

The regular council meeting was called to order by President Loretta Smart at 6:03 p.m. on March 14, 2005.

Silent roll call: Loretta Smart, Ron Sullins, Joe Thomas, and Steve Brown. Lori Vaughn was absent.

Others attending the town were:
Mary K. Parsons-Clerk-Treasurer
Chris Snyder-Town Superintendent
Daniel Frasier-Street Superintendent
Jim Humbarger-Wastewater Superintendent
Steve Gard-Water Superintendent
Martha Hagerty-Judge
Eric Hufnagle-Fire Chief
Lon Keyes-Park Board President
Teri Steele-Administrative Assistant

Others attending were: Barry Ehinger with Bonar Group, Bill Geiger from I-MAN, Stan Adams with Indiana Data Center, Jim Measel with WLKI radio station, and Scott Maggert with the Fremont Fire Department.

Ron Sullins moved to approve the minutes, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to approve the claims and payroll, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

President Loretta Smart asked to change the agenda due to Attorney Kevin Bruns arriving later. Reports will be first.

Reports:

Court submitted- Martha gave a thank-you to the Fire Department for the Benefit Breakfast held on March 12th for the Little Lambs Daycare.

Police submitted- Larry Elzey stated that he was able to get 18 weapons, 4 desktop computers, 4 notebook computers, \$2000.00 for light bars, and several uniforms donated during his time spent in the office due to medical restrictions. Ed presented a letter from the county asking for donations for a voice analyzer. Ed was asked to see what other Police Departments were donating.

Street submitted- Steve Brown moved to purchase catch basins with fill for West Michael Street from Underground Pipe in the amount of \$1,200.00, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor.

Wastewater submitted- Nothing to add.

Water submitted- Nothing to add.

Fire Department- Nothing to add.

Town Superintendent submitted- Ron Sullins moved to approve Free Garage Sales to be held May 2nd through May 8th with Spring clean up days on May 14th

for the West side of Wayne Street and May 21st for the East side of Wayne Street, second by Steve Brown, all in favor. Chris added that there is training in Angola on National Incident Management System May 2, 3, 5th for Department Heads.

Park Submitted- Lon asked the Council to move forward on putting gravel on the parking lot at the Skateboard Park. Council will decide at the next council meeting. There will be a Special Meeting of the Park Board on March 24th at 6:00 p.m. to review and possible adoption of the Parks and Recreation 5 year comprehensive plan.

A discussion was held on the By-Pass. There were 7 proposals for engineering and Chris would like to have them scored and returned to him by Friday March 18th. The top three proposals will then be scored and presented at the March 28th meeting. The award will be given at the April 5th special council meeting.

Steve Brown moved to approve advertising for the site work to be done at the Town Hall, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor. Bids will be opened on April 19th and awarded on April 26th at a special meeting at 6:00p.m.

A discussion was held on the Storm Water Utility. Chris is still gathering information from other Town's on their procedures.

Lori Vaughn arrived at 6:37 p.m.

No discussion was held on building codes. Attorney Kurt Bachman is still reviewing information.

Ron Sullins moved to accept the Personnel Policy with the two changes to comp time and advanced vacation pay effective March 14, 2005, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

A discussion was held on the Fire Chief's guidelines on hours and comp time. Ron Sullins moved to table until next month, second by Lori Vaughn, all in favor.

Bill Geiger gave a presentation on the fiber-optics being installed in the surrounding area by Indiana Metropolitan Area Network (IMAN).

Ordinance 2005-08, an ordinance establishing rates and charges for the use of water services for the waterworks system of the Town of Fremont, Indiana by amending Chapter 9, Article 2, Section 9-5(a)(1), (2), (3), (4), and (5) was introduced by Kathy Parsons reading the ordinance. A public hearing was approved to be held on April 19th at 6:00 p.m. on this matter.

Joe Thomas moved to approve the utility credits, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Ron Sullins moved to approve Kathy and Teri to attend the ILMCT annual conference with a State Board of Accounts class in April, second by Lori Vaughn, all in favor.

Ron Sullins moved to approve those wanting to attend an Ethics workshop in Indianapolis on March 24th, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Ron Sullins moved to allow four firefighters to attend an annual conference in Indianapolis, along with an allowance of \$500.00 for food and lodging, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Ron Sullins moved to allow the building Corporation to pay the 5th payment in the amount of \$137,345.00 to CCI Construction for the Town Hall, second by Lori Vaughn, all in favor.

Lori Vaughn moved to approve change order #1 on the sludge press for Strawser Brothers, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor.

Ron Sullins moved to pay 3rd payment to Strawser Brothers in the amount of \$45,600.00 for the Sludge Press building, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Kurt Selje from Design Structure, Inc. asked to use the cul-de-sac at Cardinal IG to store semi trailers during the building of the new addition. It was asked of Chris to write up an agreement with Design Structure, Inc. stating usage and repairs if necessary.

Ron Sullins discussed a need for a residential parking ordinance. Discussion followed.

Ron Sullins moved to adjourn, second by Steve Brown, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Loretta Smart

Ron Sullins

Attest:

Joe Thomas

Lorraine Vaughn

Mary K. Parsons
Clerk-Treasurer

Steve Brown