

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

June 18, 2024

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, in the Ferdinand Town Hall. Present were Council President, Ken Sicard; Vice-President, Debbie Johnson; Council Member, Ron Weyer; Attorney, Sharon Bohnenkemper, and Clerk-Treasurer, Tamara Miller. Also in attendance was Lauren Mundy, representing the Ferdinand Main Street group.

Debbie moved to approve the Minutes of the May 21, 2024, Council Meeting and the April 24, 2024, Special Meeting. Sicard seconded. Weyer abstained. Motion carried 2-0.

Police Chief Blessinger stated the department is accepting Police Officer applications until June 24, 2024. She thanked Jane Potter and the Patoka Quilt Guild for the blankets donated to the department. She reminded residents to mow their yards and please do not blow grass clippings into the street. Blessinger requested permission for Officer Randle to attend the Caliber Public Safety Conference in Plainfield on July 30 and 31, 2024, with transportation, two nights in a hotel, and meals. Ron moved to approve the request. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Blessinger stated the Heimatfest safety plan has been approved and distributed and requested the Council approve the Heimatfest 5K Route as submitted. Sicard moved to approve the 5K Route. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Todd Fischer, Electric Superintendent, requested approval to purchase wooden poles for the electric department for \$16,645.90 Debbie moved to approve the request. Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Ben Brinkman, Water/Wastewater Superintendent, requested permission to send Kyle Lechner, Clint Meyer, Brian Hoffman and Austin Ryan to the Indiana AWWA Southern Symposium, in Huntingburg on June 27, 2024, the total cost is \$320 plus transportation, lunch is included. Ron moved to approve the request. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Brinkman requested permission for Kyle Lechner, Hoffman, Meyer, Ryan and Brinkman to attend the IFA Southwest Regional Meeting (2 hours) at an Evansville Wastewater Facility. Ron moved to approve the request. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Brinkman has been asked to be on the Board for

the Southwest Region. Sicard stated it is Brinkman's decision to be on that Board.

Brinkman requested permission to solicit three bids for the water main materials for Royal Ridge. Debbie moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Council thanked Universal Design Associates for their \$13,150 donation of professional services related to the 5th Street Park Master Plan.

Sicard, Town Council President, appointed the Town Council: Ken Sicard, Debbie Johnson, and Ron Weyer to the Ferdinand Redevelopment Commission. The Town Council, voted to appoint Dan Collignon, Tamara Miller, and Nathan Schuler, (non-voting member) from the School Board, to the Ferdinand Redevelopment Commission. Motion by Debbie. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to approve the Universal Design Associates' Proposal for CCMG 2024-02, \$28,000 Grant Planning and Application Phase Fee, and \$12,000 Final Design/Engineering & Bidding Phase Fee for a total of \$40,000. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Miller distributed the accounts receivable report to keep the Council informed.

Brinkman stated that the water customer survey with WTH is progressing.

Debbie reported the IEDC is still reviewing the projects that were submitted for the 2.0 READI Grant.

Johnson stated the comprehensive plan proposals will be presented at the joint public meeting of the Plan Commission, Town Council and steering committee on June 19, 2024 at 6 PM at Town Hall.

EV Charger Hold Harmless Agreement has not been returned.

Bohnenkemper reported the DCLA will meet on the last Wednesday in June.

Debbie moved to approve Sicard's request for a one-night hotel stay for the AIM Board of Directors meeting on July 10-11, 2024 at French Lick. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Miller requested the Council allow Sicard to sign the CCMG 2024-02 Town's Commitment Letter for up to \$300,000. Debbie moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to approve Miller's request to declare the 2018 Taurus as a surplus asset. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The Taurus will be advertised for sale and the sealed bids will be accepted until the close of business July 15, 2024 and opened on July 16, 2024 at 7 PM.

At 7 PM, Ron moved to close the acceptance of bids for the CCMG 2024-01 Road Projects. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The following bids were received:

	Base Bid	Unit Price (per cubic yard)
C& R Construction	\$236,240.00	\$150
Calcar Paving	\$260,944.30	\$80
J H Rudolph & Co.	\$277,602.51	\$245

Brett Schipp with Universal Design Associates and Bohnenkemper (as proxy for Tom Lueken) left the meeting to review the bids.

Mark Durcholz addressed the Council. He stated his daughter had a close call near the Ferdinand Elementary School when crossing the street while walking to school. Durcholz asked if there is an option for a button-activated crosswalk. Chief Blessinger will explore signage options with Lueken, Johnson and the school principal. The appropriate crossing signs will be ordered.

