

The regular meeting was called to order by Loretta Smart at 6:00 pm on April 18, 2006.

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

Others representing the town were:

Mary K. Parsons, IAMC/CMC-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-absent

Teri Steele, IAMC/CMC-Administrative Assistant

Brenda Eby-Utility Clerk

Others attending were Jim Measel with WLKI radio station, Dave Koenig with Region 3-A, Linda Ruediger, Richard Glendening, Leta Sullins, and Melody Verde, all Fremont residents.

John Ludy moved to approve the minutes with the change of “purchase “ to “interest”, in the third paragraph, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor. Discussion followed.

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

Jim Humbarger asked to include in the claims, Crawford’s Excavating for the Little Lambs Project. Ron Sullins moved to approve paying Crawford’s Excavating, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

A discussion was held on the truck route. Chris and Kurt will discuss getting appraisers. Steve Brown moved to allow VS Engineering to start the initial phase of the right of way acquisition for the truck route project as soon as possible, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

A discussion was held on the Tree Ordinance. John Ludy moved to approve Ordinance 2006-07, an ordinance to establish a Tree Preservation Board and procedures to regulate the care of trees within the Town of Fremont, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Steve Brown moved to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2006-07, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

John Ludy thanked everyone who served on the Tree Preservation Committee.

Loretta Smart appointed Council member John Ludy to serve on the Tree Preservation Board.

Steve Brown moved to approve John Ludy to serve on the Tree Preservation Board, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor.

A discussion was held on the inter-local agreement with the Steuben Lakes Regional Waste District. Kurt stated that it is getting closer to an acceptable agreement. Tabled until the next council meeting.

Ron Sullins moved to approve the settlement with North Snow Bay Environmental Enhancement Association, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Chris stated that the field work is done for the street bids. The Street specs should be ready for the next council meeting and then be advertised.

Kurt is preparing the specs for the Garbage contract; they should soon be ready for review.

John Ludy moved to approve Resolution 2006-02, a resolution approving the deduction from assessed valuation for certain real property improvements located within an economic revitalization area within the Town of Fremont for Cardinal IG, with changes from last month included by Attorney Kurt Bachman, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor.

Ron Sullins moved to waive the second reading of Resolution 2006-02, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Steve Brown moved to approve the Tax Abatement Agreement with Cardinal IG, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to approve Ordinance 2006-08, an ordinance establishing a candidacy program for future Fremont Police, "BADGE Program", effective May 1, 2006, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to waive second reading of Ordinance 2006-08, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor.

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

Joe Thomas moved to approve those wanting to attend the IACT Spring Leadership Conference on May 22<sup>nd</sup> through May 24<sup>th</sup> in Rising Sun, second by John Ludy, all in favor. Ron will pay for his wife's expenses and his golf fees.

Ron Sullins moved to allow Kathy to attend the IACT Clerk-Treasurers School in Indianapolis on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup>, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to approve Ordinance 2006-05, an ordinance establishing various intersections and roadways in the Town of Fremont, Indiana, as stop streets, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2006-05, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to approve Ordinance 2006-06, an ordinance regulating the speed limit of motor vehicles on the roadways in the Town of Fremont, with corrections to Section I, (a) adding a "t" to fee and then a comma, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2006-06, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

A discussion was held in regards to the parking on the streets at Willow Prairie. Melody Verde spoke on behalf of some residents.

Ron Sullins moved to approve Chris sending a letter to residents of Willow Prairie, giving options for the parking problem, and putting the issue on the agenda for next month, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to approve purchasing and installing lighting for Willow Prairie, not to exceed \$9,000.00, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Ron Sullins moved to approve changing the regular council meeting next month to May 8, 2006 at 6:00 p.m., second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Ron Sullins moved to approve Kurt to put together a resolution allowing Certificates of Deposit to be bid outside of the Corporate Limits, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to approve Kurt to re-modify Ordinance 2004-05, an ordinance regarding reimbursement of Travel and Business expenses, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

A discussion was held on vacating a portion of Broad Street. This was an agreement between the Town of Fremont and Ron and Leta Sullins from the late 1990's. The Town of Fremont will convey property to Ron and Leta Sullins by vacating a portion of Broad Street as this should have been completed some years ago. There will be a utility easement agreement that the Sullins have no problem with.

## REPORTS

Court submitted-nothing to add.

Police submitted-Ed stated that they have not received the new police car. Ron Sullins moved to approve allowing payment for the car prior to the council meeting, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Ed has bids for new weapons. Joe Thomas moved to approve the purchase of new weapons (4-handguns and 2-rifles) and gear, not to exceed \$4,500.00, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor. Ed said that they could sell their old guns to offset the cost. Ed was asked to get the value of these guns and bring information to the next council meeting.

Street submitted-Danny would like to purchase new brooms for the sweeper in the amount of \$592.80. He would also like to purchase three 55 gallon drums of asphalt crack filler in the amount of \$400.00 each. John Ludy moved to purchase 2 sets of brooms for the whole year, not to exceed \$1,200.00 and the three drums of asphalt crack filler in the amount of \$1,200.00, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Sewer submitted-nothing to add.

Water Submitted-Steve asked to purchase filter media for two filters at the water plant, in the amount of \$5,898.89 not including the freight, and inspection upon completion. Ron Sullins moved to approve the purchase along with inspection fees, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor. Steve was recognized for 2004 Water Fluoridation Quality Award.

Town Superintendent submitted-Chris said the Skate Park is looking better every day. There is a proposal for new fencing in the amount of \$1,800.00 from Arrow Fence. There needs to be a change in the position of the fencing to allow trucks from Dexter Axle to exit and provide more parking. Also, there is a quote from Wilson Excavating in the amount of \$8,800.00 to grade off and stone parking area, approximately \$15,000.00 to asphalt, from T & E Construction. The Street Department can put the base in themselves and may get some help from Dexter Axle. Funds are being checked by Kathy to see if it is feasible.

Fire Department Submitted-Eric asked to purchase three new fire pagers in the amount of \$399.00 each and repair two. Joe Thomas moved to approve the purchase of the pagers and repairs, not to exceed \$1,700.00, second by John Ludy, all in favor. Eric reminded everyone of the benefit for the Jaws-Of-Life at the Moose on May 6<sup>th</sup>. He has already received \$3,500.00 in donations. Eric is working on a proposal for a contract with the Toll Road, to generate more revenue for the fire department.

Fremont Park Board-nothing submitted.

## OTHER GENERAL MATTERS

Kathy asked to purchase a new lateral filing cabinet for her office. Three quotes were presented. Bassett's was \$558.35, Staples \$549.00, and Angola Office Supply \$527.83. Steve Brown moved to approve the purchase from Angola Office Supply in the amount of \$527.83, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor.

Ron would like to request \$2,500.00 from the Town to be matched by the Community Foundation to purchase Fremont related items from the First National Bank of Fremont for the Historic Preservation Group (Society). Discussion followed. Tabled until the next council meeting.

Kurt mentioned that he will work with Chris and Kathy on a project with New Horizon Bakery that may be eligible for Economic Development Commission.

John Ludy asked the Town to consider a "Farmers Market". Discussion followed. Tabled until the next council meeting.

Motion was made by Steve Brown to adjourn the meeting, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Loretta Smart

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Steve Brown

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Ron Sullins

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Joe Thomas

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John N. Ludy

Attest:

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Mary K. Parsons, IAMC/CMC  
Clerk-Treasurer