

FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

April 9, 2024; 7:00 P.M.

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. President Steve Hedrick called the meeting to order and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Clerk Treasurer Reneau called the roll: Eric Treon, present; Karen Pollen, absent; Steve Hedrick, present; Angie Armstrong, present; Ken Pollen, present. Also, in attendance; Clerk-Treasurer, Kelly Reneau and attorney, Kyle Persinger.

PURCHASE ORDER:

None.

CLAIMS:

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the claims and order warrants on same. Seconded by Treon; motion carries with three ayes.

MINUTES:

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting March 25, 2024 Seconded by Ken Pollen; 3 ayes, 1 abstaining due to being absent at that meeting.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

None.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:

PRESIDENT:

President Steven Hedrick reminder to watch for kids playing and don't blow grass in the roads per local ordinance.

STREETS & PARK:

Superintendent Gossett advised Frontier will be replacing fiberoptics in July.

The meeting with SURF will April 10th at 2:00 p.m. in the meeting room.

Superintendent Gossett reported Street Sweeping has started; be aware of parking restrictions on Thursdays.

Gossett advised Community Clean Up Day will be May 13th with a rain date of May 14th; roll-off dumpsters will be needed for the event.

Motion made by Treon to order roll-off dumpsters. Seconded by Armstrong, motion carries with three ayes.

Superintendent Gosset reminded everyone of the Second Harvest food drive on April 15th at Play Acres Park.

Gossett reported the new benches have been installed at the ball field.

Superintendent Gossett presented three of four estimates received for reseeding the ball fields at the park:

Lawson Lawncare, kill, reseed and fertilize at a cost of \$44,000.00

Turf Solutions Group to refurbish outfields with sod at a cost of \$188,250.00

Ron's Lawn Fertilization for kill, reseed and fertilize at a cost of \$10,680.00

Leckron Lawn for kill, reseed and fertilize at a cost of \$8,000.00 - \$10,000.00

Motion made by Armstrong to approve Ron's Lawn Fertilization, LLC for the project. Seconded by Treon; motion carries with three ayes.

Superintendent Gossett advised Ron's recommends a total kill in September and plant in October.

Gossett and the Council discussed a contract between the Town and MGYSL concerning reseeding the ball diamonds.

Superintendent Gossett advised 614 East Madison Street is for sale. The building is, 2,640 square feet, ½ acre for \$59,900. Two appraisals are needed to move forward with the potential purchase.

Motion made by Armstrong to proceed with appraisals. Seconded by Treon; motion carries with three ayes.

POLICE & FIRE:

Marshal Dollar requested approval for the Fairmount Friends Church to use the parking lot for a blood drive, the bus will be there May 19, 2024. The Council was in favor of utilizing the parking lot for the blood drive.

Dollar reported that Officer Powell has returned from ILEA. He will return to the academy to complete the final three weeks of training with the next class.

Marshal Dollar reported the previous uniform company is no longer in business. He and Assistant Marshal Reneau visited Nelson's Uniform in Carmel to schedule uniform fitting.

Dollar reported the department will train with the local banks on April 24, 2024.

Councilwoman Armstrong and Marshal Dollar discussed wrong-way parking on Morton Street; local ordinance does not specify parking direction on Morton Street.

Fire- Chief Jump reported 162 fire calls for 2024.

Jump reported the Firemen's Breakfast went well. The department would like to thank everyone who attended last Saturday.

Chief Jump advised the Picture Donations end on May 4, 2024.

Jump reported MacQueen will complete Flow Testing on April 15, 2024.

Chief Jump presented the following quotes for the purchase of a new pump truck:

Spencer Pumper Fire Apparatus \$757,989.00, approximately 1 – 1 ½ year delivery
The cost includes a prepay discount of \$25,462.00.

Alexis Custom Top Mount Pumper \$797,273.00

Fire Service, Inc KME pumper per the specifications \$745,606.00 2 ½ - 3 years for delivery
and a possible engine change, no price available for engine change.

Pump 2, the Town owned truck, will be sold to Fairmount Township at a cost of \$450,000.00. The Cumulative Fire Fund and Rainy Day would provide \$100,000.00 each and TIF would provide \$107,989.00, upon approval, for the purchase of the new truck.

Motion made by Vice President Treon to table the discussion to present the purchase to the TIF Board. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

WATER & WASTEWATER:

Assistant Superintendent Rosenbush reported the crew has been working on meter pit rebuilds.

Rosenbush advised IDEM mandated disinfection of the Wastewater Plant has been completed.

Assistant Superintendent Rosenbush reported regular maintenance has been completed for the Utility vehicles.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:

None.

FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:

Clerk-Treasurer Reneau reported Deltec Solutions was on site to begin IT management.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION:

Karen Pollen attending the Solar Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Hedrick addressed communication within the Council.

Hedrick reminded everyone to complete Golf Cart Registration by June 2024.

President Hedrick congratulated TJ Pruitt for a job well done with Cruise-In at the park.

Councilwoman Armstrong questioned the possibility of signage to keep golf carts off of State Road. Dollar advised the local ordinance does not include child age; however, signage may be installed on 26.

Vice President Treon reminded the Council of the new start time for the next meeting. April 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

President Hedrick presented Ordinance #1-2024, Amending Section 34 Temporary Vendor of the Fairmount Code Book.

Amend Temporary Vendor – Ordinance 1 – 2024, The Fairmount Town Code Section 34.04(1) shall be amended as follows;

1. All temporary vendors of retail sales of food and miscellaneous merchandise during a special event shall be required to obtain a special event permit from the Town Clerk's office of the Town of Fairmount, which such special even permit shall be obtained at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the event.

Motion made by Treon to suspend the rules and move to the final reading. Seconded by Ken Pollen; motion carries with roll call vote: Hedrick, yes; Treon, yes; Armstrong, yes; Ken Pollen, yes; Karen Pollen, absent.

Motion made by Ken Pollen to approve the final reading of Ordinance 1-2024. Seconded by Treon; motion carries with roll call vote: Hedrick, yes; Treon, yes; Armstrong, yes; Ken Pollen, yes; Karen Pollen, absent.

Motion made by Treon to adopt Ordinance 1-2024. Seconded by Ken Pollen; motion carries with roll call vote: Hedrick, yes; Treon, yes; Armstrong, yes; Ken Pollen, yes; Karen Pollen, absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

With no further business to come before the Council, Armstrong made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Treon; meeting adjourned with all ayes.

Steve Hedrick, President

ATTEST

Kelly Reneau, Clerk-Treasurer