

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

November 17, 2020

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, in the Ferdinand Community Center. Present were Council President, Ken Sicard; Vice-President, Debbie Johnson; Council Member, Ron Weyer; Clerk-Treasurer, Tamara Miller; and Town Attorney, Sharon Bohnenkemper.

Debbie moved to approve the Minutes of the October 20, 2020 and October 23, 2020 meetings. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Police Chief Froman stated Ted Bieker retired on November 2, 2020 after nearly 32 years of service to the Ferdinand Police Department. He had also served as an EMT for 20 years. The Council expressed their gratitude for Bieker's dedication to the Town, hard work and faithful service.

Froman requested the hiring of Joshua Clouse, currently a reserve officer, as a full-time Patrolman at a rate of \$16.50 per hour plus \$1.00 for night shift and an additional \$2.00 per hour upon completion of the academy. His first day would be December 4, 2020. Ron moved to approve the request. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2020-17, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2019-30, regarding Salaries, Compensation and Wages for Elected Officials, Appointees and Employees of the Town of Ferdinand, at the meeting it was introduced. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Sicard welcomed Joshua, his wife and his son to the Town family.

The Police Department and the Town thanked Superb Tooling for the grant of \$3,000, made available through the Dubois County Community Foundation, to be used for the purchase of body cameras.

Fire Chief John Hoppenjans requested the hiring of two new fireman, Max Witte and Chase Schwenk, beginning January 1, 2021. Ron moved to approve the request. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Electric Superintendent, Steve Becher, stated a squirrel caused the failure of a recloser and a transformer resulting in a power outage earlier this month. The power was shifted to the backup

substation enabling power to be restored.

Sicard stated the Town will remain independent of the Dubois County Regional Sewer District. Given the available capacity, the Town may be able to extend service to certain areas. The Town will review the Ordinances currently in place that define guidelines for future sewer expansion.

Matt Weyer, Park Board President, stated Natalie Howard wants to remain on the Park Board.

Sicard stated the Town will continue to follow the State's Emergency Order and the Dubois County Health Department's guidelines. Ken recommended the extension of the current Emergency Order until the next Council meeting, adding that supervisors will not be required to attend the monthly Council meetings in person beginning in December. Debbie moved to approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. There will be no new rentals booked for the Senior Citizen Center until further notice.

Debbie stated that she, James and Miller will be meeting with Tony Cochran to review the underwritten health insurance rates. The committee will then meet to review the options.

Lueken stated we are waiting to hear back from the State regarding the Community Crossing Grants.

Miller reported the Town received \$72,446 from the Cares Act-Coronavirus Relief Fund.

Sicard stated the State Board of Accounts conducted a routine audit of 2018 and 2019. The report will be finalized prior to year-end.

Sicard stated the employee handbook is being reviewed by the department heads and comments are being addressed.

At 8:00 PM, bids were opened for the 2000 Altec TA40 Electric Truck. There were seven bids: West Trucking \$6,250; Rodney Weyer \$2,020; Commercial Truck Sales Inc. \$10,300; Dean Gogel \$2,526; Craig Verkamp \$10,002; Adam Burke \$5,110 and Helming Bros. Inc. \$3,000. Ron moved to accept the highest bid of \$10,300 from Commercial Truck Sales Inc. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 8:15 PM, Bohnenkemper stated the petitioner requested the Tax Abatement hearing be postponed. Ron moved to postpone the hearing to December 15, 2020, at 8:15 PM. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

The following announcements were read:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	December 15, 2020 at 7:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	December 16, 2020 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	December 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	December 9, 2020 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Comm.	Monday	December 21, 2020 at 6:00 PM

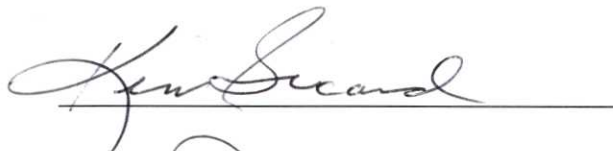
Debbie moved to adjourn. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

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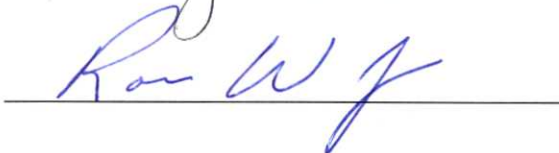
FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL



Clerk-Treasurer







Ferdinand Police Department

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Chief of Police: Lloyd Froman

Assistant Chief: Brian Seffernick



Calls For Service Report October 2020

Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Total Calls For Service	251		
Miles Driven	4951		
Total Gallons	450.5		
Average MPG	10.99001		
Alarm	14	Missing Person Adult/Child	0
Animal Complaint	8	Parking Violation	0
Assist Other Agency	16	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	0
Battery/ Assault	0	Protective/Restraining Order	0
Burglary (attempted)	0	Prowler (report of)	0
Burning Complaint	0	Report to Station	3
Child Abuse/Neglect	1	Return Messages	44
Civil Matter /Dispute	1	State Dispatch	20
Citizen Assist	4	Scam	3
Debris in Roadway	0	Security Check	0
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	5	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	2
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	0	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	11
Drug Complaint	0	Theft	2
Domestic Problem	2	Traffic Control	14
Escort	2	Traffic Warnings	18
Eviction	0	Traffic Citations	5
Extra Patrol	0	Trespassing	0
Fight	2	Threats/ Intimidation	0
Finger Printing	0	Vandalism	2
Fire	1	Vehicle Accident	12
General Information	33	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	0
Gun Permit	3	Vehicle Check	2
Harassment	0	Vehicle Lock Out	13
Hazardous/ Not Chemical	0	Warrant	0
Investigation	2	Weather Related Problems	0
Identity Theft	0	Welfare Check	2
Illegal Dumping	1	911 false calls	0
Intoxicated Person	0		0
Juvenile Incurrigible/Runaway	3		
Lines/ Poles Down	0		
Lost/ Stolen License Plate	0		
Mental Subject	0		

FERDINAND POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Complaint Type	Lloyd	Brian	Ted	Rob	Eric	Tom	Christian	Joshua	Kyle	Seth	Scott	Jay	Adam	Total
Mental Subject														0
Missing Person Adult/Child														0
Parking Violation														0
Property Lost/Found/Recovered														0
Protective/Restraining Order														0
Prowler														0
Report To Station		2	1											3
Return Messages	10	15	8		6	4	1							44
State Dispatch	3	3	6	3		2	3							20
Scam			1		1			1						3
School Check														0
Suicide/or a Suicidal person					1		1							2
Suspicious Person/Vehicle			1	3		5	2							11
Theft					2									2
Traffic Control	2	5	6						1					14
Traffic Warnings	2	1	1	3	1	8	2							18
Traffic Citations			2			3								5
Trespassing														0
Threats/ Intimidation														0
Vandalism			1			1								2
Vehicle Accident		2		4	3	2	1							12
Vehicle Accident Leaving The Scene														0
Vehicle Check					2									2
Vehicle Lock Out	1	2	1	1	2		6							13
Warrant														0
Weather Related Problems														0
Welfare Check			1			1								2
911 False Calls														0
														0
Total Calls	31	50	42	27	27	40	28	4	1	0	0	0	0	251
Miles Driven	288	495	730	595	660	1153	744	286						4951
Total Gallons	32.5	34	72.5	73.2	38.2	104.5	60.4	35.2						450.5
Average MPG	8.86154	14.559	10.069	8.128	17.2775	11.03349	12.31788	8.125	#VALUE!	#VALUE!				10.99