

The regular meeting was called to order by Loretta Smart at 6:00 pm on May 8, 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

Brenda Eby-Utility Clerk

Others attending were Jim Measel with WLKI radio station, Dave Koenig with Region 3A, Yvonne Shroeder with the Herald Republican, Leta Sullins, Melody Verde, Bob and Wilma Burch, Wendell Cooper, Janet Hankes, Glen Wells, Peg Dilbone, Ross & Kathy Jones, Don Smith, Ed Barciz and Joe and Jennifer Schible.

Steve Brown moved to approve the minutes from the April meeting, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to approve the claims and payroll with the additional claims presented that will actually be on the June register, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Due to the fact that Eric had to leave for training, he gave his report early. Eric reported that they had a very successful fund raiser at the Moose, with nearly \$12,000 in donations. With the \$1,000 committed from Wal-Mart and the \$3,000 committed from Cameron Memorial Hospital Foundation, they are over the top of their goal. Eric asked the council to approve the purchase of the extrication equipment for \$20,414.00. Joe Thomas moved to make the purchase, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor.

Lon Keyes also had to leave early and asked to be moved to the beginning of the meeting and gave his report. Lon submitted drafts of previous Park Board Minutes. Arbor Day was successful. Chris Snyder wanted to thank Danny Frasier for his extra effort in planting the trees.

Willow Prairie was the next topic of discussion. Kathy Jones spoke of concerns that some of the residents had on the parking and street lights. Chris stated that he did receive three phone calls and one letter from residents about the parking and street lights. Discussion followed. Joe Thomas stated that the meeting with Willow Prairie residents in March indicated that they would like street lights. Due to safety and security concerns, the consensus of the Council was to stay with the decision that was made last

month on the street lights. Chris and Danny will put together two or three choices on street parking. These will be presented at the June Council meeting.

David Koenig with Region 3A asked to have Loretta sign a letter to EDA asking for an agreement of special conditions to #6 to provide title certification prior to disbursement of EDA funds and also a letter to IEDC for extension of the grant. Ron Sullins made a motion to approve that Loretta sign the letters, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

David presented the Property Value Agreement between Fremont Development and the Town of Fremont. Kurt voiced his concerns on signing the document without the legal attachments. Ron Sullins moved to sign once legal is attached, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Discussion was held on hiring a firm to obtain right of ways. It was the consensus of the council to allow Chris and a Council Member to approach residents about obtaining the right of ways, over the next 2 weeks. Discussion also followed on bonding the additional funds required. The town will be able to bond about \$1,000,000 in sewer revenue bonds. The town will need to decide how they will get the other \$600,000 to \$700,000 of additional costs. This can be done through general obligation bonds or if we were able to receive our Major Moves money, use a portion of this. Chris has been in contact with the County and has discussed the possibility of the County making a contribution from their Major Moves funds since this road is still in the County.

The Sewer Lakes District agreement is still not ready to sign.

John Ludy moved to approve Resolution 2006-3, allowing the bidding of CD's out of the corporate limits, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor. Ron Sullins moved to waive the second reading, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to approve Ordinance 2006-09, an ordinance amending the travel ordinance, second by John Ludy. All in favor. Steve Brown moved to waive the second reading, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor.

Ron Sullins gave an update on the Fremont Historical ~~Society~~ Preservation. meeting Ron Sullins is the Chairman, Glen Wells is the Vice-Chairman. Sue Ellen Crandall and Peg Dilbone are on the steering committee. Janet Hanks, Glen Wells, Leta Sullins and Peg Dilbone all spoke in favor of the Fremont Historical Preservation Committee. Ron Sullins made a motion to donate \$2,500 to the Society. Questions were raised as to whether a donation could be made to the ~~Society~~ Committee since it does not yet legally exist. Ron amended his motion to make the donation to the Steuben County Community Foundation to be placed in the Fremont Historic Preservation Fund. Kathy Parsons stated that the funds could be transferred from the Town trash appropriation to the Town promotion appropriation. John Ludy made the second. Heated discussion followed. Loretta called for a vote. Ron Sullins and John Ludy voted in favor of the motion. Steve Brown, Joe Thomas, and Loretta Smart voted nay. ~~With the outcome of the vote~~ Ron became ill and left the meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m.

There will be a public hearing on the vacating of Broad Street at the June meeting.

John Ludy gave an update on the Tree Preservation Board. Pam Louks and her assistant, April, met with Town representatives on May 5 to discuss issues on becoming a tree city. Pam and April will be back on August 1, 2006, to perform the tree inventory. We are well on our way to becoming the 57th tree city in the state of Indiana.

Joe Thomas moved to approve Kathy and one of her staff to attend the class in June prior to State Board of Accounts school and for Kathy and one of her staff to attend the 2 day State Board of Accounts school. Second by John Ludy. All in favor. Loretta also commended Kathy and Teri for achieving their CMC (certified municipal clerk) designation.

Steve Brown moved to approve the utility credits and adjustments, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved for those wanting to attend the Pokagon Conference, let Kathy know, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

Kurt Bachman asked for the council to consider an inducement resolution for the issuance of a \$3,500,000 revenue bond for New Horizon Baking. This is for the existing muffin line and will increase jobs by 5 to 9 people. This resolution was approved by the EDC prior to the council meeting. John Ludy moved to approve resolution 2006-04, a resolution for the issuance of \$3,500,000, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Loretta asked the council to entertain the idea of making a \$1,000 donation to the Steuben County Community Foundation for the Fremont Historical Preservation Society. John Ludy made the motion to donate \$1,050.00, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Yvonne Schroeder asked the Council to allow her and Ruth Mattox to speak to the employees on behalf of the Steuben County United Way. This presentation will not take more than 45 minutes. Yvonne will work with Kathy Parsons and Chris Snyder to figure out a time that this will work.

REPORTS

Court submitted-The court has met their budget requirements and if all else holds, all monies earned will be gravy from June to December.

Police submitted-New police car will be striped this week. Some of the Police officers may purchase their guns for \$225.00. The police car will need to be advertised. Ashley may want to purchase the vehicle.

Street submitted-Nothing to add. Janet Hankes thanked the entire street department for making the town look nice through sweeping and picking up around town.

Sewer submitted-amend the mileage to 930 in his report.

Water Submitted-Nothing to add.

Town Superintendent submitted-Chris asked for permission to advertise for street bids. Joe Thomas made the motion to allow Chris to advertise for street bids, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

Chris discussed sidewalks. He had a request to have the town pay for a portion of the sidewalks, as allowed by Resolution 2004-25, for 607 E Toledo Street. Steve Brown made the motion, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

OTHER GENERAL MATTERS

Kathy asked permission to purchase the Microsoft Access program to allow for tracking the Tree Inventory. John Ludy made the motion not to exceed \$300.00, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

John Ludy made the motion to adjourn, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Loretta Smart

Steve Brown

Ron Sullins

Joe Thomas

John N. Ludy

Attest:

*Mary K. Parsons, IAMC/CMC
Clerk-Treasurer*

