

**TOWN OF FERDINAND**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**June 5, 2018**

The Ferdinand Town Council met for their regular meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday June 5, 2018 in the Town Hall. Present were President, Ken Sicard, Ron Weyer and Debbie Johnson, Council members and Town Attorney, Bill Shaneyfelt. Minutes of the May 15, 2018 meetings were approved on Motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Lloyd Froman reported calls for May and presented a report of police department activity including participation in an active shooter drill at Forest Park. Lloyd Froman requested permission to attend a Response to Active Shooters class at a cost of \$295 to be held July 2 & 3 in Indianapolis with hotel at a cost of \$190 hotel for a total of \$485 plus transportation and meals. Motion to approve request was made by Ron, seconded by Debbie. Motion passed 3-0.

Luke Fleck represented the Fire Department reporting 4 fire runs and 12 first responder runs in May. There was discussion regarding the sale of the old fire truck and the use of a 3<sup>rd</sup> party, Fire Tec, to assist in the sale. No decision was made. There will be further discussion at the July meeting. The department may begin advertising to other fire departments now. The new fire truck will be picked up mid June. A motion was made by Debbie and seconded by Ron to sign the voucher for payment to Ferrara Fire Apparatus, Inc. for \$499,178. Motion passed 3-0.

Steve Becher reported there were no water leaks in May. The planned power outage went as planned. He gave an update of the service completed and thanked customers for their cooperation. Ron Weyer gave a presentation explaining the condition of the electrical substations and the substantial repairs/updates needed. There will be 3 Phases. Ron requested permission to proceed with Phase 1 including purchasing equipment needed, estimated to be \$150,000, to begin. A motion was made by Debbie to approve Phase 1, seconded by Ken. Motion passed 3-0. A motion was made by Ron and seconded by Debbie to have Roger Schaefer take over Water Department duties, on an interim basis, previously performed by Steve Becher effective immediately. Steve will still be involved as needed. Motion passed 3-0..

Tom Lueken requested support of the council to proceed with efforts to partner with Dubois County Council to resurface the Industrial By-Pass (Priority 1) in connection with the Community Crossing Project. Tom also requested permission to proceed with applying for Community Crossing funds to resurface Scenic Hills Industrial Drive from West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to Industrial Park Road (Priority 2). A motion was made by Ron and seconded by Debbie to support the Community Crossing Project to resurface the Industrial By-Pass. The Industrial By-Pass project would be funded by the Town 25% and

the Community Crossing Grant 75%. The motion passed 3-0. Tom also gave an update of the street department.

Roger Schaefer gave a report of the wastewater department. He stated the renewal of bio-solids permit with IDEM is coming up. He requested permission to use Midwest Engineering for a cost not to exceed \$2,500 to start the permit process. Ron made a motion to approve the request, Debbie seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Roger presented information related to the Blackfoot Landfill.

Matt Weyer, Park Board President, gave a park update. He thanked Tom for completing the installation of the musical instruments at the 18<sup>th</sup> Street Park. The "poured in place" resurfacing is being completed at the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Park.

Chris James gave an update of Park and Rec. program being conducted by Kendra Schipp and Taylor Bayer. The program is running well. He gave an update of the Folk Fest and expressed gratitude to the major sponsors: Best Home Furnishings, Masterbrand and Nextera. The Dubois County Leadership Academy will have their final session in July with graduation in August. The Mobel building of approximately 120,000 SF is being sold to AT Transportation to be used for warehousing and storage. The new owner may request tax abatement.

Ken reported Brian Dale has resigned from the Economic Development Commission and Cory Schneiders will be leaving the Planning Commission.

Roger reported on the phosphorus project. He distributed a handout. The computer software has been installed. There are still outstanding items on the punch list.

Tom Lueken gave an update of the W. 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Project. He is making neighbors aware of the project.

Schaefer and Becher gave an update of the utilities for the Sisters Project. James reported the Rickelman fence construction will be completed tomorrow.

Tom reported there is no change with the Senior Citizen's door installation.

Leon Weyer gave a presentation showing the Veteran's Memorial constructed on the north side of Ferdinand near Pine Drive. The memorial honors Veterans for their dedicated service to our country. Leon and the Ferdinand Legion coordinated the project and will be soliciting additional donations. There was discussion about future improvements to be made at the site with an anticipated completion date of Memorial Day 2019. Ken asked the Town be kept informed of the future improvements and what will be requested from the town related to ADA curbs, utilities, maintenance of flags and mowing.

Mike Steffe reported on the Walk Audit done on May 18 conducted with a CDC Grant. 23 people participated in the walk. He made suggestions for sidewalks throughout the town including connecting the residents to the north side businesses. Other suggestions included Vienna Drive and

adding a sidewalk from Forest Park to the baseball field and a connection between the Old Town Lake project to the high school. He will continue to work on getting grants to fund possible sidewalk projects.

A motion was made by Debbie and seconded by Ron to introduce Ordinance 18-08 Amending the Schedule of Rates and Charges for Use of and Charges for the Use of and Services Rendered by the Municipal Water Utility of the Town of Ferdinand related to Hydrant Rent. The hearing is scheduled for hearing on July 10, 2018 at 8:30 PM. The motion passed 3-0.

The Ordinance 18-09, an Ordinance Establishing Salaries, Compensation and Wages was introduced. Ordinance No. 17-19 is hereby amended to add the following provision: Street Employee Scott Hoffman's salary shall be \$18.50 for 40 hours per week plus 2 hour minimum at time and a half for emergency calls effective May 25, 2018. A motion was made by Ron and seconded by Deb to approve the ordinance at the meeting it was introduced. Motion passed 3-0.

Regular claims in the amounts of \$286,462.80 and \$657,193.84 were approved to pay on Motion by Deb and seconded by Ron. Motion carried to pay regular claims 3-0.

The council will meet again in regular session on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting of Economic Development Commission will be on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 6:00 PM. The Park Board will meet on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 4:30 PM. The Zoning Board meeting will be on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 6:30 PM and the Plan Commission will meet at 7:00 PM. Budget Hearing will be September 11, 2018 at 7:30 PM and the Budget Adoption Meeting will be October 9, 2018 at 7:30 PM.

As there was no further business to discuss, Debbie made a Motion to adjourn and Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL



Clerk-Treasurer

