

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

June 18, 2019

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, June 18, 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. Deb moved to approve the Minutes of the May 21, 2019 meeting. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Froman reported the Police Department assisted at the FP graduation and Veteran's Memorial dedication. Reserves have all passed drug testing and have been sworn in. The new shooting range is in operation. He requested Hopkins attend defensive tactics instructor certification from August 12-16 at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. Deb moved to approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

John Hoppenjans reported the fire department had 6 fire and 5 EMS runs in April. The department assisted at the Veteran's Memorial dedication.

Becher reported one electrical outage in May at the trailer court. Todd Fischer started June 13th. The electric department is replacing poles, conducting regular maintenance and working to get primary power poles moved from Main Street. He presented bid sheets for a new electric bucket truck for Council to review.

Lueken reported for the street department. They are mowing, repairing potholes and addressing a drainage issue at 13th Street. They dug up 60-80 feet at 3rd Street and Alabama to remedy a clogged storm pipe. He requested permission that he and Kendra Schipp attend the INDOT CCMG training at the Vincennes District Office on June 20th, 1-3 PM. They will use the town Jeep. Ron moved to approve. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Ron requested dirt be lowered on the north hillside at the Memorial site to improve visibility. Tom will investigate and report back.

Schaefer reported for the sewer and water departments. They are completing the hydrant flushing. He requested permission that four employees from the water/wastewater department and Becher and Gogel (both hold water licenses) attend the IN Rural Water Association meeting in Huntingburg on June 27th at 8 AM - 3:15 PM at a cost of \$65 each and transportation. Ron moved

to approve. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Schaefer has responded to IDEM communication concerning deficiencies with the water towers and lab reporting paperwork requirements. He is researching options for maintenance of both water towers. The 2018 Annual Water Quality Report will be mailed this week with the monthly bill along with autopay applications. Council received a copy of the report via email.

Matt Weyer reported for the Park Board. The groundbreaking ceremony was held at the Old Town Lake Trail on June 3rd. Heimatfest will be on June 21st and 22nd at the 18th Street Park. Lueken's department is doing maintenance on the fields and the horseshoe pits and trimming trees.

James reported on the 2019 Heimatfest and the Folk Fest. July 26th is the deadline for vendor applications. July 1 is the deadline for singer/songwriters. See FerdinandFolkFest.com for more information. The summer park and recreation program is going well. He will report to Council on possible website improvements after an egovstrategies webinar this week. The Dubois County Leadership final session will be July 10th with graduation on August 8th. Registration for AIM Ideas Summit at French Lick August 27-29 is open. He will attend and register those interested in attending.

Matt Weyer stated construction is delayed on the Old Town Lake project due to rain and the uncompleted trail clearing by PMG. The first pay application from Seufert has been submitted for payment.

Becher reported on the electric infrastructure progress. The large transformer is scheduled to ship mid-July.

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

Schaefer is researching additional options for water tower maintenance. Sicard added the Council is reviewing the maintenance options presented, within the financial parameters set, so as not to affect the solvency of the water department.

Froman presented the Taser Policy and cost for two tasers, replacement cartridges, and holsters totaling \$2,044.97. He stated he additional tasers could be purchased at year end, budget permitting, to allow each officer to have his own taser. Officers will receive training prior to the use of tasers. Deb moved to approve Resolution 2019-04, the use of the policy and protocols on the attached taser policy by the members of the Ferdinand Police Department. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Deb moved to approve the purchase of the two tasers, replacement cartridges,

and holsters totaling \$2,044.97. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Miller asked for permission to advertise on July 16 at 8:00 PM for a hearing for Ordinance 2019-14 requesting a Community Crossing Matching Grant Fund additional appropriation for capital improvements of \$232,065. The Town's portion would be \$58,016 (25%) and the Community Crossing Matching Grant would cover \$174,049 (75%). Miller also asked for permission to advertise on July 16 at 8:10 PM for a hearing for Ordinance 2019-15 requesting a LIT-ED Funds additional appropriation for capital improvements of \$100,000 related to the Old Town Lake Trail Project. The grant reimburses 50% of the first \$400,000 up to \$200,000. Originally the Town budgeted \$100,000 for 2019, and \$100,000 for 2020. Because the project completion date is December 2019, the \$100,000 originally scheduled for 2020 is needed in 2019. Deb moved to approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ordinance 2019-16, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2018-17 Regarding Salaries, Compensation and Wages for Officials, Appointees, and Employees of the Town of Ferdinand, Indiana was introduced. The Ordinance states the hourly wage rate for Kendra Schipp shall be \$12.00 per hour, effective June 1, 2019, and the hourly wage rate for George Schipp shall be \$12.00 per hour effective June 1, 2019. Deb moved to approve Ordinance 2019-16 at the meeting it was introduced. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

James requested the Vacation Policy/Holiday be tabled until the next meeting.

Miller stated this month Cyber Insurance coverage of \$250,000 was added for \$1,719/year. Eck Mundy monitors the daily server activity and VIPRE AV is installed. Miller to verify whether the Police computers would be covered by the insurance policy. The Town Office will need to replace the server prior to year-end. Deb moved to approve the addition of Cyber Insurance coverage. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper requested Tom Lueken be given authority to sign off on the CCMG pay requests on behalf of the Town of Ferdinand. Deb moved to approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

The following announcements were read:

Town Council	Tuesday	July 16, 2019 at 7:30 PM
Economic Development Commission	Monday	July 15, 2019 at 6:00 PM
BZA	Wednesday	June 26, 2019 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	June 26, 2019 at 7:00 PM

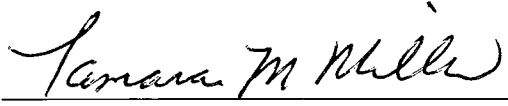
Park Board  
Town Council-Budget Meeting

Wednesday July 3, 2019 at 4:30 PM  
Wednesday July 31, 2019 at 6:00 AM

Ron moved to adjourn. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

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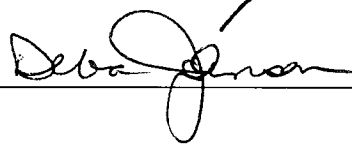
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