

TOWN OF FERDINAND
REGULAR MEETING
March 13, 2018

The Ferdinand Town Council met for their regular meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday March 13, 2018 in the Town Hall. Present were President, Ken Sicard, Ron Weyer and Debbie Johnson, Council members and Town Attorney, Bill Shaneyfelt. Minutes of the February 20, 2018 and February 22, 2018 meetings were approved as presented on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Brian Seffernick reported calls for February and presented a report of department activity. The police have increased patrols at Forest Park and elementary school. They have conducted security and safety reassessments for all the schools in SE Dubois School Corporation. They will be conducting interviews in May for reserve officer openings.

John Hoppenjans, Fire Chief, reported four fire runs and eight first responder runs were made in February. Four will be going to Fire School next weekend. He requested the Knox Box ordinance be updated to include all businesses. This would allow entry to building by firefighters by having a key on sight. Council took under advisement. They are looking at starting a candidate program to get potential new firefighters familiar with procedures and responsibilities. Department currently has 32 firefighters, could have up to 33.

Steve Becher reported there was 1 power outage in February. He gave an update of the Sisters utility project.

Tom Lueken reported Spring Clean-Up will be April 10th on West side of Town, April 11th East side of Town and April 12th if needed. He gave an update of the department. His department will be doing crack sealing on four streets as part of the Community Crossing Grant.

Roger Schaefer reported his department will be at French Lick for 2 days this week as approved. He requested permission for Colin and Ryan to attend the WTH Training Conference for the GIS system at Fort Harrison on May 3 & 4 at the cost of \$100 each and \$140.39 for hotel for a total cost \$340.39 plus transportation and meals. Ron made a motion to approve the attendance request and Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Roger presented 2 quotes for camera system. The low quote for \$10,565 was from All Star Equipment and Supply. Roger needs to put together a policy for use and charges of the camera on private property. A motion was made by Ron to approve the purchase, with the contingency a policy will be put together for use and charges, and seconded by Deb. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Matt Weyer, Park Board President, gave a park update. They are hoping to have an open house in April. They met with low bidder to resurface the 5th Street Park playground area. He expressed gratitude to Mary C. and Clem Lange for the \$12,000 donation through the Community Foundation and to the Mobel Foundation for the \$15,000 donation for the 5th Street park resurfacing. The next park meeting will be their major lease meeting on March 14 at 4:30 PM. At the April 10th meeting the Ordinance to approve the Appropriation of \$46,000 from prior year will be introduced.

Chris James gave an update of the Dubois County Leadership Academy. He requested \$1,000 for our share of the sponsorship of the Academy. A motion was made by Debbie and seconded by Ron to approve the request. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. He gave an update of Folk Fest planning. He asked permission to attend the annual IMMA Conference April 26 & 27 in Lawrenceburg with a room at a cost of \$200, transportation and 1 meal. A motion was made by Ron to approve the request, seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

At 8:00 a motion was made by Ron to close bidding for the Sludge Truck and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. One bid was received from Roger Schaefer for \$1,000. After discussion, a motion was made by Debbie to accept the bid, seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Chris will consult with Don Forester regarding the Chamber sign on private property that will possibly require a variance from the BZA. He is consulting with INDOT regarding ADA compliant curb replacement work to be done this summer. Chris presented a quote from a company New Focus that can do policy handbook for a \$4,000 fee with annual \$125 subscription fee. More information will be gathered at the IMMA conference before a decision will be made.

Roger gave an update of the Phosphorus site. The weather is preventing any work from being done. He gave a summary of the drainage issues and is looking into the underlying cause.

Fire Chief John Hoppenjans stated the start date should be next week for the new fire truck.

