

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

May 21, 2019

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 in the Town Hall. Present were President, Ken Sicard, Vice-President, Deb Johnson, Council member, Ron Weyer, Clerk-Treasurer, Tamara Miller and Town Attorney, Sharon Bohnenkemper. Ron moved to approve the Minutes of the May 8, 2019 meeting. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Deb moved to approve the Minutes of the May 6, 2019 meeting. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Deb moved to approve the Minutes of the April 16, 2019 meeting. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Froman reported the Police Dept. assisted at the FP Prom and Post Prom and will be assisting with the dedication of the Veteran's Memorial on May 27, 2019. Three juveniles were referred to juvenile probation related to the 5th Street Park bathroom vandalism. In attendance were the new Reserve Officers, John J. Darakijian, Joshua D. Clouse, Tyler J. Foss, Kyle M. Murray, Jhazz J. Bieker and Craig M. Schneider. The Council thanked the Reserves for their willingness to serve the community. Ron moved to accept the Reserve Officers contingent upon passing the drug test. Deb seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

John Hoppenjans reported the fire department had 3 fire and 7 EMS runs in April. The department collected 50 pounds of medication during the Drug Take Back Day. They also participated in the Adopt-a-Highway on 264.

Becher reported there were no electrical outages in April. The electric department is replacing poles and conducting regular maintenance. He has received one application for the open journeyman lineman position. Steve, Ron and Chris will conduct the interview. The electric truck is experiencing mechanical problems. Steve will gather quotes for new electric trucks for the council to review.

Lueken reported for the Street Department. They are doing pothole repair, curbing projects and completed their portion of the Veteran's Memorial project. They completed one ADA project. He requested permission for the Street Department employees to attend the Best Equipment open house in Louisville on June 6th including transportation. Deb moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Schaefer reported for the sewer and water departments. They have completed the water lines to the Kersteins development. The annual water reports required by IDEM will be mailed prior to June 30. They will be flushing hydrant for the next couple of weeks starting at 9th Street moving North. Sewer department is working to resolve an alternator issue on the lift station.

Matt Weyer reported the Park Board voted to hire Cole Mohr as a summer park employee pending drug testing. He thanked the Police Department for resolving the vandalism issue at the 5th Street Park. Lueken's department is doing maintenance on the fields and the horseshoe pits and trimming trees.

James reported the 2019 Park Summer Recreation Program at the 18th Street Park begins June 4th and runs through August 2nd, each Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 9AM. Each Wednesday, the library will show a movie at 10 AM. He requested Megan Gogel be hired as the Recreation Director at \$9.25 per hour starting May 28, 2019 as Shelby Loudon, the previous applicant, has taken another job. Deb moved to approve the request contingent upon passing the drug test. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. He requested \$1,000 for the Dubois County Leadership Academy as the Town's financial support of the program. Ron moved to approve the request. Deb seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Dubois County Tourism has purchased a stage that is available for event use for \$1,000 which is considerably less than the cost paid previously by the Heimatfest and Folk Fest. On May 29th at 8 AM at the Ferdinand Library Large Community Room, there will be a meeting to discuss the merger between the Chamber of Commerce of Huntingburg and Ferdinand. On May 28th at 6:30 PM there will be a meeting at VUJC in the CTIM Building Room 230 for the Merchants Association.

A utility disconnect due process hearing was on the agenda. No one appeared for a hearing.

Leon Weyer reviewed the agenda for the Veteran's Memorial dedication to be held Monday, May 27, 2019 at 2:00 PM. Bill Potter will be the MC, Father Anthony will do the invocation, Senator Mike Braun will speak and the Forest Park Band will play as the monuments are unveiled. He thanked all who have supported the Memorial. The Council thanked Leon for his leadership getting the Memorial completed.

Ed Cole reported about 400 people attended the April Dubois Strong Annual Meeting held at the Ferdinand Community Center. He thanked all involved. Their research shows rural broadband and child care are challenges for the area. They are working on a workforce attraction and social media campaign focusing on filling jobs. He stated there is a small business loan fund available through the Enterprise Loan Fund. Anyone interested should contact him.

