

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

September 21, 2021

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, in the Ferdinand Town Hall. Present were Council President, Ken Sicard; Vice-President, Debbie Johnson; Council Member, Ron Weyer; Sharon Bohnenkemper, Town Attorney and Tamara Miller, Clerk-Treasurer.

Ron moved to approve the Minutes of the August 17, 2021 Council Meeting and August 23, 2021 Special Meeting. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Lloyd Froman, Police Chief, reported the original police officer applicant was unable to meet the specific timeframe for testing. Sicard moved to rescind the job offer to Shawn Apps due to communication issues. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Froman introduced Rayce Jones and requested permission to extend a conditional offer of employment to Jones, at an hourly rate of \$18.50 per hour for day shift starting on October 4, 2021, contingent upon passing the drug test. Jones has graduated from the police academy. Ron moved to approve the request. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

John Hoppenjans, Fire Chief, reported there was a false alarm run to the Comfort Inn. Paperwork has been given to Froman to issue the Code and Ordinance Violation Notice - \$250 Fine. Sharon advised that they have paid all previously issued invoices.

Todd Fischer, electric superintendent, stated that due to supply chain issues, he is ordering ahead for items needed next year to allow for the delay.

Tom Lueken, property and street superintendent, stated the fall clean-up will take place according to the flyer given to Council: October 12th for the west side, October 13th for the east side and October 14th if needed. Curbside leaf pick-up will begin on Tuesdays when the need arises and continue until sometime in November when no longer needed.

Roger Schaefer, water/wastewater superintendent, stated that due to supply chain issues, he is ordering additional supplies to keep on hand. Hydrant flushing will begin the first week in October

starting on west 23rd street and working throughout Town.

Chris James, Town Manager, thanked all of the Town employees who worked to make the 2021 Folk Fest run smoothly. He stated attendance was down slightly due to Covid.

Sicard recommended the Town of Ferdinand Guidelines for Business Operations and the Meeting Procedures dated May 18, 2021 continue until the October 19, 2021, Council Meeting. Debbie moved to approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron Weyer reported the Town Hall sign has been ordered and we are working with the sign company to work out some color/material matters.

The agenda item, Ordinance regarding Traffic Regulations and Stop Streets, was tabled.

James stated the Town was not awarded a SWIF Grant. He will plan to apply in the spring of 2022 for the next round of SWIF Grants.

Ordinance 2021-15 was introduced, A Water Utility Rate Ordinance Wholesale and Amendments to 2 Sections of Code, includes a Wholesale Water Rate increase that was redacted from Ordinance 2021-08 passed at the May 18, 2021 Council Meeting. This was to allow time for St. Henry to meet with the Town and discuss the proposed utility rate change. It also corrects section 10.03.040. The ordinance also includes increased tap in fees for water and sewer, currently \$850 each, to \$1,250 each, and contains provisions allowing for an electric service connection fee: Residential service is \$200, Commercial or Small Industrial service is \$400 or \$2 per amp, whichever is greater, and Industrial service is \$1,000 or \$2 per amp whichever is greater. A hearing was set for October 19, 2021 at 7:30 PM.

Miller stated the 2021-02 Community Crossing Grants have not yet been awarded.

Bohnenkemper stated that she and Ron Weyer met with the developer on September 15, 2021 and the developer has communicated they will pay the relocation of poles fee of the second Kerstiens Subdivision, Hidden Meadows, to the Town. She has made changes to the main extension agreements for water and sewer for Council to review. She stated there is a statute that caps out the total revenue allowance to 50% of the actual amount paid to a contractor to install the mains in this instance because contractor had already bid out project. Bohnenkemper has provided drafts of the Sewer Main Extension Contract and the Water Main Extension Contract with Kerstiens Development, Inc. to the developer and Council. Per Indiana code, estimated annual revenue for an applicant connecting to the main means the utility's average annual revenue per applicant from comparable customers in the

calendar year preceding such connection. Miller is going to calculate the allowance based on the most recent usage available and provide the updated numbers to the Council. The Council will review the documents provided and discuss at the next Council Meeting.

Tom Lueken stated he can contact CHEOPS, a company that uses a tub grinder to grind and disburse the limbs from the limb and yard waste site at the new town lake site and obtain a cost estimate for Council.

Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-16, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 4.09 of the Ferdinand Municipal Code regarding Limb and Yard Waste at the meeting it was introduced. The Ordinance grants residents of the Town of Ferdinand access to a Limb and Yard Waste Collection Facility located near West 23rd Street and Industrial Park Road and imposes fines for violations of non-residents utilizing the facility. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper stated the bids for the equipment advertised for sale will be opened at 7:00 PM at the October 19, 2021 Council Meeting.

At 7:00 PM the 2022 Budget Adoption Hearing was held. Miller stated the Advertised 2022 Budget is \$2,535,647 (2021 was \$2,126,214) with an adopted tax rate of .7669 (2021 adopted rate was .8009) per \$100 of assessed value of \$115,799,270 (2021 was \$107,508,272). The Maximum Levy is \$897,647 (2021 was \$861,106) an increase of 4.3%. The 2022 Budget Form 3 was posted on Gateway and is available at www.budgetnotices.in.gov. There being no questions, Ron moved to close the hearing. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-17, Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates for 2022 as advertised. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper updated Council that it is not time to release the performance bond for the roadway in the Country Ridge Estates subdivision. The warranty period is for one year from June 21, 2021 when the road was approved. Kerstiens will provide a renewal of the Letter of Credit before October 3, 2021.

Bohnenkemper stated there is a couple that lives just outside the town limits that are in need of sanitary sewer service. She presented the Agreement Regarding Sanitary Sewer Service Extension and Annexation Waiver and requested Council to allow Sicard and Miller sign off on the agreement with Eric and Elizabeth Klem. Debbie moved to approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-18, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2020-21

Regarding Salaries, Compensation and Wages for Elected Officials, Appointees and Employees of the Town of Ferdinand at the meeting it was introduced. The Ordinance states Kayla Hoffman shall be hired as a Deputy Clerk, at an hourly rate of \$19.25 per hour, effective as of August 23, 2021. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to approve the Town providing 310 feet of water piping to extend the water loop which will include service to True Vine and Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Miller requested permission to advertise for Ordinance 2021-19, An Additional Appropriation for Community Crossing Grant of \$165,593, with a hearing to be held at 6:45 PM on October 19, 2021. Debbie moved to approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0

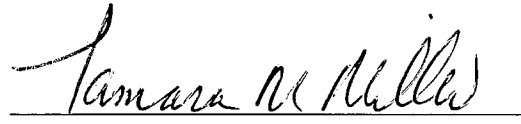
Debbie moved to approve regular claims. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:


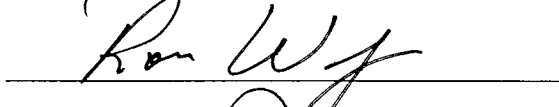
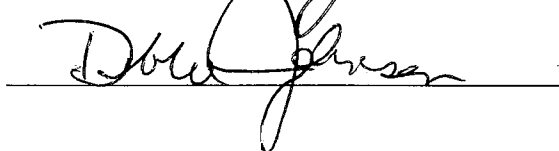
Town Council Meeting	Tuesday		October 19, 2021 at 6:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	(cancelled)	September 22, 2021 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	(cancelled)	September 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday		October 13, 2021 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Comm.	Monday		October 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM

As there was no further business to discuss, Ron moved to adjourn. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

ATTEST:


Clerk-Treasurer

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In addition to the monthly report, we assisted Dubois County Sheriff's Department with EVO Training, and Spencer County Sheriff's Department with Firearms Training. Nothing else to report.

Lloyd O. Froman
 Chief Ferdinand P.D.

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Ferdinand Police Department

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Phone: 812-367-1806 / Fax: 812-998-2094

Chief of Police: Lloyd Froman

Assistant Chief: Brian Seffernick

Total Calls For Service		Calls For Service Report August 2021 	
Miles Driven	249		
Total Gallons	4498		
Average MPG	378.4		
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm	12	Missing Person Adult/Child	2
Animal Complaint	12	Parking Violation	1
Assist Other Agency	17	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	0
Battery/ Assault	0	Protective/Restraining Order	0
Burglary (attempted)	0	Prowler (report of)	0
Burning Complaint	0	Report to Station	7
Child Abuse/Neglect	0	Return Messages	38
Civil Matter /Dispute	1	State Dispatch	17
Citizen Assist	2	Scam	2
Debris in Roadway	0	Security Check	0
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	11	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	0
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	1	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	5
Drug Complaint	0	Theft	3
Domestic Problem	2	Traffic Control	13
Escort	3	Traffic Warnings	24
Eviction	0	Traffic Citations	1
Extra Patrol	0	Trespassing	0
Fight	2	Threats/ Intimidation	2
Finger Printing	0	Vandalism	0
Fire	0	Vehicle Accident	14
General Information	21	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	0
Gun Permit	0	Vehicle Check	3
Harassment	0	Vehicle Lock Out	9
Hazardous/ Not Chemical	0	Warrant	0
Investigation	2	Weather Related Problems	0
Identity Theft	0	Welfare Check	7
Illegal Dumping	0	911 false calls	8
Intoxicated Person	0		0
Juvenile Incurrigible/Runaway	7		
Lines/ Poles Down	0		
Lost/ Stolen License Plate	0		
Mental Subject	0		

