

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

May 18, 2021

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, in the Ferdinand Community Center. Present were Council President, Ken Sicard; Vice-President, Debbie Johnson; Council Member, Ron Weyer; Town Attorney, Sharon Bohnenkemper and Clerk-Treasurer, Tamara Miller.

Debbie moved to approve the Minutes of the April 20, 2021 meeting. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard explained modifications to the Town of Ferdinand Guidelines for Business Operations and the Meeting Procedures. Town Hall/Town Meetings – attendees who are fully vaccinated no longer need to wear masks; masks are recommended for those not fully vaccinated. Meetings will still have sign in sheets for contact tracing purposes, but no temperature checks. Employees returning from out of state: fully vaccinated employees are no longer are required to covid test before returning to work; non-vaccinated employees are to covid test negative prior to returning to work. When dealing with the public, fully vaccinated employees are no longer required to wear a mask (unless requested); non-vaccinated employees are to wear a mask when dealing with the public. Debbie moved to approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Todd Fischer, electric superintendent, requested permission to purchase a new transformer at a cost not to exceed \$17,000. Ron moved to approve. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Roger Schaefer requested permission for Ernst, Meyer and Kyle Lechner to attend the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water Spring training at French Lick on May 19-20, 2021 including seminar, meals and transportation. Debbie moved to approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Schaefer requested permission to seek quotes to replace the 1990 GMC truck for the water/wastewater department. Ron moved to approve. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard will get input from the businesses located on both sides of 9th street regarding traffic turning onto 9th Street from Main Street. There will be further discussion at the next meeting.

Ferdinand was awarded \$281,232.43 Community Crossings Matching Grant Funds. The Town will match \$93,744.19 (25%). Ron moved to approve Resolution 2021-03 which authorized the President of Town Council to sign the Town of Ferdinand said agreement. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Debbie moved to approve Sicard signing the Local Roads and Bridges Matching Grant Agreement with INDOT. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper requested permission to advertise for bids for Community Crossing Road Projects with sealed bids opening set for June 15, 2021, at 7:00 PM. Debbie moved to approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ordinance 2021-09 was introduced. An Ordinance Amending Salary Ordinance 2020-21 Regarding Salaries, Compensation and Wages for Elected Officials, Appointees and Employees of the Town of Ferdinand adding Sewer / Water Utility Employee: Clint Meyer, at \$19.00 per hour, first 1,000 hours, 40 hours per week, plus 2 hours minimum at time and half for emergency calls, plus 2 hour minimum at straight time for weekend lab testing. Next 1,000 hours, \$20.38; Next 1,000 hours, \$21.75; Next 1,000 hours, \$23.12; \$24.50/hour upon passing IDEM Operator Exam and adding Sewer / Water Utility Employee: Kyle Lechner, at \$18.50 per hour, first 1,000 hours, 40 hours per week, plus 2 hours minimum at time and half for emergency calls, plus 2 hour minimum at straight time for weekend lab testing. Next 1,000 hours, \$19.88; Next 1,000 hours, \$21.25; Next 1,000 hours, \$22.62; \$24.00/hour upon passing IDEM Operator Exam. The amendment is effective as of May 10, 2021. Ron moved to adopt the Ordinance at the meeting it was introduced. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to accept the performance bond from Kersteins Development Inc. on the Hidden Meadows Subdivision and the \$781,750 Irrevocable Letter of Credit from Freedom Bank provided as security and allow Miller and Sicard to sign the approval of the performance bond. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper advised that the department heads have indicated to her that the Trilogy performance bond can now be released. Ron moved to release of the Trilogy Performance Bond and release the \$130,236.06 Cashier's Check as the requirements of the bond have been met. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 7:00 PM, the Water Utility Rate Hearing was held. Sicard opened the meeting for discussion. The only concerns raised were of the wholesale customer rate and the increase by Rollie

Terwiske, representing St. Henry Water Corp., a wholesale customer. The Council, Schaefer and Miller responded to his concerns. It was determined a meeting will be set with St. Henry Water to revisit the wholesale minimum and rate. Ben Brinkman, a Ferdinand resident, inquired when the rate increase was advertised and the need for the increase. Bohnenkemper stated the publish dates of the required advertisements. The rate increase takes into account the Patoka Water rate increase, capital expenditures and projected operating expense increases. Ron moved to close the hearing. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-08, An Ordinance Amending the Schedule of Rates and Charges for Use of and Services Rendered by the Municipal Water Utility of the Town of Ferdinand, redacting Section 10.02.080 Wholesale for Resale. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The increase will be effective the first full billing cycle after adoption.