Deputy Clint Gogel, a K-9 handler for the Dubois County Sherriff's office, reported the office is seeking donations to purchase a K-9 at an estimated cost of \$15K-\$20K. A fundraiser dinner will be held on June 23rd. Pre-ordered \$10 dinners can be picked up at the Sherriff's office between 11 AM - 3 PM. Tickets are available at Ferdinand Processing through June 14th. Any questions, contact Gogel at 812-639-9950.

Matt Weyer stated the Old Town Lake Trail contract with Seufert was fully executed. Construction is scheduled to begin June 10th and conclude mid-December. A groundbreaking ceremony at the Old Town Lake will be June 3rd at 3 PM.

Becher reported they will take down the temporary power at the Sisters project this week. The project is complete.

Becher reported on the electric infrastructure progress.

Sicard is working on the OTL Dam – ER & Maintenance Plan.

The water tower maintenance/Suez discussion was postponed until a later date. Miller will meet with each of the Council members individually to review the water cash flow projections.

Bohnenkemper presented the Amendment and Modification of the Memorandum of Understanding with Best Home Furnishings, Inc. Sicard explained the MOU allows Best to pave existing gravel parking lots in designated areas. Ron moved to allow Sicard and Miller to sign off on the revised MOU. Deb seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The following paving bids were reviewed for Scenic Hills Industrial Drive, 20th Street, 21st Street & Krampe Drive:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Base Bid #1</u>	<u>Unit Price</u> <small>(to remove unsuitable soil)</small>	<u>Alt. Bid A-1</u>	<u>Total</u>
J.H. Rudolph & Co.	\$554,305.75	\$200.00	\$8,473.00	\$562,778.75
E&B Paving	\$633,900.00	\$500.00	\$14,200.00	\$648,100.00
Knies Construction	\$515,200.00	\$63.00	\$24,300.00	\$539,500.00

Bohnenkemper stated the Town has received a recommendation from Universal Design to accept the Knies Construction base bid and Alternate Bid A-1 for Ferdinand paving projects totaling \$539,500. Deb moved to accept the Base Bid #1 and Alternate Bid A-1 from Knies Construction. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Ron moved to allow the Council to sign and Miller to attest the Form 96 for INDOT. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper introduced Ordinance No. 2019-12, An Ordinance Amending the Ferdinand Municipal Code Regarding Park Leases. The Park Board has recommended the revised rates to become effective January 1, 2020. Deb moved to adopt the Ordinance at the meeting it was introduced. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The Ordinance will be published in the Ferdinand News.

Miller asked for Council's approval of the LIT-ED Fund to be the funding source of the Town's portion (25%) of the 2019 Community Crossing Matching Grant road projects in the amount of \$180,967.74. Ron moved to approve the request. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper reviewed the Promising Properties LLC Form CF-1 Compliance with Statement of Benefits - Real Estate Improvements related to TA14-4C. She stated all forms were in substantial compliance with the Tax Abatement that was previously granted to Promising Properties LLC. She recommended the forms be approved and the President and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign the compliance forms. Ron moved to approve and sign the annual Compliance Forms. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper reviewed the Benet Hall L.P. (original application filed by Sisters of St. Benedict) Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form CF-1 Real Estate Improvements. She stated the forms were in substantial compliance with the Tax Abatement that was previously granted to Sisters. She recommended the forms be approved and the President and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign the compliance forms. Ron moved to approve and sign the annual Compliance Forms. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

James requested approval of the Heimatfest 5K route, the same as the previous year, to be held on June 22, 2019. Deb moved to approve the route. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Miller noted the DLGF has approved the Park Additional Appropriation request of \$80,000.

Miller requested permission to attend ILMCT Annual Conference and State Board of Accounts School June 9th - 13th at a cost of \$475 plus room, travel and meals. Deb moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Deb stated the primary election cost to the town was \$3,125.

The following announcements were read:

Town Council	Tuesday	June 18, 2019 at 7:30 PM
Economic Development Commission	Monday	June 17, 2019 at 6:00 PM
BZA	Wednesday	June 26, 2019 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	June 26, 2019 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	June 5, 2019 at 4:30 PM

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

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL



Clerk-Treasurer





