

TOWN OF FERDINAND  
REGULAR MEETING

August 20, 2019

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, August 20, 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 July 16, 2019 meeting. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Froman gave the Police Department report. All officers are now certified to carry tasers.

John Hoppenjans reported the fire department had 7 fire and 9 EMR runs in July. He thanked everyone who supported the Fireman's Ball.

Becher reported the electric department had one power outage. They worked at the Old Town Lake and the shooting range and continue to move the power lines from Main Street. He requested permission to send two employees to the ICUEE (International Construction Utility Equipment Expo) for one day, either September 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> at a cost of \$39 each plus travel and meals. Deb moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Lueken reported for the Street Department. The stone work along the by-pass has been done which completes the by-pass project. The work on Scenic Hills Drive has begun. Fall Clean-Up will be October 1-West Side, October 2<sup>nd</sup>-East Side, October 3 if needed. Two stickers per household is required to participate in the clean-up. Brosmer Land Surveying was paid in January 2016 for a topographic survey and design for the Vienna Street retention basin. Grundhoeffler received a copy. After confirming Grundhoeffler's approval, Lueken requested Brosmer be engaged to stake the property and obtain quotes. Lueken requested permission to proceed. Deb moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0

Schaefer reported for the Sewer and Water Departments. He is working with Patoka Water to maintain the proper water level and improve the pressure at the stand pipe water tower. At the Old Town Lake they took out about 40 feet of a water main connecting both lakes and capped both ends. The Kersteins water and sewer work is complete. Kersteins is working on their storm water. A lightning strike took out the EPS system on the gates at the plant and 475 E and are being repaired.

Matt Weyer reported the Park Summer Program has concluded. Baseball and softball has concluded and football and soccer is underway at the parks.

James reported the Leadership Academy graduation was held August 8. He thanked the employers who allowed their employees to participate in the program. The 10th Anniversary Folk Fest will be held September 21. The main stage will be solar powered, with electric back-up. He continues to work with New Focus to update the Employee Policy Manual. Winston Glenn, of Christ the King Parish, requested permission to close off Michigan Street from 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Street from 10 AM-4 PM on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Ron moved to approve the request. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0. James and Sicard plan to attend the AIM Ideas Summit in French Lick on August 27nd-29th.

Sicard recognized the seven Forest Park Seniors in attendance.

At 8:00 PM, bids for the bucket truck were opened. The Altec Industries bid for Altec Model AT40-G was \$132,480 which reflects a trade-in value of \$5,000. There was one alternate to specification number 146. There was a second bid from Altec for Altec Stock Model AT40-G \$111,942, with no trade-in. There are significant alternates to specifications noted. The Terex bid was \$136,480 with number 49 of the specifications being an exception and no trade-in. Sicard moved to have the bids taken under advisement allowing Becher, Bohnenkemper, Weyer and James to review bids and report at the next meeting. Deb second. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard has contacted an individual regarding the Planning Commission open position.

Matt Weyer reported the on the Old Town Lake project. PMG has completed the clearing of the trail. The grading of the trail is nearly complete. During the trail work, it was discovered there are spongy areas that need to be addressed by removing the soft soil and replacing it with rock at an additional cost of \$9,200 with the Town providing the rock. There is a need to dredge deeper under the wooden bridge to keep vegetation from growing up through the water. Sun Energy has estimated the cost to be \$10,000. Top soil removed could be used by Town or sold. Ron moved to proceed with both additional cost items. Ken seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Becher reported on the electric infrastructure progress. The oil containment system is nearing completion and the addition grounding is being done for the reclosures. Next week the insulator damaged during shipping will be repaired on the transformer.

Sicard is working on the Old Town Lake Dam – ER & Maintenance Plan.

Schaefer is working with the engineers and Patoka Water on the water tower pressure and

water level at the standpipe water tower.

Miller reported she is working with Alpha Engineering on the Municipal Electric Abbreviated Rate Design study. She and Ron will meet with Merlin Groves from Alpha on September 9. There will be an update at the September meeting.

Miller reported the Community Crossing Matching Grant funds requested were deposited into the Town bank account on August 16 in the amount of \$542,903.21.

Bohnenkemper reported the Economic Development Commission is working on a revolving loan application and promotional packet.

Utility deposits and applications changes due to recent state law changes will be addressed at the next meeting allowing more time for the utility office to review.

Bohnenkemper introduced Ordinance 2019-19, An Ordinance Amending the Ferdinand Municipal Code Regarding General Prohibitions prohibiting overnight camping in park properties. Park hours are 6 AM to 11 PM. The Park Board has reviewed the ordinance and has recommended approval. Deb moved to adopt the Ordinance at the meeting it was introduced. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard introduced Ordinance 2019-20, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 18-17 regarding Salaries, Compensation and Wages for Elected Officials, Appointees and Employees of the Town of Ferdinand adding a Fire Fighter Automobile Allowance of \$100 per person according to State Statute. Ron moved to adopt the Ordinance at the meeting it was introduced. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper stated Lueken has requested permission to place 2 signs off of Industrial Drive at Best Home Furnishings warehouse site near 9<sup>th</sup> Street and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street to warn automobiles approaching the area trucks are entering and exiting the roadway. Deb moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper asked the media to remind citizens the Town does have a limb collection program on the first Wednesday of each month. Limbs must be cut to 4-foot length maximum and placed at curbside bundled with twine, maximum weight of 50 pounds. Exceptions will be made for storm related events.

Bohnenkemper introduced Ordinance No. 2019-21, An Ordinance Approving the Ferdinand Volunteer Fire Department Schedule of Fees and Charges allowing the Department to establish a schedule of charges for incidents outside of the Town of Ferdinand or Ferdinand

Township and charges for intentional misconduct of a person which violates a clearly delineated rule or regulation or prohibition of the property owner. Ron moved to adopt the Ordinance at the meeting it was introduced to be effective October 1, 2019. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Legion has requested the following dates for Burn Permits in 2019: October 13, November 10, December 8, 2020: January 12, February 9, March 8, April 19. Deb moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Deb reported on behalf of the insurance committee. Each department shall appoint one employee to be part of the committee which will review health insurance options for 2020. The committee will then report to the Council.

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


The following announcements were read:

Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	September 17, 2019 at 7:30 PM
Town Council Budget Hearing	Tuesday	September 17, 2019 at 8:00 PM
Town Council Budget Adoption	Tuesday	October 15, 2019 at 8:00 PM
Economic Development Commission	Monday	September 16, 2019 at 6:00 PM
BZA	Wednesday	August 28, 2019 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	August 28, 2019 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	September 4, 2019 at 4:30 PM

Ron moved to adjourn. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL



Clerk-Treasurer