Sicard moved to approve Bohnenkemper's request to participate in a virtual municipal law seminar on June 24 & 25, 2021 at a cost of \$150. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

James gave an update on the timber conservation project. He has been in contact Doug Brown with Multi-Resource Management, which has approximately a nine month wait time.

James requested approval of the Heimatfest 5K route, the same as previous years, to be held on June 19, 2021. Ron moved to approve the route. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

James requested the hiring of Part-Time/Park & Rec Employees, Denai Sicard at \$9.50 per hour starting May 21, 2021 and Grace Schuetter at \$9.50 per hour starting June 1, 2021. Debbie moved to approve the request, contingent upon passing the drug test. Ron seconded. Motion carried 2-0. Sicard recused himself from the vote.

Lueken stated there has been an issue with dog waste clean-up at parks. Bohnenkemper stated there is no state law concerning such matters and will send an ordinance violation to the owner and if there is no current municipal ordinance, will in such event draft a proposed ordinance.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	June 15, 2021 at 6:30 PM
Town Council Budget Meeting	Thursday	July 22, 2021 at 6:00 AM
Town Council Budget Hearing	Tuesday	August 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Town Council Budget Adoption	Tuesday	September 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	May 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	June 9, 2021 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Comm.	Monday	June 21, 2021 at 6:00 PM

As there was no further business to discuss, Debbie moved to adjourn. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL

Tamara M Miller

Clerk-Treasurer

Ken Secant

Ron Wj

Debbie



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April Police Department Report: We assisted with the Town Wide Yard Sale, Taser Re-certification Training, Joint Firearms Training with Spencer and Dubois County Sheriff's Departments, and Tactical Night Firearms Training with Huntingburg PD and Dubois County Sheriff's Department. Assistant Chief Seffernick is attending tonight's monthly meeting, as I will be at the Law Enforcement Academy assisting with Firearms Training. I will get to assist Josh with firearms. Thanks.

Visit us for a day. Join us for a lifetime.

KENNETH SICARD, President
TAMARA M. MILLER, Clerk-Treasurer

DEBBIE JOHNSON, Member
SHARON BOHNENKEMPER, Attorney

RONALD WEYER, Member
CHRIS JAMES, Town Manager

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Assistant Chief: Brian Seffernick

Total Calls For Service		Calls For Service Report April 2021 	
Miles Driven	4514		
Total Gallons	362		
Average MPG	12.46961		
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm	9	Missing Person Adult/Child	1
Animal Complaint	2	Parking Violation	0
Assist Other Agency	20	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	0
Battery/ Assault	0	Protective/Restraining Order	0
Burglary (attempted)	1	Prowler (report of)	0
Burning Complaint	0	Report to Station	8
Child Abuse/Neglect	0	Return Messages	24
Civil Matter /Dispute	2	State Dispatch	20
Citizen Assist	0	Scam	1
Debris in Roadway	0	Security Check	0
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	11	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	1
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	1	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	5
Drug Complaint	0	Theft	1
Domestic Problem	5	Traffic Control	17
Escort	2	Traffic Warnings	42
Eviction	0	Traffic Citations	7
Extra Patrol	1	Trespassing	1
Fight	0	Threats/ Intimidation	1
Finger Printing	0	Vandalism	3
Fire	1	Vehicle Accident	8
General Information	27	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	0
Gun Permit	0	Vehicle Check	5
Harassment	0	Vehicle Lock Out	6
Hazardous/ Not Chemical	0	Warrant	1
Investigation	3	Weather Related Problems	0
Identity Theft	0	Welfare Check	3
Illegal Dumping	0	911 false calls	1
Intoxicated Person	0		0
Juvenile Incurrigible/Runaway	1		
Lines/ Poles Down	0		
Lost/ Stolen License Plate	0		
Mental Subject	0		