FERDINAND POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Complaint Type	Lloyd	Brian	Rob	Tom	Christian	Joshua		Kyle	Adam	Jay				Total
Mental Subject														0
Missing Person Adult/Child				1	1									2
Parking Violation				1										1
Property Lost/Found/Recovered														0
Protective/Restraining Order														0
Prowler														0
Report To Station		2	2	2	1									7
Return Messages	6	12	2	12	2	4								38
State Dispatch	2	6	2	4	3									17
Scam	1	1												2
School Check														0
Suicide/or a Suicidal person														0
Suspicious Person/Vehicle		1	1		3									5
Theft		1	1	1										3
Traffic Control	1	8		4										13
Traffic Warnings	5	2		9	2	6								24
Traffic Citations				1										1
Trespassing														0
Threats/ Intimidation					1	1								2
Vandalism														0
Vehicle Accident		1	2	7	3	1								14
Vehicle Accident Leaving The Scene														0
Vehicle Check		2		1										3
Vehicle Lock Out	1	4		1	1	2								9
Warrant														0
Weather Related Problems														0
Welfare Check	3	2		2										7
911 False Calls	3	1		2	1	1								8
														0
Total Calls	36	66	24	64	24	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	249
Miles Driven	531	509	650	1008	578	1222								4498
Total Gallons	31	45	61.9	97	41.5	102								378.4
Average MPG	17.129	11.311	10.501	10.39	13.9277	11.98039	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!				11.89



FERDINAND FIRE DEPT.

221 E. Fourth St. P.O. Box 31
Ferdinand, IN 47532

2021 Summary of Incidents

	FIRE	EMR		TOTAL
JANUARY	7	4		11
FEBRUARY	10	11		21
MARCH	5	7		12
APRIL	5	12		17
MAY	9	14		23
JUNE	7	10		17
JULY	8	18		26
AUGUST	7	12		19
SEPTEMBER				
OCTOBER				
NOVEMBER				
DECEMBER				

The work at the Comfort Inn was completed and we have not been called there due to steam from a shower since.

We have been called to Forest Park several times here in July and August, but they are working on their system to try and fix the problems.

Electric Department Report

September 21, 2021

- 2 unplanned outages
 - Delaware St.: loose connection one customer approx 30 min
 - Virginia St. area caused by animal approx. 30 min
- Continuing with 4kv conversion on Missouri and 11th
- Pole changeouts

TOTAL	FEES	REVENUE	MONTH
10	1	1	JANUARY
10	10	10	FEBRUARY
10	5	5	MARCH
10	5	5	APRIL
10	5	5	MAY
10	10	10	JUNE
10	5	5	JULY
10	1	1	AUGUST
			SEPTEMBER
			OCTOBER
			NOVEMBER
			DECEMBER

The report is for the Electric Department and the fees are based on the amount of work done. The revenue is based on the amount of work done. The fees are based on the amount of work done. The revenue is based on the amount of work done.



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Town Council Meeting

September 21, 2021

Departmental Reports:

Thoughts: are we supposed to plan on having a fall large item pick up?
If so, the usual date is the second week of October. We would do the west side **Tuesday** 12th east side **Wednesday** 13th and **Thursday** if needed.

We cleaned out all storm drain inlets throughout Town before the fall leaves and other debris collect in them.

I just mentioned fall leaves. As of now, I don't have an exact date but we usually start mid-October with curb side pick-up. When we start collecting, we will start on **Tuesday** and make one complete passthrough Town using the same pick-up route as trash. Pick-up could change due to weather conditions or any other unknown issue. We will continue picking up until further notice.

We are in the process of replacing a curb inlet and pipe on the south west corner of the Town Attorney's / EMS building. This is being done ahead of curb and sidewalk replacement next month we are doing this project to meet our ADA commitment for 2021.

