

June 19, 2007

The regular Town Council meeting was called to order by President Loretta Smart on June 19, 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/CPFA-Clerk Treasurer

Chris Snyder-Town Superintendent

John Schwarz II-Town Attorney

Ed Johnson-Town Marshall-absent

Martha Hagerty-Judge-absent

Danny Fraiser-Street Superintendent

Steve Gard-Water Superintendent

Jim Humbarger-Sewer Superintendent

Eric Hufnagle-Fire Chief

Lon Keyes-Park Board President-absent

Teri Steele-IAMC/CMC-Administrative Clerk

Tom Robison-Fremont Police Officer

Others attending were: Jim Measel, with WLKI radio station, Jim Shilander, with the Herald Republican, Doug Jackson, General Manager from Autoform Tool Manufacturing, Inc., and Tom Johnson with API Construction.

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

Joe Thomas moved to approve the claims, payroll and comp time, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

Attorney John Schwarz II opened part #2 of the Street bids and read as follows:

API Construction \$91,910.00

Brooks Construction \$107,312.00

E & B Paving \$89,928.00

Bids will be given to DLZ Engineering for review and will be taken under advisement. The bid will be awarded at the July 17, 2007, council meeting.

The paperwork has been received on the Downtown Planning Grant. John Ludy moved to have Loretta sign the Grant Agreement, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

A discussion was held on the by-pass. Chris stated that the sewer lines will be done within 10 days. He also stated that the road will be closed in the next couple of days.

Steve Brown moved to approve the Administrative Agreement for Parcel #2, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to approve the request for payment, application #2, to Fleming Excavating in the amount of \$441,224.37, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to replace trees on parcel #2 for \$2,500.00 and pay \$ 250.00 for the mortgage release, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to approve Ordinance 2007-06, an ordinance regulating abandoned vehicles located within the Town of Fremont, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2007-06, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

The updated Personnel Policy was tabled until the July 17, 2007, regular council meeting.

John Ludy moved to approve a tax abatement for Autoform Tool, Inc., Resolution 2007-06, a resolution for the Town of Fremont Town Council approving the deduction of assessed valuation for new manufacturing equipment located within an Economic Revitalization Area are within the Town of Fremont, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Steve Brown moved to approve a tax abatement agreement with Autoform Tool, Inc. for a seven year period, with 10% of their tax savings donated back to the Town, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Steve Brown moved to approve Ordinance 2007-07, an ordinance enacting a code of ordinances for the Town of Fremont revising, amending, restating, codifying and compiling certain existing general ordinances of the political subdivision dealing with subjects embraced in such code of ordinances, and declaring an emergency, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2007-07, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to approve adopting tree specs for Ordinance 2006-07, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to approve appointing a Fremont High School E-Club member on the Tree Committee Board as an ex officio member, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to approve Brett Steele, Jim Barron, and Aaron Kirtlan to the B.A.D.G.E. program without interviews since they are already affiliated with the town, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to approve the utility credit, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

A discussion was held on fireworks laws for the Town of Fremont. It was decided to follow the State regulations. The police department will keep track of complaints throughout the summer and if needed, an Ordinance could be put in place for the future.

A discussion was held on Tornado Sirens. Currently, there is an old siren at the Fremont Fire Station. Chris and Eric talked with Bill Brown, from Steuben County EMA, and determined that a new siren should be placed on the Northwest side of Town and the existing siren should be updated to allow the County to activate the siren at the time of dispatch. Only one quote was obtained as this is what will work with the County system already in place.

Joe Thomas moved to approve purchasing one siren and upgrading the existing siren at the Fire Station from Integrity Communications in the amount of \$23,250.00, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to close North Wayne Street for two blocks north off SR120 on July 12, 2007, p.m. through July 15, 2007, a.m. for Music Fest, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Danny presented tree trim quotes. They are as follows:

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| <i>Book Tree Service</i> | <i>\$9,000.00</i> |
| <i>Sevits Tree Service</i> | <i>\$4,815.00</i> |

Steve Brown moved to have Sevits Tree Service trim the trees, in addition with grinding out 5 stumps, in the amount of \$4,815.00, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

On July 9, 2007, at 6:30 p.m., the Town of Fremont will host an IACT Roundtable at the Bull Pen Restaurant. It was asked to approve employees and council members wanting to attend.

Joe Thomas moved to approve employees and council members wanting to attend the IACT Roundtable, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

REPORTS

Court submitted-absent-nothing to add.

Police submitted-absent-nothing to add.

Street submitted-nothing to add.

Sewer submitted- Jim stated that Damiron Truck Sales would like to connect to Pilot's sewer line. This will not affect the capacity of the line. It is Jim's recommendation to allow them to connect. Steve Brown moved to allow Damiron Truck Sales to connect to Pilot's sewer line, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

It was suggested to raise the Sewer Tap fees from \$250.00 to \$500.00 for in town residents and \$250.00 to \$1,500.00 for out of town residents. John Ludy moved to introduce the proposed Sewer Tap ordinance, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor. John Ludy moved to advertise the legal notice for the sewer tap increase and hold a public hearing on July 17th, 2007, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor

Jim said that two mag meters are not working, possibly due to lightning. To purchase two new mag meters would cost approximately \$9,000.00. John Ludy moved to approve purchasing two mag meters, not to exceed \$9,000.00, if insurance will not cover the cost, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

A long discussion was held on the belt press. Jim informed the council that the belt press has not worked properly since the day they received it two years ago. He has contacted Or-Tec and Flex-con trying to resolve the problems but is getting nowhere. It was decided by the council to write a letter to resolve the problem.

Town Superintendent submitted-nothing to add.

Fremont Fire Department submitted- Eric brought to the Council's attention that the Volunteer firefighter's pay is scheduled to be paid on the first pay period in July. This is between \$12,000.00 and \$13,000.00. He also said that the new truck is in and they are working on some flaws. He would like to sell an old fire truck and was asking if he could send flyers to other Fire Stations to see if there was an interest. Joe Thomas moved to allow flyers to be passed out, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

Fremont Park Board submitted- Lon Keyes was not present- Chris asked to purchase ten picnic tables for the park in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Brown's Wood Concepts. John Ludy moved to approve purchasing the picnic tables, second by Joe Thomas, 3 ayes, Steve Brown abstained.

OTHER GENERAL MATTERS

Kathy stated the budget was approved for 2007 which includes a \$10.00 reduction in the LRS fund. Currently, all Department Heads are working on their proposed 2008 budget.

John Ludy congratulated Kathy on becoming a Certified Public Financial Administer (CPFA).

Joe Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

June 19, 2007

Loretta Smart, Council President

Steve Brown, Vice-President

Joe Thomas, Council Member

John N. Ludy, Council Member

Kay Clark, Council Member

Attest:

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