

The special meeting was called to order by President Loretta Smart at 4:35 p.m. on February 8, 2005.

Silent roll call: Ron Sullins, Lori Vaughn, Steve Brown were present. Joe Thomas was Absent.

Chris Snyder and Kathy Parsons attended the meeting.

Teri Steele recorded the minutes.

Others attending were: Jim Measel with WLKI radio station and Yvonne Schroeder with the Herald Republican.

Lori Vaughn moved to accept the following Ordinances:

Ordinance 2005-01, an ordinance establishing a Fire Department Fund in the Town of Fremont, Indiana, retroactive to December 8, 2003.

Ordinance 2005-02, an ordinance establishing a Redevelopment Commission sinking fund project fund for the Town of Fremont, Indiana, retroactive to December 8, 2003

Ordinance 2005-03, an ordinance establishing a fund for the receipt and disbursement of funds from the sale of Town Hall property.

Ordinance 2005-04, an ordinance establishing a fund for the Bicycle Rodeo held by the Fremont Police Department.

Ordinance 2005-05, an ordinance establishing the Lease/Rent payments fund for the Fremont Town Hall.

Ron Sullins seconded the motion, all in favor.

Ron Sullins moved to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2005-01, Ordinance 2005-02, Ordinance 2005-03, Ordinance 2005-04, and Ordinance 2005-05, second by Lori Vaughn, all in favor.

Motion was made by Steve Brown to accept Ordinance 2005-06, an amendment to 2005 Salary Ordinance #2004-26, second by Lori Vaughn, 3 Ayes; Ron Sullins abstained because of his opposition to \$35,000.16 vs. \$35,000.00.

Ron Sullins moved to pay Strawser Brothers Construction on the Sewage Press Project for a second payment request in the amount of \$69,500.00, second by Lori Vaughn, all in favor.

Ron Sullins moved to approve pay application #4 for CCI Construction on the Town Hall project in the amount of \$90,778.00, second by Lori Vaughn, all in favor.

Ron Sullins moved to allow the Building Corp to make a down payment to Sanborn's Sofa Plus for the Town Hall's floor covering, in the amount of \$11,000.00, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Steve Brown moved to approve those wanting to attend an IACT Legislative Meeting on March 15th & 16th, second by Lori Vaughn, all in favor.

Motion was made by Lori Vaughn for four firefighters to attend "The Art of Reading Smoke, First Due" in Angola, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor.

Ron Sullins moved to approve those wanting to attend a Round Table February 16th, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Ron Sullins moved to approve those wanting to attend an IACT District Meeting March 4th in Fort Wayne, second by Lori Vaughn, all in favor.

Ron Sullins moved to approve those wanting to attend an Annexation Workshop on February 22nd, second by Lori Vaughn, all in favor.

Motion was made by Lori Vaughn to change the March council meeting to Monday March 14, 2005 at 6:00 p.m., second by Ron Sullins, all in favor.

Council Member Joe Thomas arrived.

Motion was made by Lori Vaughn to appoint Steve Brown as the new representative for the Fremont Redevelopment Commission, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Chris Snyder gave updates on many projects in progress. He asked the Council to take under consideration and give their input at the next regular council meeting. These projects are listed below:

Town Hall- Andy Dodzik gave a design of the site development and would like input so he can get quotes.

Chris presented an outdoor sign that Shishewana has at their Town Hall and a design Andy Stroh drew up, input is needed. Also it was suggested that a sign needs to be at both ends of the building.

A flyer was passed around for a water softener for the Town Hall. Council members need to decide if one is needed.

A discussion was held on the Personnel Policy. Chris stated the items that were to be changed and added to the Policy previously presented. Lori Vaughn questioned the nepotism policy on why and when it was added to the previous policy and who requested it to be added. Chris stated he questioned Attorney Kurt Bachman and he said it was Ron

Sullins. Ron stated that the nepotism policy presented was not what he requested. It was determined that the nepotism policy would not be added to the new policy.

Council members and Employee's are to review the Policy and give input at the next regular council meeting.

Ron Sullins moved to modify the original bid for Baker's Plumbing in the amount of \$16,285.00 for the plumbing and add Douglas Heating for the heating and air in the amount of \$13,300.00 for the Sludge Press Building, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Chris gave a summary on the new by-pass and what information was gathered at the meeting in Chicago. A discussion on the new by-pass followed.

Steve Brown moved to have a chain of command to approach the Town Attorney, and is as follows: Council President, Town Manager, and Clerk-Treasurer, second by Lori Vaughn, all in favor.

Ron Sullins resigned from the Sewer Task Force committee. Lori Vaughn moved to appoint Steve Brown to serve on the Sewer Task Force committee, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor.

Ron Sullins moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m., second by Lori Vaughn, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Loretta Smart

Ronald Sullins

Loraine Vaughn

Joe Thomas

Steve Brown

Attest:

Mary K. Parsons
Clerk-Treasurer