

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

October 20, 2020

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, October 20, 2020, in the Ferdinand Community Center. Present were Council President, Ken Sicard; Vice-President, Debbie Johnson; Council Member, Ron Weyer; Clerk-Treasurer, Tamara Miller; and Town Attorney, Sharon Bohnenkemper.

Debbie moved to approve the Minutes of the September 15, 2020, and September 29, 2020 meetings. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Schaefer reported the standpipe water tower SCADA system is now fully automated and communicating with the second tower.

Matt Weyer thanked all who attended the grand opening at the Old Town Lake. The trail is very popular and be utilized by many residents.

Sicard stated that Dubois County is currently "Orange". Ken stated he would like to extend the current Emergency Order for another month, until the next Council meeting. Ron moved to approve. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard shared concerns expressed by residents related to the proposed parking ordinance. The ordinance aims to limit parking to one side of a street in certain residential areas to allow emergency vehicles safe passage. The Council received advice from the public, its Police Chief and Fire Chief and its Property and Street Department Superintendent, with respect to the need for ample room for emergency and municipal vehicles. Ron moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-14, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.06 of the Ferdinand Municipal Code Regarding Traffic Regulations at the meeting it was introduced. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Those streets are:

On the West side of Kimberly Court
On the South side of Caesars Court
On the West side of Ridgeway Court
On the North side of Ridgeway Court
On the West side of Robin Drive
On the South side of Cardinal Drive
On the South side of Meadowlark Lane

Debbie moved to approve Resolution 2020-08, A Resolution to Reduce Current Year's Budget for Local Road and Street by \$2,000 in order to provide funding for the 2021 budget. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper stated the 2000 Altec TA40 Electric Truck is now available for sale. Debbie moved to approve the sale of the 2000 Altec Electric Truck and the advertisement of the Notice of Sale. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Bids will be accepted at the Town Hall through the end of business on Monday, November 16, 2020. Bids will be opened on November 17, 2020, at 8:00 PM.

Johnson reported the town employees have completed the FormFire questionnaire and we are waiting for 2021 health insurance rates from our broker.

Sicard stated Halloween Trick or Treating, only to those homes with a porch light on, will be during the hours of 5 PM – 7 PM on Saturday, October 31, 2020.

James stated the town received one quote for a backhoe from ERB Equipment, Evansville at the September 15, 2020 council meeting. The updated quote for a John Deere 310SL backhoe loader with an extended warranty was \$92,833.19. The trade-in value of the 1997 John Deere 310SE loader backhoe was \$13,000. Net cost after trade-in was \$79,833.19 which was actually less than the quote received. James requested permission to purchase the backhoe from ERB Equipment. Debbie moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Miller requested Sicard be permitted to sign the financial commitment letter for \$93,844.14 for a Community Crossing Grant application. Ron moved to approve the request. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Town was allocated \$72,446 from the Cares Act. Miller will apply for reimbursement for the full amount using police payroll since March 1. Debbie moved to approve Resolution 2020-09, Resolution to Provide for Reimbursement of Public Health and Public Safety Payroll Costs with CARES Act Funding. The Town has established a CARES Act Grant Fund. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 8:00 PM, Debbie moved to close the acceptance of bids for the Town Hall Exterior Renovation. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The first bid was from Lindsey's Construction from French Lick. The Base Bid was \$79,669 with an Alternate Bid-1 was \$5,642; Alternate Bid-2 was \$3,324; for a total of \$88,635. The second bid was from Seufert Construction. The Base Bid was \$75,000; Alternate Bid-1 was \$6,770; Alternate Bid-2 was \$3,420; for a total of \$85,190. Ron moved to take the bids under advisement. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard, Bohnenkemper, James, Miller, Lueken, and Brett Schipp will meet Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 9:00 AM at the Town Hall to review the bids. Sicard stated there will be a Special Meeting to award the contract on Friday morning, October 23, 2020, at 8:00 AM at the Town Hall.

At 8:15 PM, Bohnenkemper stated the petitioner requested the Tax Abatement be postponed. Debbie moved to re-schedule the hearing to November 17, 2020, at 8:15 PM. Ron seconded. Motion

carried 3-0.