Schipp and Bohnenkemper returned to the meeting. Bohnenkemper advised the low bid was within the budget estimates and recommended the Council accept the low bid from C & R Construction for \$236,240.00 with a unit price of \$150 per cubic yard, with a start time of March 1, 2025 and a stop time of July 1, 2025. Ron moved to approve the recommendation. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to approve a special claim from Calcar Paving for the CCMG 2023-02 road paving for \$458,159.96. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Ron moved to pay regular claims. Debbie seconded. Motioned carried 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	July 16, 2024 at 6:30 PM
Town Council/PC Joint Meeting	Wednesday	June 19, 2024 at 6:00 PM
BZA	Wednesday	June 26, 2024 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	June 26, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	July 10, 2024 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Comm.	Monday	July 22, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Town Council Budget Meeting
Town Council Budget Hearing
Town Council Budget Adoption

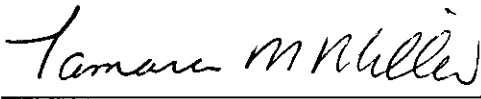
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July 30, 2024 at 6:00 AM
August 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM
September 17, 2024 at 7:00 PM

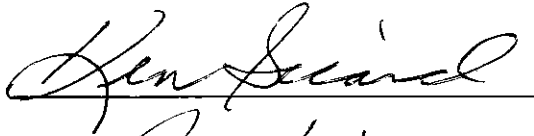
As there was no further business to discuss, Debbie moved to adjourn. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

ATTEST:

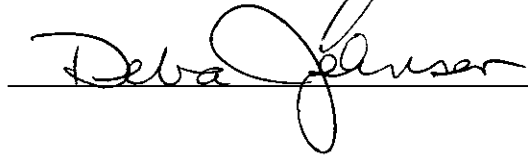
FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL



Clerk-Treasurer









Ferdinand Est. 1905

Police Department

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

Chief of Police: Kerri Blessinger

Assistant Chief: Christian Gogel

The Ferdinand Police Department members completed the Standard Field Sobriety Training on 05-03-24 at the Ferdinand Police Department. Not only is this refresher required on a bi-yearly basis, but also required for officers to participate in grant funded activities.

On 05-14-24, I attended the IPEP webinar held at Ferdinand Town Hall. This training assists with work related incidents and prevention.

On 05-20-24 the Ferdinand Police Department hosted training on vehicle QCB taught by LawMan Tactical Trainers. Vehicle CQB is an accelerated shooting class focused on positional shooting and critical light manipulations in and around vehicles. Students were taught to push boundaries of "traditional" cover and concealment utilizing various cars and trucks in true 3D environment. Drills will incorporate critical weapon employment while engaging threats in, around, from, over and under vehicles with a heavy emphasis on problem solving. Live ballistic demos with a variety of ammunition were conducted as the class explored ballistic deflection, deformation, penetration and terminal effect in direct correlation to various vehicle mediums.

Several area departments attended the training as well as agencies from Indianapolis. This allowed agencies who work closely with one another to train together to gain the newest training methods for keeping officers safe. We plan on hosting additional classes in the fall.

On 05-29-24, I was invited to the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy to teach the current ILEA class. I teach Sudden Unexpected Death in Infants and Elderly Abuse to the recruits.

FPD is currently exploring radio purchasing options. Ferdinand Police Department has historically struggled with reception in this area. We are currently using 4 radio demos to see what would best fit our needs and be the best investment for the town.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerri Blessinger, Chief

Ferdinand Police Department

243 W 10th Street, Ferdinand Indiana 47532

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Total Calls For Service		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Calls For Service Report</p> <p>May 2024</p> </div>  </div>	
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm	8	Missing Person Adult/Child	1
Animal Complaint	3	Parking Violation	
Assist Other Agency	12	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	2
Battery/ Assault		Protective/Restraining Order	
Burglary (attempted)	1	Prowler (report of)	
Burning Complaint		Report to Station	1
Child Abuse/Neglect		Return Messages	19
Civil Matter /Dispute	2	State Dispatch	13
Citizen Assist	4	Scam	
Debris in Roadway	3	Security Check	54
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	1	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	2	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	7
Drug Complaint	2	Theft	1
Domestic Problem		Traffic Control	1
Escort	1	Traffic Warnings	28
Eviction		Traffic Tickets	6
Extra Patrol	102	Trespassing	1
Fight		Threats/ Intimidation	
Finger Printing		Vandalism	
Fire	1	Vehicle Accident	8
General Information	13	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	
Gun Permit		Vehicle Check	3
Harassment	1		
Hazardous/ Not Chemical		Warrant	
Investigation	3	Weather Related Problems	
Identity Theft		Welfare Check	2
Illegal Dumping		911 false calls	10
Intoxicated Person	2	Pursuit	
Juvenile Incurrigible/Runaway			
Lines/ Poles Down	1		
Lost/ Stolen License Plate	1		
Mental Subject			



FERDINAND FIRE DEPT.

