

TOWN OF FERDINAND

SPECIAL MEETING

March 14, 2025

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Special Town Council Meeting at 8:00 AM on Friday, March 14, 2025, 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.

Ken Sicard stated, "We are here, as the town council/safety board, to make a decision concerning the continued employment of Probationary officer Alfred L. Braunecker, Jr. after having held an executive session on March 4, 2025 and after having received the recommendation of our Chief of Police and having considered matters substantiated since that March 4th session. I would like to make a motion. I move that, after having carefully considered the matters discussed in executive session and the recommendation of our Chief of Police, the probationary employment of Alfred L. Braunecker, Jr. be terminated effective March 14, 2025 by reason of the violation of the Ferdinand general orders and SOP and conduct unbecoming of a police officer." Debbie seconded. Roll call vote: Sicard - Aye. Ron - Aye. Debbie - Aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Ken Sicard, President of the Town Council, signed the letter of dismissal and Chief Randle delivered the signed letter to Probationary Officer Braunecker.

Ron moved to allow Chief Randle to advertise for a Tier 1 lateral police officer. He will accept applications through March 21st. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper stated that it has been recommended by the respective department heads that the Town Council approve the quote of John Jones on the MVH truck in the amount of \$48,892.00 which includes \$475 non-slip assist steps which were required; the quote of Ruxer Ford on the crane truck in the amount of \$155,671.50; the quote of Boyd & Sons on the mini excavator and the skid steer loader (combined) in the amount of \$89,125.86, which is not the lowest of the individual quotes, but has the capacity to be financially lucrative because the dept. heads do want to participate in the company buyback program. Debbie moved to approve the recommendations made by the department heads. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

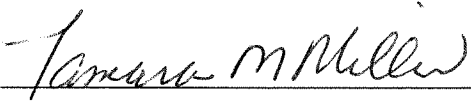
Debbie moved to approve a special claim for \$3,750 to Will Hoge (band) for the 2025 Folk Fest. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ken Sicard stated that he spoke to the Ways and Means Committee in Indianapolis on March 11, 2025, regarding the effect the proposed property tax reductions could have on small town budgets.

As there was no further business to discuss, Ron moved to adjourn. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 AM.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL



Clerk-Treasurer