James met with Mark Miller, representing SITCO Internet and it was determined that SITCO will bore underground and therefore the request for pole attachments has been withdrawn.

Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2020-15, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.08 of the Ferdinand Municipal Code Regarding Designated Stop Streets. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

John Hoppenjans, Fire Chief reported the Fire Department has been responding to increasing false alarms representing nearly 25% of the total runs this year. Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2020-16, An Ordinance Creating Chapter 4.15 of Ferdinand Municipal Code Regarding Faulty Hotel and Motel Smoke Alarms and Fire Alarms and Malfunctioning Alarm Systems at the meeting it was introduced. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ken moved to distribute the employee handbook to the department heads for review. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie stated the electric department has requested an additional employee. She acknowledged the need and requested the council consider the request.

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

The following announcements were read:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Town Council Special Meeting	Friday	October 23, 2020 at 8:00 AM (Town Hall)
Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	November 17, 2020 at 7:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	October 28, 2020 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	October 28, 2020 at 7:00 PM Cancelled
Park Board	Wednesday	November 11, 2020 at 4:30 PM (Veterans Day)
Economic Development Comm.	Monday	November 16, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Debbie moved to adjourn. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL

Tamara M Miller
Clerk-Treasurer

Ken Secord
Ron W. J.
Debbie Johnson

Ferdinand Police Department

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Chief of Police: Lloyd Froman

Assistant Chief: Brian Seffernick

Total Calls For Service		<div style="text-align: center;"> Calls For Service Report September 2020  </div>	
Miles Driven	255		
Total Gallons	4640		
Average MPG	436.3		
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm	21	Missing Person Adult/Child	0
Animal Complaint	3	Parking Violation	3
Assist Other Agency	15	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	3
Battery/ Assault	0	Protective/Restraining Order	0
Burglary (attempted)	0	Prowler (report of)	0
Burning Complaint	0	Report to Station	2
Child Abuse/Neglect	0	Return Messages	40
Civil Matter /Dispute	2	State Dispatch	17
Citizen Assist	0	Scam	1
Debris in Roadway	0	Security Check	0
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	3	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	1
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	2	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	9
Drug Complaint	0	Theft	6
Domestic Problem	5	Traffic Control	16
Escort	6	Traffic Warnings	24
Eviction	0	Traffic Citations	2
Extra Patrol	0	Trespassing	0
Fight	0	Threats/ Intimidation	1
Finger Printing	0	Vandalism	0
Fire	0	Vehicle Accident	14
General Information	30	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	0
Gun Permit	0	Vehicle Check	1
Harassment	0	Vehicle Lock Out	12
Hazardous/ Not Chemical	0	Warrant	2
Investigation	3	Weather Related Problems	0
Identity Theft	0	Welfare Check	7
Illegal Dumping	0	911 false calls	1
Intoxicated Person	0		0
Juvenile Incurrigible/Runaway	3		
Lines/ Poles Down	0		
Lost/ Stolen License Plate	0		
Mental Subject	0		

FERDINAND POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Complaint Type	Lloyd	Brian	Ted	Rob	Eric	Tom	Christian	Joshua	Kyle	Seth	Scott	Jay	Adam	Total
Mental Subject														0
Missing Person Adult/Child														0
Parking Violation		1	1	1										3
Property Lost/Found/Recovered			3											3
Protective/Restraining Order														0
Prowler														0
Report To Station	1	1												2
Return Messages	6	14	10	3	3	3	1							40
State Dispatch		5	3	3		3	3							17
Scam			1											1
School Check														0
Suicide/or a Suicidal person		1												1
Suspicious Person/Vehicle				3	1	3	2							9
Theft		2	2		2									6
Traffic Control	1	5	6	1	3									16
Traffic Warnings	3	2	1	4	2	11	1							24
Traffic Citations				1		1								2
Trespassing														0
Threats/ Intimidation			1											1
Vandalism														0
Vehicle Accident		2	3	2	4	2	1							14
Vehicle Accident Leaving The Scene														0
Vehicle Check		1												1
Vehicle Lock Out	1	4	1	2	1	2	1							12
Warrant	1	1												2
Weather Related Problems														0
Welfare Check	1	1	2	1	1		1							7
911 False Calls		1												1
														0
Total Calls	25	56	53	35	27	34	20	2	3	0	0	0	0	255
Miles Driven	393	460	890	650	483	932	677	155						4640
Total Gallons	17	34.5	86.5	72.1	34.5	112	69.7	10						436.3
Average MPG	23.1176	13.333	10.289	9.015	14	8.321429	9.713056	15.5	#VALUE!	#VALUE!				10.63