221 E. Fourth St. P.O. Box 31

Ferdinand, IN 47532

2024 Summary of Incidents

	FIRE	EMR		TOTAL
JANUARY	3	11		14
FEBRUARY	7	17		24
MARCH	3	14		17
APRIL	6	7		13
MAY	4	9		13
JUNE				
JULY				
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER				
OCTOBER				
NOVEMBER				
DECEMBER				

We did our annual splash day with the kids at the Ferdinand Elementary School.



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Electric Department Report

June 18, 2024

- 3 unplanned outages
 - 17 customers caused by animal 30 min.
 - 24 customers caused by animal 1 hour
 - 1 customer equipment failure/animal 1 hour
- Pole change outs south side of town and west of Main St
 - 4 kv conversion on west side of Main St
- New service 204 17th st
- Attended physical substation security webinar (free through our APPA membership) about things to watch for and review of incidents that have occurred at other utilities
- Permission to purchase wood poles for \$16,645.90 as a budgeted expense

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Department Reports:

Repaired several storm drain pipe near inlets that had sinkholes

Replaced two stop and street name that were knocked over, replaced two other stop signs that had been damaged by some type of equipment

Cleaned up a tree that blew down blocking the road on west 23rd street near Industrial Park Rd. intersection

Did mowing of right of ways and retention ponds along with weed control

Hauled limbs and yard waste another month of heavy drop off

Trying to keep as many storm inlets open as possible they get clogged fast with grass clipping during mowing season

We removed a portion of the fence at 17th and Main I not sure it's enough the vegetation and some of the remaining fence still is blocking the line of site looking south

Seeking quotes for paving and stripping parking spaces at the Town's 3rd and Maryland property the paving of the parking lot is required according to Town policy

New Business:

A majority of work for CCMG 2023-01 and CCMG 2023-02 has been completed one with street with water line improvements is not completed when this street is completed they will do stripping and stop bars as indicated on contract.

CCMG 2024-01 Open bids at 7:00 pm at meeting

MVH ton truck last year I working on confirming new cab and chassis pricing with new bid assistance

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Water:

MRO's filed with IDEM

Georgia street main-

Main is finished waiting on bac-t samples to put everyone on new main

1 new residential service

Request permission to seek quotes for By- pass project on supplies

May usage:

Total Gallons	6,454,000.00
Max. Day	307,000.00
Min. Day	175,000.00
Avg. Daily	208193.5484

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Wastewater:

Monthly IDEM reports are submitted

Solids discharged 3.6 mg/l per day average
Phosphorus levels of .7 mg/l out of a limit of 1 mg/l average

MONTHLY REMOVAL SUMMARY					Total Monthly Flow: (million gallons) 12.07
Percent Removal	BOD5	S.S.	Ammonia	Phosphorus	
Primary Treatment	NA	NA			
Secondary Treatment	NA	NA			Percent Capacity
Tertiary Treatment	NA	NA			(actual flow/design) 56%
Overall Treatment	99.3	99.0	99.9	82.1	
Phosphorus limit would be 75 % removal. (compliance achieved)					

All reports have been filled with IDEM

Education:

Request permission to send Kyle Lechner, Austin Ryan, Clint Meyer and Brian Hoffman to Indiana AWWA Southern Symposium, in Huntingburg June 27th, total cost \$320 plus transportation, Lunch is included

Permission Permission to Send Kyle, Brian, Clint, Austin and Ben to Evanville Thursday June 20th for IFA Southwest Regional Meeting held at one of Evansville Wastewater Facilities, this would be able to count towards there class time for the Apprentice program, with no fees to go to the meeting just transportation.

Ben Brinkman
Water/Wastewater Superintendent

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Working with (VIV) website. Gathering information from department heads, the interactive map as well as each page specifically.

Meeting with Lori Klem, officer Heimatfest about getting new photos etc.

Main Street Program - Liaison between the town and this new program -
Meeting with our individual teams as well as meeting with our officers.

Continue to work with Ferdinand Merchants monthly- planning an event in October and working and helping with responsibilities of that event.

Meetings with Visit Dubois County as part of their board of directors -
Will be working with them in the marketing of the upcoming Folk Fest

Still on hold with - Homestead Pizza (new owners) and Frick Concrete - they are all on board but coming up with dates that will work for them as their are wanting to work on improvements to their buildings.

Debbie is working on Cascade Restaurant

Social media posts.

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**PARKS DEPARTMENT
TOWN COUNCIL REPORT**

May 2024

General Park Report

- The park board met on June 12, 2024.
- The board welcomed Jessica Condra from Indiana Region 15 to discuss some grand opportunities. Additionally, she is checking into what steps are necessary to add the splash pad to the town board's master plan which was voted to be added to the 5-year master plan in a previous meeting.
- The sports field sprinklers were tested and deemed fully functional earlier this month and are awaiting approval to be utilized.
- The board voted to update some language on the park shelter house lease form.

Matthew Weyer
Jun 17, 2024