police Chief Blessinger is working on the safety plan for the event. Ken seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

James requested permission to start the search for a replacement vehicle as the Taurus was totaled in an accident. Ron inquired as to the use of the Jeep Compass as a replacement since it is rarely used by the town office staff. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

Brinkman is working with John Wetzel with Midwestern Engineers on the non-potable water permit renewal. This should be completed by the end of the year.

Sicard stated the Town of Ferdinand will continue to follow CDC guidelines, but will remove the emergency order until further notice.

Sicard is working on getting in touch with a potential new member of the Economic Development Commission.

Hoffman gave an update on the outstanding utility accounts receivables, stating the balance continues to show improvement. Tri-cap assistance has been posted to accounts. There may be assistance to those who qualify from the IHEDA using a link on the Town's website and customers may also call 211 for assistance.

Lueken stated that Calcar has completed the CCMG 2021-02 and CCMG 2022-01 road projects except for 3rd street which will be completed in the spring of 2023. We are waiting for the notice of awards for CCMG 2022-02. Lueken stated the 330 Maryland Street parking lot is complete.

Bohnenkemper provided the Council with resolutions on the implementation of premium pay to use a portion of the ARPA funds for current employees who worked during the Covid-19 pandemic. The Council will review and address this at a future meeting.

Ken moved to accept Ridgeway Court and Second Street into the Town of Ferdinand's street inventory. Lueken stated both streets are up to town standards. Ron seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Hoffman stated the London Witte Group rate study is underway. All requested information has been submitted and we are hoping to hear back from them by November 1, 2022. Water is the first priority due to the Patoka rate increase taking place on January 1, 2023. We will be utilizing a tracker in our new rate ordinance to automatically increase our rate if Patoka increases their rate.

Ron moved to approve Resolution 2022-07, a Resolution Approving Title VI Coordinator's Implementation Plan for 2023 and 2024. Ken seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-34, An Ordinance Adopting New Mapping as the Official Town of Ferdinand Zoning Map and Adopting Other Mapping at the meeting it was introduced. Ken seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

The UTV ordinance was tabled.

Ron moved to approve Ordinance 2022-35, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 10.01 of the Ferdinand Municipal Code to Provide for Lateral Inspections requiring a lateral inspection to be completed prior to a home changing ownership, at the meeting it was introduced. This will benefit the Town by finding defects that could potentially cause harm to citizens, help with INI issues, and find excess overflow issues. Ken seconded. Motion carried 2-0. Bohnenkemper will notify local realtors and lenders.

Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-36, An Ordinance Creating Special Funds for Receipting Opioid Settlement Monies. Fund 2256 can be used as the Town chooses. Fund 2257 must be used for treatment, education, and prevention programs as directed by the Town of Ferdinand at the meeting it was introduced. Ken seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-37, An Ordinance Establishing and Adopting Default Standards for Commercial Solar Energy Systems, at the meeting it was introduced. Bohnenkemper stated this ordinance follows State guidelines. Ken seconded. Motioned carried 2-0.

Council considered Trick or Treating hours for this year. Ken moved to allow Halloween Trick or Treating during the hours of 5 PM-7 PM on Monday, October 31, 2022. Ron seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-38, an Ordinance Amending Ferdinand Municipal Code Chapter 5.04 Governing Control and Regulation of Animals, at the meeting it was introduced. This ordinance puts more regulations on nuisance and dangerous animals. Ken seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Ken moved for the Town of Ferdinand to sign up for Knowbe4 program with the Indiana Office of Technology. This program will train town employees who have access to a computer at the Town of Ferdinand to learn more about cyber security. Ron seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Ken moved to reschedule the December Town Council meeting to Tuesday, December 20, 2022. Ron seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Bohnenkemper stated that Debbie Johnson would like to announce that the Community Christmas Party will take place at the Mobil Room on December 5, 2022. More details will be relayed at the next Town Council Meeting.

Bohnenkemper requested a time slot for a Text Amendment to be heard at the November 15, 2022 Town Council Meeting. It will be at 6:45 PM.

Ron moved to pay regular claims. Ken seconded. Motioned carried 2-0.

