

A Public Hearing opened on March 21, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. for Cardinal IG Tax Abatement. With no response from the public, the Hearing closed at 6:03 p.m.

The regular meeting was called to order by Loretta Smart at 6:03 p.m.

Silent roll call: Loretta Smart, Steve Brown, Ron Sullins, 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-absent

Eric Hufnagle-Fire Chief

Lon Keyes-Park Board President-absent

Teri Steele, IAMC-Administrative Assistant

Brenda Eby-Utility Clerk

Others attending were Jim Measel with WLKI, Yvonne Schroeder with the Herald Republican, Darci Gaff with the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce, Jim Devaney with Cardinal IG, Dave Koenig with Region 3-A, Andrew Thomas, Itzel Sanchez, Arrow Rodenbeck, Freda Ludy, and Liz Thomas with Fremont Schools, Glen Wells, Kim Reed, Jack Reed, Linda Ruediger, H.R. Fuller, Richard Glendening, and Leta Sullins, all Fremont residents.

John Ludy moved to approve the minutes, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Ron Sullins moved to approve the claims and payroll, after questioning the purchase of a 6 month CD from Farmers State Bank and the monthly Bond and Interest transfers, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Mrs. Freda Ludy introduced students from a Language Arts class at Fremont Elementary School. They presented a book that they have written about Fremont history and some surrounding areas. The children told of how they collected these facts through the internet and talking to members of the community.

A discussion was held on the By-pass. Sanjay Patel was not present to answer questions, but Dave Koenig gave input. There has been a delay in the schedule, causing the Council to question who is holding the process up. More discussion followed.

A discussion was held on annexation to the west of town. It was decided that Chris will contact the land owners and update them on the possible annexation and what is happening with the by-pass.

A discussion was held on the Tree Ordinance. John Ludy stated that the committee worked on the ordinance over two meetings and that Indiana Urban Forestry gave their input. One more meeting is needed to complete the ordinance. Tabled until the next council meeting.

Steve Brown moved to approve that Arbor Day be April 28, 2006 as proclamation was read and signed by Loretta Smart, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

A discussion was held on the inter-local agreement with the Steuben Lakes Regional Waste District. A meeting has been scheduled for March 28, 2006 to settle the agreement.

Danny said DLZ Engineering has started surveying the streets for the 2006 paving projects. Information should be available at the next council meeting.

Chris gave an update on the garbage contract with Waste Management that will be up in December. Waste Management met with Chris, they do not want to renew their current contract. The town will need to re-bid for Garbage service. There will no longer be recycling dumpsters in surrounding counties. The town will need to decide whether they will provide curbside recycling service. This will be put in the bid specs as a separate option.

John Ludy moved to have Kurt prepare specs for garbage service for the Town of Fremont, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to accept Resolution 2006-01, a resolution by the Town Council of the Town of Fremont, Indiana waiving pursuant to I.C.6-1.1-12.1-11.3 Any noncompliance of the filing and procedural requirements associated with the tax abatement for Cardinal IG, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor.

Ron Sullins moved to waive the second reading of Resolution 2006-01, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to accept Resolution 2006-02, a resolution approving the deduction of assessed valuation for certain real property improvements located within an economic revitalization area within the Town of Fremont, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor.

It was decided to have Kurt rewrite the tax abatement agreement to include Cardinal IG donating back 10% of the savings of the tax abatement to the Town of Fremont. Kurt will make the changes and give to Chris. Chris will have Council members sign before the next council meeting.

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

Joe Thomas moved to approve those wanting to attend the IACT classes in April, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to approve Kathy attending all of the ILMCT Conference April 24th through April 27th, and Teri and Brenda attending the Wednesday class, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

A discussion was held on the Spring Clean Up and Free Garage Sales. Spring Clean Up will be April 29th West of Wayne and May 13th East of Wayne. Free Garage Sales will be April 17th through April 23rd.

Ron Sullins moved to approve Ordinance 2006-04, an ordinance amending Fremont Town Code Section 2-1-2-2 and Ordinance 93-05 and Ordinance 2004-08 authorizing the payment of certain claims falling due prior to regular meeting dates of the Town Council, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

Ron Sullins moved to approve waiving the second reading of Ordinance 2006-04, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to approve signing a contract with Well Child Clinic, paying \$500.00, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

Reports

Court submitted-nothing to add.

Police submitted-Ed said they are still waiting on the new police car from Angola Ford. It is three weeks past due.

Street submitted- Danny asked for Jeff and himself to attend Indiana Street Commissioner's Association convention August 15th through the 17th. Danny added that his membership to the Indiana Street Commissioner's Association is due. Steve Brown moved to approve Danny and Jeff to attend the convention, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Sewer submitted- Jim asked to hire Leslie Brown for summer help. She will be able to work May through August. Ron Sullins moved to approve Leslie Brown as part-time summer help, second by John Ludy, 4 yeas, Steve Brown abstained. Jim also brought to the council's attention the thank-you letter to Mid-West Tile for their donation to Little Lambs Daycare.

Water submitted –Steve said that Jim Garland will be here March 22nd to discuss the water filters. He also said that there may be some re-routing of electricity to the Street barn, due to the new Sports Building at the School.

Town Superintendent submitted- Chris said that the pond at the skate park has been dug out and he believes it is helping out with some of the water problem. They will be working on mulching debris and planting trees to dress the park up a little. Indiana Data is finished with their set up work, putting up the antenna on the Water Tower; it will take one week to set. In six weeks, service will be available. Cost for this service is

\$24.95. Chris has received phone calls from residents at Willow Prairie in regards to parking on both sides of the street. A discussion followed.

Fire Department submitted- Eric asked to purchase structural firefighter gloves in the amount of a little over \$1,000.00. The Department has received a donation of \$1,000.00 for these gloves. Ron Sullins moved to approve the Fire Department purchasing these gloves, adding around a \$100.00 balance due after the donation, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Fremont Park Board submitted-nothing to add.

Other General Matters

Chris stated that there were four bids on putting in a water and sewer line for Little Lambs Daycare. The lowest bid was from Crawford Excavating in the amount of \$1,417.00.

Motion was made by John Ludy to adjourn the meeting, second by Steve Brown, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Loretta Smart

Steve Brown

Ron Sullins

Joe Thomas

John N. Ludy

Attest:

Mary K. Parsons
Clerk-Treasurer