

The regular council meeting was called to order by President Loretta Smart at 6:00 p.m. on October 18, 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 Manager

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 Executive Director Darci Gaff with the Fremont Chamber of Commerce, Denny McIntyre with W.A. Jones, and Yvonne Schroeder with the Herald Republican.

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

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

Steve Brown moved to approve Chris Snyder's recommendation to purchase a Demo Street Truck from Norris Truck Service with W.A. Jones in the amount of \$113,623.00, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor.

Chris gave an update on the progress of the By-Pass. He met with the Department of Transportation. A discussion followed.

Stan Adams with Indiana Data Center did not attend the meeting. Joshua Burkhardt with Beers, Mallers, Backs, and Salin is currently putting together contract terms for Indiana Data Center for wireless internet service agreement.

Chris contacted Redevelopment Commission members to get their input on fees and requirements for tax abatements. All responses were positive. Kurt and Chris will work together putting together regulations for tax abatements.

A discussion was held on Codification. Information was provided to council members American Legal Corporation will come up and make a presentation at the next council meeting.

Mark Reinhard with Engineering Resources did not attend the meeting. Tabled until the next regular council meeting.

Joe Thomas moved to approve the utility credits, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to approve Resolution 2005-08, a resolution clarifying the issue of personal days for the employees of the Town of Fremont, second by Steve Brown all in favor.

John Ludy moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Steuben County and the Town of Fremont placing antennae on the Town's Water Tower, subject to an approval of an Inter-local agreement between Steuben County and the Town of Fremont, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to approve Resolution 2005-09, a resolution authorizing the Town of Fremont to receive electronic fund transfers from the Auditor of the State of Indiana, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor.

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

A discussion was held on signing the contract for Region 3-A Grant Administration. Chris and Kurt will contact Region 3-A, and discuss concerns. Tabled until the next regular council meeting.

John Ludy moved to approve accepting Anthem as the Town's health insurance, starting November 15, 2005, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to approve Kathy and Teri attending the IIMC Regional Meeting, November 17th, 18th and 19th, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

A discussion was held on CEDIT funds for 2006. Chris and Kurt will draw up a new ordinance amending the previous ordinance. The County Plan will also need to be amended.

A discussion was held on establishing a Sick Bank for employees. Kathy is to check with the State Board of Accounts to see if this is feasible. Tabled until the next regular council meeting.

Joe Thomas moved to approve change order for API for street repair, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

REPORTS

Court submitted-Martha added she would be closed October 20th and 21st for Annual Judge Conference.

Police submitted-nothing to add.

Street submitted-nothing to add.

Sewer submitted-nothing to add.

Water submitted-nothing to add.

Town Superintendent submitted-Chris asked to reappoint Steve Vaughn, Susie Swager, and Jonathon Brown to the Plan Commission. John Ludy moved to approve Steve, Susie, and Jonathon to the Plan Commission for a four year term beginning January 1, 2006, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor. Chris asked to change the timing of the outside lights at the Town Hall. Clear Lake Electric gave a quote of \$428.00. Ron Sullins moved to approve Clear Lake Electric changing the timing of the lights in the amount of \$428.00, second by John Ludy, all in favor. Chris asked to have our Engineer look at the storm drain site on the corner of Pleasant and Albion. John Ludy moved to approve Dodzik Engineering to look at the site, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor. Chris stated a resident requested street lights out at Willow Prairie. He is getting quotes on this. Ron Sullins moved to re-appoint Steve Brown, Brian Lanier, Kenny Crandall, and Ben Roederer and Chris Snyder to the Redevelopment Commission for 2006 for a one year term, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Fire Department submitted-Eric asked to purchase one set of turn out gear in the amount of \$1,500.00. Ron Sullins moved to purchase the gear in the amount of \$1,500.00, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

Park Board submitted-Lon stated they had their last meeting and wrapped up the year end.

OTHER GENERAL MATTERS

Ron Sullins moved to purchase a 2005 Expedition for the Town Marshall in the amount of \$27,315.00 contingent on receiving insurance disbursements, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Kurt Bachman stated he has not heard a response from the State in regards to the Building Ordinance.

John Ludy stated that Tree City is the best way to get Urban Forest Grant.

Ron Sullins has been approached by several business owners on the policy for sidewalk snow removal. It was suggested that Chris contact businesses and remind them of their responsibility of taking care of their frontage. Ron also brought up sidewalk repair in the downtown area.

Loretta thanked Eric for providing the CD's for the disaster plan. If anyone would like to review them they are available.

John Ludy moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Loretta Smart

Ron Sullins

Joe Thomas

Steve Brown

Attest:

Mary K. Parsons
Clerk-Treasurer

John N. Ludy