

The regular council meeting was called to order by President Loretta Smart at 6:00 p.m. on November 15, 2005.

Silent roll call: Loretta Smart, Ron Sullins, Steve Brown, Joe Thomas, and John Ludy.

Others representing the town were:

Mary K. Parsons-Clerk-Treasurer

Chris Snyder-Town Superintendent

Kurt Bachman-Town Attorney

Ed Johnson-Town Marshall

Jim Humbarger-Sewer Superintendent

Dan Frasier-Street Superintendent

Steve Gard-Water Superintendent

Martha Hagerty-Judge

Eric Hufnagle-Fire Chief

Lon Keyes-Park Board President

Teri Steele-Administrative Assistant

Others attending were Jim Measel with WLKI radio station, Yvonne Schroeder with the Herald Republican, Ken Wilson with JICI, Mark Reinhard and Derek Frederickson with Engineering Resources.

John Ludy moved to approve the minutes, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor.

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

Chris Snyder gave an update on the progress of the by-pass. Preliminary plans will be available after the first of the year for review.

John Ludy moved to approve signing the contract with Indiana Data Center, contingent on a letter of intent with the school having internet drainage for \$200.00 per Meg (3 Meg minimum) to one, line sight tower location, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

A discussion was held on the protocol and procedures for applying for Tax Abatements. Kurt Bachman gave handouts to the council members to look over. Tabled until the next council meeting.

Steve Brown moved to approve Resolution 2005-10, a resolution to establish a Sick Leave Bank for the full time employees of the Town of Fremont, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to approve signing the contract with Region 3-A for grant administration on the truck by-pass project contingent on liability insurance requests with Region 3-A being met, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

A discussion was held on the CEDIT Resolution. Chris handed out a draft of the resolution for the council to review. Tabled until the next council meeting.

Ron Sullins moved to approve escrow agreements with Wells Fargo Bank for the retirement of the 1975 sewage bonds, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Ron Sullins moved to approve escrow agreements with Wells Fargo Bank for the defeasance of the 2002 sewage bonds, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to approve the allocation of flow to Engineering Resources for the 40 condominiums on Snow Lake subject to verification, legal requirements and getting a letter from North Snow Bay Environmental Enhancement Association stating their approval, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Steve Brown moved to approve the transfer of funds for the Street Department, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor.

A discussion was held on the utility billing auto-pay. Responses received did not warrant the expense of \$2,500.00 for the module. This may be discussed at a later date.

John Ludy moved to approve the purchase of a payroll direct deposit module, in the amount of \$1,500.00 from Keystone, second by Steve Brown, 4 yeas, Ron Sullins nay.

Ron Sullins moved to approve Resolution 2005-11, a resolution designation of the National Incident Management (NIMS) as the basis for all incident Management in the Town of Fremont, Steuben County, Indiana, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Ron Sullins moved to introduce Ordinance 2005-20 and have a public hearing to amend, non-recurring rates and charges for the use of any services rendered by the Water Works system of the Town of Fremont, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

The public hearing will be set up before the next regular council meeting.

Joe Thomas moved to approve the final payment request to CCI for release of retainage in the amount of \$77,473.00 for the Town Hall, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

Steve Brown moved to approve the 4th payment to CCI in the amount of \$3,947.72 for outside site work, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor.

Ron Sullins moved to approve paying 10% (4,689.12) of an Or-Tec bill leaving a balance of \$42,052.13 to be paid when Jim Humbarger feels the press is running properly, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to approve the utility credits, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

Ron Sullins moved to table Salary Ordinance 2005-19 until December's regular council meeting, died for lack of a second. Ron Sullins stated that he was not opposed to raises, but did not agree with what was proposed when he felt one department was unfavorably biased.

Steve Brown moved to approve Salary Ordinance 2005-19 as presented, second by John Ludy, 4 yeas, Ron Sullins nay.

John Ludy moved to waive the second reading, second by Steve Brown, 4 yeas, Ron Sullins nay.

At approximately 7:30 p.m. Ron Sullins left the meeting.

John Ludy moved to approve Resolution 2005-12, a resolution to establish Section 125 Health Care and Dependent Care flexible spending account (FSA) program for the employees of the Town of Fremont, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to approve annual membership to the Indiana Urban Forest Council, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Reports

Court submitted- nothing to add.

Police submitted-nothing to add.

Street submitted-nothing to add.

Sewer submitted-Jim thanked the Street and Water Department for their help.

Water submitted-nothing to add.

Town Superintendent submitted-Chris added that the electrical work for the outside lights at the Town Hall was completed by Clear Lake Electric. He also stated that he has had complaints about feral cats in Town and would appreciate any ideas on how to control this problem.

Fire Department submitted-Eric requested that the volunteer pay for the department be included with the first pay period in December. John Ludy moved to allow volunteer pay the first pay period of December, second by Steve Brown, all in favor. Eric also asked to fix a fire truck with an estimate of \$4,500.00. John Ludy moved to approve fixing the truck in the amount of \$4,500.00, if the cost goes above that amount, they have to inform Eric, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor. John Ludy moved to approve the agreement between City of Angola and the Town of Fremont Fire Department, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Park Board submitted-Lon stated that they are scheduling meetings for next year.

Other General Matters

The Fremont Chamber of Commerce asked to close North Wayne Street, 8:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. on December 3rd for Santa.

Steve Brown moved to adjourn the meeting, second by John Ludy, all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Loretta Smart

Ron Sullins

Joe Thomas

Steve Brown

John N. Ludy

Attest:

Mary K. Parsons
Clerk-Treasurer