

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

March 21, 2019

The Ferdinand Town met for their regular meeting at 7:30 PM on Thursday, March 21, 2019 in the Town Hall. Present were President, Ken Sicard, Debbie Johnson, Vice-President and Ron Weyer, Council member, Tamara Miller, Clerk-Treasurer and Town Attorney, Sharon Bohnenkemper. Ron moved approved the Minutes of the February 19, 2019 and February 22, 2019 meetings. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Froman reported February police activity. He is reviewing applications for open reserve officer positions. He requested permission to hire Christian Gogel as a fulltime patrolman upon completion of the drug test at \$21.50 per hour plus \$1.00 per hour while on full-time night shift duty with a start date of April 1, 2019. Ron moved to approve the request. Deb seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

John Hoppenjans reported the fire department had three fire runs and six first responder calls in February. The department will hold a drug take back day at fire station #1 on April 27th from 10 AM – noon.

Steve Becher reported on the electric department. He submitted cost estimates for a new bucket truck noting a projected lead time of 300 days.

Tom Lueken reported the street department is replacing street signs, servicing and cleaning equipment and rotating the salt inventory.

Roger Schaefer gave the water and sewer department reports. He is completing the IDEM requirements for permits. He turned on the water at the Trilogy complex. He requested Ryan and Colin attend the WTH Technology's User training Conference at Ft. Harrison State Park Inn on May 2 & 3rd at a cost of \$100 each, room, travel and meals. Deb moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Matt Weyer gave a park report stating minor repairs are being made to fields as leagues are beginning their season. The Park Board is looking at redoing their major leases in 2020. Minor vandalism at the 5th street park continues. Police are increasing their presence in the area. Restrooms are open in both parks.

James reported the Dubois County Leadership Academy application deadline is March 27. A claim has been submitted to Erie insurance to cover damage caused in the semi accident at the County Plaza. The Cintas contract was finalized to provide uniforms service beginning mid-April. He thanked Sitex for their past service. IDEM is addressing the muddy road issues on East 5th Street. Multiple previous efforts to

informally obtain compliance have been to no avail. Ron moved that Bohnenkemper send letter to general contractor. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

James requested permission to attend the IMMA conference in Plainfield May 1-3 at a cost of \$150, 2 nights stay, meals and transportation. Deb moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried. 3-0.

Ken Sicard appointed Roger Corley to the Ferdinand Economic Development Commission. His term will expire 2-1-2020.

Matt Weyer reported the bids for the Old Town Lake project have been reviewed by the Park Board. He requested permission for the Park to accept the lowest base bid of \$435,100 from Seufert Construction. Deb moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The trail clearing will be done by PMG Landscaping prior to March 31.

Becher reported he is completing testing on the surplus electric equipment in order to liquidate it.

Ron Weyer reported we received one bid for the construction of the electrical substation. The Power Construction Group bid was \$583,400. After review by Alpha Engineering, Becher and Weyer, he requested the Council accept the bid. Ken moved to approve the request. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Schaefer reported on March 26th Suez will visit and present information regarding a water tower maintenance and repair program.

Lack of communication from Sitco has caused the belief that they are no longer interested in a pole attachment agreement.

The Additional Park Appropriation hearing set for tonight at 8PM has been moved to April 16, 8 PM and the "Notice to Taxpayers of Proposed Additional Appropriations" will be published in the March 27 issue of the Ferdinand News.

James stated GAB requested April 27 for Clean Sweep beginning at 6:30 AM. Contact Beth McManaway at 367-2288 x2527 for limited team registrations. Ron moved to approve the request. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Police will do the safety start.

Miller explained the benefit of the Autopay program adding GAB & ONB have donated prizes for monthly drawings for those signed up for Autopay.

Bohnenkemper introduced Ordinance 2019-02, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 8.10 of the Ferdinand Municipal Code to Include a Revision to the Storm Drainage Control Ordinance. It provides an exemption for certain smaller projects in the industrial zoning districts. Deb moved to adopt the Ordinance at the meeting it was introduced. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Lueken presented the three-year lease purchase agreement for the trash truck with tcf equipment

finance. The first payment is due in January 2020 and the truck is paid for and owned at end of term. Deb moved to accept the terms and allow Sicard and Miller to sign the agreement and other finance documents including Resolution 2019-03. Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Schaefer requested permission to accept the low bids from Hopf Equipment for the Bobcat excavator of \$57,100 and trailer of \$8,250. Ron moved to approve the request. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The equipment will be utilized by the electric, water and sewer departments.

Bohnenkemper explained the Amendment and Modification of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Town of Ferdinand and Best Home Furnishings, Inc. Ron moved to approve the MOU and allow Sicard and Miller to sign. Bohnenkemper advised that Best had not yet been provided with a copy and that certain changes may still be necessary. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

An Ordinance 19-03, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 10.02 of the Ferdinand Municipal Code Regarding Water Rates and Charges was introduced. Miller explained the wholesale rate charged to St. Henry was not included in the 2018 increase of 15% and the 2019 increase of \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons. The current rate is \$3.19 per 1,000 gallons with a \$111.65 minimum per month. The proposed rate is \$5.67 per 1,000 gallons with a \$198.40 minimum (based on 3,500 gallons) per month. The hearing was set for April 16 at 8:15 PM.

Sicard moved to allow Schaefer to move forward with disposal of devalued inventory stock after inspection by Ron. Deb seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Ordinance No. 19-04, An Ordinance Modifying Portions of the Personnel Policy concerning Police Take Home Vehicle and Town-owned Vehicle Usage and paid sick leave was introduced. Deb moved to adopt the Ordinance 19-04 at the meeting it was introduced. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard explained there will be review by supervisors of the Personnel Policy for Comp Time before further action is taken.

Spring Clean-Up 2019 dates are set for Tuesday April 9th for the West Side and Wednesday April 10th for the East Side and Thursday April 11th if needed. Two trash stickers are required per household.

Deb moved to allow Sicard and Miller to sign the engagement letter with Baker Tilly (formerly Umbaugh) for the 2014 Sewer Bond required disclosures and reporting in an amount not to exceed \$500. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

There was discussion regarding sewer credits issued due to extraordinary water usage. Action was deferred to the next meeting.

Regular claims in the amounts of \$11,053.12 and \$501,100.93 were approved to pay on motion by Ron and seconded by Deb. Motion carried to pay regular claims 3-0.

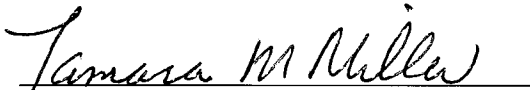
The following announcements were read:

Town Council	Tuesday	April 16, 2019 at 7:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	March 27, 2019 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	March 27, 2019 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	April 3, 2019 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Commission	Monday	April 15, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Deb moved to adjourn. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL



Clerk-Treasurer