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Water;

Install water tap on West 16th new home.

Installing water main along West 17th Street, and made water main Tap by old Weyer building, almost finished with project. Will be closing West 17th Street Monday or Tuesday to connect into existing water main.

Work at New Lake leveling dirt.

DNR will be here something in December to inspect both Dams.

Repair water leak at East 25th Street.

Replacing some check valves that were called in.

Help Best Chairs disconnected old sprinkler system that was leaking from our water main, they have 2 other connections.

Working with True Vine Church project and waiting on approval from Council as to water main.

Meet with INDOT on 8/26/2021, they are moving poles to Stop Light and controls.

Water main Hit by Kersteins contractors on 9/14/2021, Repaired but had to place an Boil Order for that area. Should be able to lift order by 9/17, 2021 waiting on lab.

Wastewater;

Repair Lift Station Electrical

Repair WWTP Generator

Repair Skid Steer

Work a Drying beds

Sewer tap at West 16th Street for new home

Set up Tent for Fest

Roger Schaefer

Water/Wastewater Superintendent



PARKS DEPARTMENT TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

August 2021

General Park Report

- The park board met on September 8, 2021.
- The previously approved project to resurface the 18th street park basketball court is still on track to be done this fall still. Materials have been procured after a shortage this summer. The court will be out of commission for a portion of the month of September and/or October in order that it can be resurfaced. Dates will be relayed once a schedule is finalized. The new surface will have both basketball and pickleball lines.
- The board is considering field rework proposals for the fifth street softball and baseball fields to still be performed this Fall.
- The board met with the leadership of the Rosenvolk Festival. Two (2) 2022 events—one in the spring and one in the fall—are in the works and logistics and requirements were discussed with their group.

Park Cleaning & Sanitation

- Per the direction of the council, Pre-Covid cleaning procedures of shelter houses and restrooms began commencing this month again, with Tom's department doing the bulk of the clean-up.

Old Town Lake

- We are awaiting the water levels to raise to finish construction of the floating kayak dock. The parts have arrived.
- The entrance signage project—being constructed by Eagle Scout candidate Miles Welp—is expected to start this fall. We are waiting on the sign which has been ordered.

Matthew Weyer
September 19, 2021



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TOWN MANAGER TALKING POINTS SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 MEETING

1 – We have successfully completed another Ferdinand Folk Festival! The weather was very good, if not a little bit warm, but no rain fell and everyone had a good time. Our numbers were down some this year, both in numbers of vendors and visitors. I attribute much of this to the lingering COVID-19 cloud, although some vendors weren't able to attend due to a shortage of staffing- as they could not cover all of the events they wished. Our core group and key volunteers did a phenomenal job of getting things prepped and ready- from stage set up and signage placement to making sure the hospitality tent was functional.

I would be remiss if I did not offer a huge amount of thanks and gratitude to our Town employees! The Street and Park Department once again had 18th Street groomed to perfection, while also placing picnic tables along the tree line. They installed the Market Stage as well, with an assist from the Electric Department, who also made certain all the food vendors and Big Bounce had working service in their locations. The Water/Wastewater Department helped place our banners at each end of Town, while turning the Fire Department's large tent into our Hospitality Tent, with a literal lift by the Electric Department. And thanks as well to our Police Department, for patrolling the grounds through the day, while maintaining a safe and steady traffic flow.

I also need to give Boy Scout Troop #186 major kudos. They prepped and placed all of the trash and recycling boxes throughout the park Friday evening, did periodic trash checks Saturday and then on Sunday, in the course of an hour, swept the hillside clean of debris, separated recyclables from trash and placed the trash in a staging area which made it easier to transport to the trash truck. We are going to take a few weeks to rest and recuperate before conducting a debrief session and start the planning work on 2022. Our core group is also adding at least two new

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members to help spread out the work load and ease everyone's burdens. Thanks to everyone who participated in the day- vendor, visitor or volunteer- we appreciate your contributions and can't wait to come back on Sept 17 2022!!

2 – The Dubois County Leadership Academy is going to be holding its next session on Wednesday September 29 at the CTIM Building on the VUJ campus. We postponed this gathering from the beginning of the month due to COVID concerns and had to shift sites due to various location restrictions. Each group is working on fundraising for their Capstone Projects and I anticipate much success in the coming weeks as we work to our graduation ceremony.

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