Matt Weyer, Park Board President, gave a report on the Old Town Lake project. Shaneyfelt explained as part of the grant agreement, we need to encumber the property using a Quit Claim deed to deed the property back to ourselves placing a restriction on the property to ensure land is to be used for outdoor public recreation purposes only. In addition, all utilities need to be underground. A motion was made by Debbie to give authority to Ken and Tamara to sign off on the Quit Claim Deed with the required property restrictions and authorize execution of document as required. It was seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Tom Lueken gave a timeline of the W. 23rd St. Project Design. He communicated that there will be a need for a special meeting to receive bids to be able to meet the INDOT April 15 deadline. That

date was set for March 21 at 5 pm at the town office. Tom requested permission to advertise for bids on the 23rd Street project. A motion was made by Debbie to authorize advertisement for bidding. The motion was seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Roger gave an update of the Sisters' utilities project. Sanitary sewer work will begin Monday.

There was discussion regarding the water rate increase. The Ordinance 2018-05, approving the increase, will be scheduled for Hearing at the April 10th meeting at 8:15 PM for final approval. If approved, the water rate increase will take place in May.

Chris James gave an update of the Rickelman fence planning and construction. Tom Lueken reported he is waiting for quotes for the Senior Citizens Building doors.

Matt Weyer requested the process begin to allow the park to transfer \$46,000 unspent funds from the 2017 budget to the 2018 budget. It was requested that a hearing date for the Additional Park Appropriation of \$46,000 be set for April 10, 8 PM and the appropriate notice to the public be initiated. A motion was made by Ron to approve the request as stated above. The motion was seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Motion was made at 8:00 PM to close bidding on the W. 23rd St. Project by Debbie, seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Knies Construction was the only bid for \$364,715. After a review by Shaneyfelt noting the bid appears to be in order. The bid is under advisement. A special meeting was set for Wednesday, March 21 at 5 PM to accept the bid after review. Miller will send notice to the media.

GAB requested approval for their Clean Sweep event to be held on April 21, 2018. A motion was made by Debbie to approve request, seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Tom Lueken reported the sign was erected today for the W. 23rd Street yard waste disposal site.

The council conducted a review of the property insurance on February 22. The council thanked Mike Becher for the detail he provided. The coverage for Cyber Insurance for \$250,000 will be added for a cost of \$482. A motion was made by Debbie to renew the current insurance policy with added Cyber coverage as stated above and seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Ordinance 2018-05 Water Rate Increase of 15% was introduced. The Utility Hearing was scheduled for April 10 at 8:15 PM. Miller to post the Notice and mail the Notice and the Ordinance to every water utility customer outside the city limits. Shaneyfelt will put in Ferdinand News.

Shaneyfelt reviewed the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form CF-1 Real Estate Improvements for Knu, LLC related to TA16-2C. He stated the form was in substantial compliance with the Tax Abatement that was previously granted to Knu, LLC. He recommended the form be approved and the President and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign the compliance form. There was

motion by Ken to approve and sign the annual compliance forms. The motion was seconded by Ron. Motion carried 2-yes, 0-no.

Shaneyfelt reviewed the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form CF-1 Real Estate Improvements and CF-1 Personal Property for Best Chairs, Inc. related to TA15-C2. He stated both forms were in substantial compliance with the Tax Abatements that were previously granted to Best Chairs, Inc. He recommended the forms be approved and the President and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign the compliance forms. There was motion by Ken to approve and sign the annual Compliance Forms. The motion was seconded by Ron. Motion carried 2-yes, 0-no.

Special claims related to the Folk Fest in the amounts of \$4,500 and \$1,250 were approved to pay on a motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried to pay special claims, 3-yes, 0-no.

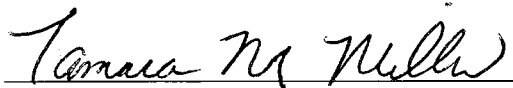
Regular claims in the amounts of \$200,557.86 and \$215,112.18 were approved to pay on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried to pay regular claims 3-yes, 0-no.

The council will meet again in regular session on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. A special meeting on March 21, 2018 at 5 PM related to 3rd Street construction and other matters that may arise. The meeting of Economic Development Commission will be on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 6:00 PM. The Park Board will meet on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 4:30 PM. The Zoning Board meeting will be on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 6:30 PM and the Plan Commission will meet at 7:00 PM.

As there was no further business to discuss, Debbie made a motion to adjourn and Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-Yes 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL



Clerk-Treasurer