FERDINAND FIRE DEPT.

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

Ferdinand, IN 47532

2020 Summary of Incidents

	FIRE	EMR		TOTAL
JANUARY	3	13		16
FEBRUARY	2	6		8
MARCH	2	6		8
APRIL	4	5		9
MAY	3	7		10
JUNE	7	8		15
JULY	8	8		16
AUGUST	10	12		22
SEPTEMBER	12	9		21
OCTOBER				
NOVEMBER				
DECEMBER				

Applications for a position will be taken till October 30th, 2020. Applications can be picked up and returned at the Town Hall.

I'm currently in talks with the State Fire Marshal's office about what can be done with the Comfort Inn and the calls about steam setting off the fire alarm system.

We did our road side clean up on State Rd 264. Probably the most trash we ever picked up.

2019

Column1	Column2	Column3
Date	Cause of alarm	# of per
January		
22	Rm 202 Vaping	18
February		
March		
April		
26	Rm 102 steam	6
May		
June		
1	burned popcorn	6
3	Rm 229 n/a	8
19	Rm 224 dust in detector	10
July		
5	Rm 224 steam	10
26	Rm 223 vape	12
27	Rm 106 vape	13
August		
11	Rm 314 n/a	7
September		
27	Rm 207 No occ	7
October		
2	Rm 310 vape	6
12	Rm 312 n/a	9
November		
December		
28	Rm 105 burned food in micro	

2020

Column1	Column2	Column3
Date	Cause of alarm	# of Per
January		
February		
29	Room 102 steam	8
March		
2	Smoking in Rm. 218	13
22	Smoke Detector in stairwell	11
April		
May		
June		
2	Rm 102 aerosol spray	19
6	Rm 102 candle blown out	10
26	Rm 106 n/a	6
29	Kitchen stove smoking	6
July		
13	Rm 312 water in head	8
24	Rm 219 smoking a joint	4
30	Rm 307 candle blown out	4
August		
2	Rm 325 water in head	11
3	Rm 102 steam	4
9	Rm 321 Burnt popcorn	10
11	Rm 107 steam	9
27	Rm 104 steam	10
September		
2	Rm 102 steam	6
2	Rm 301 water in head	8
6	Rm 202 steam	8
11	Rm 102 steam	15
12	Rm 202 steam	9

17	Rm 202 steam	8
21	Rm 102 steam	11
22	Rm 102 steam	
October		
10	Rm 102 steam	6
12	Rm 102 steam	4
13	Rm 102 steam	4



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Electric department report Oct. 20 meeting

1 outage

Customer cut tree and knocked lines down and pole to a neighboring home. One customer out for an hour

Finished work on main st lighting project from doctors office north to

3rd st 14 lights total

Replaced corner pole at 9th and trailer court

Took delivery on new truck 7 stocked bins and made ready for service

Will be a much needed replacement to the fleet



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Need for a fourth lineman in Electric dept.

- Have a qualified second crew for ongoing 4kv conversions and storm trouble to save money on sub crews
 - Provide for more Availability for on call rotation
- More available after hours help to prevent a single lineman from working energized conditions alone
- Continue to be able to assist other dept. in times of emergency
- Don't have to spend the time and resources to train an apprentice and risk turnover
- Ability to provide mutual aid to other municipalities and still have coverage for the town system
- Potential housing development and business growth on south side a fourth lineman will help to keep work in house



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Departmental Report

Reworked the flow line and added some drainage pipe fingers to try dry up soft areas caused by neighbors drain tile in the retention pond at State Road 264 and Robin Drive. By doing this, it should be much easier to mow and maintain, also looks a lot better after mowing.

