

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

September 13, 2016

The Ferdinand Town Council met for their regular meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 in the Town Hall. Present were President, Ken Sicard, Debbie Johnson and Ron Weyer Council members, Clerk Treasurer, Beverly Schulthise, and Town Attorney, Bill Shaneyfelt. The first order of business was the budget hearing at 7:30 PM. Bev advertised the budget of \$2,746,253 and 2017 tax rate of \$.7727 per \$100 of assessed value of \$113,422,763. The 2016 tax rate was \$.6387. Minutes of the August 9th and September 7th meetings were approved on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie after several corrections were made. There were sewer lines that were inspected by wastewater employees using a camera, and Debbie is receptive to a mural on a building just not the picture of the bull that was presented. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Student Abby Spayd from Forest Park High School was present to observe meeting.

Lloyd Froman, Chief, was absent and Chris James gave the August police report. Nathan and Brian are NIMS 300 certified.

Dan Lindauer, Fire Chief, reported 18 runs for August, seven were fires and 11 first responder runs. Aerial was tested and no repairs were needed. The Town of Ferdinand received an e-mail from FEMA that we were turned down for the 2015 Assistance to firefighters grant. We will try again in 2016 for the grant by filling out the application.

Henry Haake said the 17th street water main line is being worked on. Dean Gogel has finished lineman's schooling and has to take a test before certified. Henry has hooked up power to interstate traffic lights. His department will be flushing hydrants starting September 26th. The emergency siren was fixed on Northside. There were several power outages due to Vectren doing work on 4160 substation but now they are finished and work complete.

Tom Lueken said Delaware street reconstruction complete. Certain streets were milled in Town. Tom started on ADA projects and drainage. Tom is putting together bid package for streets for this year, but they might not be completed until 2017 in spring. There are seven road projects on the list. Tom said we would be paving Virginia Street and would like to have the water line completed before paving is done on the street. We are required to have someone attend INDOT instruction meeting for Community Crossings grant. On September 16th Tom and Bev will be attending the meeting at 10:00 AM at Vincennes where INDOT will go over the process for grant compliance. Ferdinand took a load of treated salt recently so we should be fine for the coming winter. Fall Clean-up will be on the Westside October 11th and Eastside October 12th and finish up on October 13th. Tom would like to purchase a 2017 ¾ ton work truck for his department. He has money in his budget under equipment. He would like to trade in the 1995 2500 Chevy pickup and snow plow. Ron made motion to go ahead and purchase and trade-in truck and plow. Debbie seconded. 3-yes, 0-no. The 1999 truck will be given to park. The bids are to be opened October 11th at 8:30 PM.

A hearing on Randy Begle tax abatement began at 8:00 PM. No one was present to remonstrate. Resolution TA 16-1C, confirmatory resolution designating an economic revitalization area within the Town of Ferdinand was approved at meeting presented on motion by Debbie and seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Randy thanked the Council and superintendents for the tax abatement and help with the project.

Roger Schaefer said his department was hauling sludge but stopped for now because of issues with west clarifier. Algae choked up the piping. Insurance engineers will be in Wednesday to discuss the claim we have for the illegal dumping.

Dolores Boeglin, park board, said fall soccer, baseball, and football has started. Park Board is finalizing the Rosenvolk issue with use of park. DNR of Indiana has approved the Old Lake Trail Project and now we need federal approval. Indiana Region 15 will be administering the grant from now on and not Strand Associates.

Town Manager, Chris James, said the seventh annual Folk Festival is this Saturday. New this year is a tiny house as you have seen advertised on TV. Chris Welp talked about the Folk Fest bike tour and the different routes that will be taken. Chris said the E-notify system is ready on the Town of Ferdinand website for people to register by signing up for this service. This is for people who want to be notified in case of a Town emergency so then they can be emailed or texted of the local emergency. Anything non-weather related can be done. People are to register to receive Email and SMS text alert from Town of Ferdinand. Council members would like a policy written for the use of this service. Curt Krempin from Nextera will be here for Folk Festival and Bill Shaneyfelt will be with him. Nextera is a sponsor. Bill will be hosting Mike Jenner and his wife also during Folk Festival.

