

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

July 16, 2019

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, July 16, 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 May 31, 2019 and June 18, 2019 meetings. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Froman reported for the Police Department. The new reserves are enrolled in the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy 40-hour basic class. The department assisted at the Heimatfest.

John Hoppenjans reported the fire department had 9 fire and 11 EMR runs in June. The Fireman's Ball is July 27th at the Ferdinand Community Center. The meal starts at 5pm and Hagedorn Family Band starts at 7pm.

Becher reported the electric department is working to move the primary lines off of main street. There was one outage that resulted in low power to a resident on July 5th. After the department repaired the line, the resident requested reimbursement for a bill for a service call incurred during the low power period. Bohnenkemper will respond to the resident.

Lueken reported the street department is doing street and drain repair. On the CCMG application, the town committed to do shoulder stone work and the striping after the joint paving project is complete. The county proposed that they would do the striping, provide needed equipment and labor for the shoulder stonework and the town purchase the stone at an estimated cost of \$11,000 and provide storage at the West 23rd location until needed. Lueken requested that Council approve this allocation. Deb moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Deb stated that neighbors at the Trilogy entrance and 5th Street location are concerned that with increased traffic, there may be a need for a stop sign at the location. Lueken stated the traffic leaving the Trilogy complex must stop as it is a private drive. This is an issue for the County, Lueken will contact the county concerning needed signage.

James reported for the sewer and water departments. Hydrant flushing is complete. Kersteins started the water main project and sewers will be next. The lift stations are in good order.

They completed jet cleaning trouble sewer mains and are doing routine plant maintenance.

Matt Weyer reported for the Park Board. They are in the process of updating the ordinance regarding camping. The summer park and rec program is going well. He thanked the Town employees for their work keeping the parks and ballfields in top condition.

James gave a Leadership Academy update. On Sunday, August 11, the Annual Folk Fest Singer Songwriter event will be held at the St. Benedict's Brew Works. The Economic Development Commission is working on the revolving loan fund details for presentation to the Council. The park and recreation program is wrapping up. The town is reviewing eGov options for website improvements. AIM Ideas Summit will be in French Lick on August 27-29. James and Sicard plan to attend.

At 8:00 PM a hearing was held for the Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2019-14 requesting a Community Crossing Matching Grant Fund, an additional appropriation for capital improvements of \$232,065. The Town's portion would be \$58,016 (25%) and the Community Crossing Matching Grant would cover \$174,049 (75%). Ron moved to approve Ordinance 2019-14. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Matt Weyer stated construction is delayed on the Old Town Lake project due to rain and the trail clearing still to be completed by PMG. The overhead power lines will be placed underground. The press release has been drafted stating the Old Town Lake will be closed to the public due to construction. Seufert pay application #2 for \$5,700 has been approved by the Park Board and has been presented for payment.

Becher reported on the electric infrastructure progress. The transformer is expected to arrive July 18.

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

James stated KWK did a test water blast on the stand pipe water tower. They are accessing the condition of the tower and the extent of repair required.

At 8:10 PM a hearing was held for Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2019-15 requesting a LIT-ED Funds additional appropriation for capital improvements of \$100,000 related to the Old Town Lake Trail Project. The \$100,000 originally scheduled for 2020 budget is needed in 2019 due to a projected completion date of December 2019. Deb moved to approve the Ordinance 2019-15. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Keith Fritz stated he has purchased the property at 1245 Main Street, formerly Henry Beckman's New Farmers Store (1897). He would like to restore the building, build out apartments and eventually reside there. Bohnenkemper provided zoning information and a land use chart to him at the meeting to help guide him through the zoning process.

Ron stated the last electric rate study was done in 2008 by Alpha Engineering and the last rate increase was approved July 8th, 2008. Ron requested the Council accept the proposal from Alpha Engineering to conduct a Municipal Electric Abbreviated Rate Design study at a maximum cost of \$7,500. Miller will work with Alpha to complete the study. Sicard moved to approve the request. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Lueken reported he is compiling a priority list for road projects. He is planning to submit an application for grant funds during the CCMG 2020 First Call.

Miller stated Eck Mundy installed three new computers in the Town Hall office. They will install the new server in the Town Hall late August.

Ordinance 2019-17, An Ordinance Modifying Portions of the Personnel Policy was introduced by Sicard. The Ordinance permits comp time to be used by supervisors for regularly scheduled Town Council Meetings, removed the personal day effective January 1, 2020, added three paid holidays, and increased vacation days in order to become more competitive in the market. Deb moved to adopt the Ordinance at the meeting it was introduced. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Becher requested permission to solicit quotes for an Electric Department Boom Truck. Bohnenkemper explained detailed specifications will be sent to three vendors. Ron moved to approve the request. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The quotes will be opened at 8:00 pm on August 20, 2019.

Bohnenkemper explained the need for a uniform utility application for the website and office distribution. State Statute now requires landlord name and address for rental properties be included on the application.

Bohnenkemper introduced Ordinance 2019-18, An Ordinance Amending Title 1 Entitled Administration. The Ordinance updates the language of its Municipal Code to comply with a recent state statute regarding adoption of a set procedure to follow in the event that a permit needs to be issued but the issuer (zoning administrator) has a conflict of interest. Ron moved to adopt the

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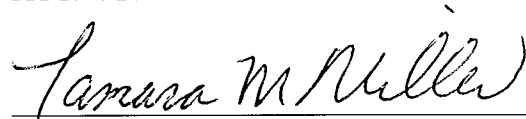
Deb moved to approve regular claims. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The following announcements were read:

Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	August 20, 2019 at 7:30 PM
Town Council Budget Meeting	Wednesday	July 31, 2019 at 6:00 AM
Economic Development Commission	Monday	August 19, 2019 at 6:00 PM
BZA	Wednesday	July 24, 2019 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	July 24, 2019 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	August 7, 2019 at 4:30 PM

Ron moved to adjourn. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

ATTEST:



Clerk-Treasurer

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL





