

February 20, 2007

The regular Town Council meeting was called to order by President Loretta Smart on February 20, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

Silent roll call: Loretta Smart, Steve Brown, Joe Thomas, and John Ludy. Kay Clark was absent.

Others representing the town were:

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

Chris Snyder-Town Superintendent

Kurt Bachman-Town Attorney

Ed Johnson-Town Marshall

Martha Hagerty-Judge-absent

Danny Frasier-Street Superintendent-absent

Steve Gard-Water Superintendent-absent

Jim Humbarger-Sewer Superintendent

Eric Hufnagle-Fire Chief

Lon Keyes-Park Board President

Teri Steele-IAMC/CMC-Administrative Clerk

Others attending were: James F. Ebbe and Terry Bradner with Bradner Fire Wolverine, Dave Hardiek Sr. with Anchor Realty, Mark Brown with CSI Emergency Apparatus, Jim Shilander with the Herald Republican, Dan O'Neill with Towers Fire Apparatus, John and Karen Barrett with ERA Hansbarger Realty, Harold Wendneiser with Fire Service, Inc., and Kim and Jack Reed, Fremont residents.

Bids were opened for two fire trucks and are as follows:

Bradner Fire Wolverine	2500 gallon Tanker truck and 2000 gallon Pumper truck	\$574,888.00
CSI Emergency, LLC	2500 gallon Tanker truck and 2000 gallon Pumper truck	\$497,881.00
Towers Fire Apparatus	2500 gallon Tanker truck and 2000 gallon Pumper truck	\$564,707.00

All bids were taken under advisement.

Joe Thomas moved to approve the minutes, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Steve Brown moved to approve claims, payroll, and comp time, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

*John Ludy moved to approve Resolution 2007-1, a resolution by the Common Council for the Town of Fremont designating certain areas within the corporate limits of the Town of Fremont as “an area in need of redevelopment” as defined under Indiana Code 36-7-14, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.*

*Chris stated that the Retail Committee for the Downtown Revitalization Project had interviewed all Engineers who had presented bids. The recommendation for this project was DLZ. They had the most experience, resources, and experience with INDOT.*

*Steve Brown moved to approve for Chris and Kathy to execute a contract in regards to the Retail Planning Grant, second by John Ludy, all in favor.*

*A discussion was held on the By-pass. Chris stated that seven appraisals were received totaling \$43,315.00. Approval is needed for buyer to make offers to purchase.*

*Steve Brown moved for the buyer to make offers to purchase, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.*

*John Ludy moved to change the hours on the parking ticket ordinance and have Josh with Beers, Mallers, Backs, and Salin prep the “Abandoned Vehicle” ordinance due to state law changing, second by Steve Brown, all in favor. Ordinance 2007-03 will be on the March meeting agenda for consideration.*

*John Ludy moved to approve splitting the closing costs (50/50) with Farmer’s State Bank and empowering Kathy and/or Loretta to go to the closing of the property at 107 S. Pleasant and sign documents, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.*

*Discussion on the Wellness Clinic for Employees was tabled until the March meeting.*

*John and Karen Barrett presented concerns on improving Phase #1 of Follett Estates. A discussion followed.*

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

*Steve Brown moved to approve Resolution 2007-02, a Resolution allowing Eric Hufnagle, acting as Fire Chief, the authority to use a credit card for the Fire Department, issued through Farmers State Bank, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.*

*John Ludy moved to approve Ordinance 2007-02, an Ordinance establishing a “Rainy Day Fund” pursuant to Indiana Code 36-1-8.5.1 for the Town of Fremont, retroactive to January 1, 2007, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.*

*Steve Brown moved to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2007-02, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.*

*The Town of Fremont received the ALCOA Grant, a grant for the “Partnering in Planting Program”, to plant 31 root ball trees around the Town of Fremont.*

*The Town of Fremont received a grant from the Steuben County Community Foundation and Cold Heading Foundation. Joe Thomas moved for the Fire Department and Police Department to utilize these funds through their respective donation funds, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.*

*A discussion was held on plans for the property purchased at 107 S. Pleasant Street. The council was encouraged to think about future plans for this property.*

#### *REPORTS*

*Court submitted-absent*

*Police submitted-nothing to add.*

*Street submitted-absent*

*Sewer submitted-Jim suggested adding a storm water fee in with the Sewer Tap fee to generate monies to do something with the property at 107 S. Pleasant Street.*

*Water submitted-absent. Chris asked to order the media for the other filters. The anthracite plus freight is \$752.58 from Carbonite Filter Corp., and the sand and gravel is \$1,572.000 from Red Flint Sand and Gravel. Joe Thomas moved to purchase the media, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.*

*Town Superintendent submitted-nothing to add.*

*Fremont Fire Department submitted- Eric added that he would like to see the Assistant Fire Chief receive an additional \$150.00 per pay totaling \$300.00 per year. Joe Thomas moved to approve this pay, subject to Kurt reviewing regulations, second by John Ludy, all in favor.*

*Fremont Park Board-Lon stated there may be a grant to purchase playground equipment at Follett Estates and a grant for a bike trail for the Town of Fremont.*

#### *OTHER GENERAL MATTERS*

*Steve Brown moved to approve the annual Keystone agreement for the Payroll, Billing, Budget, and Key-Assets in the amount of \$5,150.00, second by John Ludy, all in favor.*

*John Ludy moved to adjourn, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.*

*February 20, 2007*

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*Loretta Smart, President*

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*Steve Brown, Vice President*

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*Joe Thomas, Council Member*

*Attest:*

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*John N. Ludy, Council Member*

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

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*Kay Clark, Council Member*