Brinkman announced that starting Monday, water main work will take place between 7 AM-3:30 PM on East 3rd St. between Main St. and Maryland St. and the intersection of East 3rd St. and Illinois St. will be closed while repairs are being made on October 24th-25th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	November 15, 2022 at 6:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	October 26, 2022 at 6:30 PM-Cancelled
Plan Commission	Wednesday	October 26, 2022 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	November 9, 2022 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Comm.	Monday	October 24, 2022 at 6:00 PM

As there was no further business to discuss, Ron moved to adjourn. Ken seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.


ATTEST:


FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL



Clerk-Treasurer









Ferdinand Est. 1905

Police Department

243 West 10th Street Ferdinand, Indiana 47532

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

Chief of Police: Kerri Blessinger

Assistant Chief: Christian Gogel

The Ferdinand Police Department had our open house on September 29, 2022. It was a successful night with approximately 100 people attending.

1. Officer Training

The class that was previously approved for Rob Randle was cancelled due to enrollment. I am currently seeking an alternative.

2. Car Radios

Radios for the cars are ordered and will be installed as they arrive. We ordered lights for the Ford Edge. They will also be installed as they arrive.

3. We are currently in the process of beginning departmental inventory and an evidence audit.

4. The Ferdinand Police Department has participated in two evacuation drills for Forest Park and Ferdinand Elementary. They were very successful. We are working with Erik Hopkins with building additional drills and building knowledge regarding our schools. This will be on-going working relationship.

5. I recently spoke with Rick Allen in regard to the Christkindlmarkt. I am preparing a safety plan for the town regarding emergency services. I will also be attending a meeting at the end of October to play an active role and gain additional knowledge of the traffic issues.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerri Blessinger, Chief of Police

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Total Calls For Service	204	Calls For Service Report September 2022	
			
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm	5	Missing Person Adult/Child	1
Animal Complaint	7	Parking Violation	0
Assist Other Agency	13	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	3
Battery/ Assault	0	Protective/Restraining Order	1
Burglary (attempted)	0	Prowler (report of)	0
Burning Complaint	0	Report to Station	3
Child Abuse/Neglect	0	Return Messages	25
Civil Matter /Dispute	4	State Dispatch	27
Citizen Assist	0	Scam	0
Debris in Roadway	0	Security Check	4
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	3	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	1
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	2	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	13
Drug Complaint	2	Theft	1
Domestic Problem	0	Traffic Control	5
Escort	3	Traffic Warnings	38
Eviction	0	Traffic Citations	2
Extra Patrol	5	Trespassing	0
Fight	0	Threats/ Intimidation	0
Finger Printing	0	Vandalism	1
Fire	1	Vehicle Accident	10
General Information	17	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	0
Gun Permit	0	Vehicle Check	0
Harassment	0	Vehicle Lock Out	4
Hazardous/ Not Chemical	1	Warrant	0
Investigation	2	Weather Related Problems	0
Identity Theft	0	Welfare Check	2
Illegal Dumping	0	911 false calls	1
Intoxicated Person	3		0
Juvenile Incurrigible/Runaway	1		
Lines/ Poles Down	0		
Lost/ Stolen License Plate	1		
Mental Subject	0		



FERDINAND FIRE DEPT.

221 E. Fourth St. P.O. Box 31

Ferdinand, IN 47532

2022 Summary of Incidents

	FIRE	EMR		TOTAL
JANUARY	2	12		14
FEBRUARY	4	7		11
MARCH	5	8		13
APRIL	2	11		13
MAY	5	6		11
JUNE	4	12		16
JULY	5	12		17
AUGUST	1	7		8
SEPTEMBER	5	11		16
OCTOBER				
NOVEMBER				
DECEMBER				

Our annual pump testing was held and all pumps passed testing.

Would like to recognize Melvin Daunhauer, 25 year member of the department serving from 1973-1998, and his recent passing.