A Hearing began at 8:30 PM with a request from Greg Rickelman to rezone his property from Residential (R1) to Commercial (B2). Several people were present but no one made any comments except for Mr. Rickelman. The Plan Commission had sent to the Council an unfavorable recommendation for rezoning. Council considered the statutory requirements. Ordinance 2016-15, an ordinance rezoning certain lands within the jurisdictional area of the Town of Ferdinand was read. Debbie made a motion to deny the ordinance and Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Larry Kleeman, candidate for State Representative for District 74 was present to talk to the Council and public about his campaign for office, and what he would like to do if elected.

Lisa Thalhammer, Washington, DC artist, gave a presentation on what she had put together for a design for the mural that they want to place on Northside of building at 1440 Main Street. This mural is inspired by the character; Ferdinand the Bull. The price tag is \$10,000 and owner, Keith Fritz, has agreed to pay half. Lisa has already an in-kind match of \$1,000 for scaffolding. She also approached Muller True Value with help in the cost of the paint. She had written a grant for \$5,000 to submit to Dubois County Community Foundation and would like the Town of Ferdinand to be the applicant. Any applicant for grants to Dubois County Community Foundation has to be a non-profit entity. Attorney Bill Shaneyfelt expressed concern because he

had not reviewed the grant application, and he felt the Town would own the art once complete. He suggested finding a 501(c) 3 to serve as applicant. Fritz said there was not enough time because the applications are due September 15. Ken added he would like to move forward with application and support for the mural. If the grant is awarded but the project does not move forward, the funds can be returned. Ken made a motion and Debbie seconded to sponsor the grant and work out an agreement with owner, artist, and not be obligated to doing the work or do any upkeep after mural is painted on the building. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. It was a suggestion this will bring more murals to the community.

Mike Strahl felt that almost all documentation has been completed for Rural Development loan to fund the bio-solids project. The public notice for construction bids was to be advertised and the bids will be opened at 9 PM on October 11th. The insurance meeting with representatives from each department and Tony Cochren will be 2:00 PM on September 16th. Debbie is working with Randy Begle concerning cost of water and sewer lines to be run to new apartments he plans to build.

Ordinance 2016-16, an ordinance amending the Ferdinand Municipal code section 1.15.010 schedule of fees and charges was approved at meeting introduced on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. This addresses the charge for law enforcement recordings provided in response to public access requests. The charge would be \$150.00 per recording.

Utility Clerk, Angie Gerber, requested that four accounts be written off the books due to not being able to find the people. The total amount was \$237.29 and was for electric charges only. Motion was made by Ron and seconded by Debbie to write off these amounts. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Angie and Bev were given permission to attend training in Nashville, IN for annual Keystone user meeting on November 2, 2016. Transportation would be provided by the Town of Ferdinand. Debbie made motion and Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Ron made a motion and Debbie seconded to pay registration for Ken and Chris who will be attending the IACT annual convention at French Lick, Indiana on October 4-6th. The cost of registration is \$325.00 each with transportation and room to be also paid for.

Claims in the amount of \$198,312.66 and \$761,285.99 were approved to pay on motion by Debbie and seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Any other legitimate expenses not listed in accounts payable voucher for Sept. 13, 2016 concerning Folk Festival are to be paid also.

As there was no further business to discuss, Ron made a motion to adjourn and Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-Yes 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Next regular meeting is October 11, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting of Economic Development Commission will meet on October 11, 2016 at 6:00 PM. The Park Board will meet on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 4:30 PM. Zoning Board will meet Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 6:30 PM and Plan Commission meeting will be at 7:00 PM if there will be a meeting. Budget Adoption is October 11, 2016 at 7:30 PM.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk-Treasurer

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