Curb side leaf pick up is now in full swing until further notice.

Worked on seeding and straw matted the sewer drain and water line replaced areas at the 18th street park.

Keeping the yard waste and tree limbs hauled off as needed.

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Water:

Patoke and us have been working on water flows at new Water Pit

Patoke had 4 leaks along 14th Street this is a 14" water main. Bad soils are the cause.

Finished repairing and seeding in yards from various water issues

The water Audit is finished and waiting on Midwestern Engineering to finish their part of the Audit. All went very well and a Big Thanks to Kendra, Tammara for all the help in completing.

Replacing water meters and check valves in system as needed

Lead and Copper results are in and all went well, only had 1 home with higher than normal results its due to the age of their pipes and amount of water they use that caused the higher numbers.

Wastewater:

Work on plant Maintenance prep for winter mode

Made several sewer taps at Kersteins development

We are servicing all Lift Stations and getting ready for Old Man Winter

Went to Evansvill to look at Backhoe



PARKS TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

October Report

General Park Report

- The park board met on October 14 2020.
- Per the Dubois County Health Department, any event or league is required to submit a COVID response plan for the upcoming events. Mike Steffe has been working with those partners to help them submit a plan.
- The park department has been working on several items including diagnosing a potential water leak near the MBCI Football field. They resolved the issue but will keep an eye on it moving forward.
- Jenna Steltenpohl with the Ferdinand Branch Library presented a request to host a temporary StoryWalk program along the Ferdinand 18th St Park walking Trail for the second time this year. The board approved the park's use for this program beginning Monday 10/19 and lasting approximately 2-3 weeks.
- There are no softball or baseball tournies planned for the fall.

Park Cleaning & Sanitation

- The parks are following the State's Back on Track standards and directives.
- Cleaning Concepts has been cleaning the shelters and restrooms on a daily basis. As we begin to winterize the park in the coming months, cleaning service and santization can be minimized to only those facilities that remain open.

Old Town Lake

- Remaining work at the park includes installing bird netting in the pump house as well as painting the bollards. Parts are now in for the netting and will be installed soon.
- The Town held a grand opening / ribbon cutting on September 26th. We would like to thank all of those residents that attended the events of the day.
- The board is currently working out what scope of work we can begin to work on this winter
- The park is working on phase 2 fundraising. More information will be posted on the town's website for those interested in donating to the cause.

Matthew Weyer
October 19, 2020



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TOWN MANAGER TALKING POINTS FOR OCTOBER 20, 2020 MEETING

1 – The 2020 edition of the Dubois County Leadership Academy is rapidly drawing to a conclusion. Session #5 was held October 14 in the Universal Design Annex building. The discussions centered on philanthropy and non-profit entities, and how joining one or more of these groups is another way to give back or be involved in your community- without having to run for public office. Many thanks to our speakers in this and all of our sessions! Our graduation ceremony/Capstone Project presentation event is going to be held at 6pm on Thursday November 12 in the Ferdinand Community Center. The two teams will present their Capstone Projects and who will benefit from those projects. Both groups have been putting in quite a bit of time- socially distanced for the most part- to finalize their work.

2 – Ken and I sat in on 2 ½ days of virtual sessions as part of the 2020 AIM Ideas Summit. Although it lacked the normal atmosphere of previous years' events, there were still some good presentations offered. A big thank you to the AIM staff for putting together a fairly comprehensive program in these trying conditions. Very much looking forward to the 2021 session, which will hopefully be in person, at a still undetermined location.

3 – An updated billboard message is going up this week at our double-board location on I-64, wishing Happy Thanksgiving from the Town of Ferdinand. A similarly themed board will go up in later November for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. These messages are going up as replacements for the Folk Festival and Christkindlmarkt boards due to their cancellations. In addition, Lamar is providing- at no cost- an additional board on State Road 162 in the Maltersville area promoting Ferdinand. It is the same board that is on the left side of our interstate boards, minus the “next exit” language.

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