Electric Department Report

Oct 18, 2022

- 2 unplanned outages
 - Tree on 13th street, 20 customers for 30 min
 - Truck hit line on 1st street, 5 customers for 4 hours
- Pole change outs
 - East side of main street area
- Steve and Todd attended IMEA conference
- Main street lighting from 18th to 13th
 - Lights up and on, removing old poles and lights
 - Prepping for Christmas decoration installation



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Town Council Meeting

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Completed the 330 Maryland-Parking Lot

Repaired a storm inlet and replaced one.

Completed our Towns fall cleanup.

Continued the process of replacing the faded street signs.

Working on a drainage issue on Virginia Street between 3rd and 4th.

Getting equipment ready for curb side leaf pick up.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

CCMG update 2021-02 the paving projects are completed with the exception of 3rd it's on hold for now.

CCMG 2022-02 Projects have been submitted.

330 Maryland House- parking lot update completed can be removed from agenda.

Country Ridge Estates needed repairs have been made October 6th and inspected and approved Friday [October 7th, 2022](#).

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Water:

1 Water leaks this month totaling 1,000 gals lost
October 10th 802 23rd street

Permission to buy supplies to go with order from Utility Supply for \$35,308.49

Road cutting Started on the 13th for 3rd street project and will continue for the next week.
Excavation will start the 24th of October

Capital Improvement sent in to Tammy on Oct 20th

Wastewater:

Asking for Sewer Lateral Inspection Ordinance approval

Plant Operations

Monthly flow 8.727 million gallons
42% Plant Capacity
Solids sent out average 2mg/l per day

UV lights will be pulled from the plant outfall after Nov 1st

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In a separate note,

Request to hire Scott Hoffman as the new Water/Wastewater apprentice.

Education:

Clint and Kyle's Classes will be starting up again the first week of November.

Open Position:

Asking to continue to put adds out on open position for the open position planned towards the end of the year.

Post position as apprentice

Ben Brinkman
Water/Wastewater Superintendent

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PARKS DEPARTMENT TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

October 2022

General Park Report

- The park board met on October 12th at the Ferdinand Town Hall.
- The board is working on several offseason projects at the parks. More information to follow in coming months.
- 5th Street Park
 - The board approved the planting of trees along the north-south service road at the MasterBrand Complex. Trees will be planted in November pending weather.
- 18th Street Park
 - There has been some significant intentional damage on the pickleball/basketball court surface. We are attempting to work with the installer to see if it can be repaired.
- Old Town Lake
 - The restroom and storage building is wrapping up. The board granted substantial completion to Seufert Construction on October 11th. We are awaiting some hardware for one of the restroom doors. Additionally, the town will be hooking up the sewer and water soon. Following that hookup, the restroom facilities will be opened.

Matthew Weyer
October 16, 2022



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TOWN MANAGER TALKING POINTS FOR OCTOBER 18, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING

1 – I am in my 3rd year as the IMMA’s Southern District representative. Due to COVID concerns the previous two years, we have been limited in face-to-face gatherings. Now that things are a little more relaxed, I am going to be hosting a meeting of Town & City Managers October 21 or 28th at St. Benedict’s Brew Works. Those who are able to attend will be able to share successes and challenges they are experiencing in their communities and be able to brainstorm possible solutions that can be shared with the group. It should be a fun and informative day.

2 – The annual AIM Idea Summit is quickly approaching, November 2-4, in French Lick and the agenda is filled with topics that are pertinent for Ferdinand, including sessions on housing, cyber-security and ARPA funding, to name just a few. I will be taking part in the IMMA’s quarterly board meeting on November 3 along with many other sessions. The Idea Summit has continued to grow and expand these last few years, to the point French Lick is one of the few sites in the state that can host all the sessions and participants in one location.

3 – Ken and I attended the most recent Dubois Strong board meeting on October 13. Along with an interesting presentation from representatives of the SW Indiana Workforce Board and the work they do, Ed Cole revealed that Dubois Strong and ROI are going to be partnering for a new housing study in 2023. The previous study proved to be an eye-opener for all parties involved as it helped to re-shape the scope and

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manner of approach, from a “build it and they will come” mode to a more targeted “fill in these gaps first, then expand” model. ROI’s focus with this new study will be at a county level, while Dubois Strong hopes to partner with RDG in an effort to get municipal level information- which is the most important to us.

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