

March 20, 2007

The regular Town Council meeting was called to order by President Loretta Smart on March 20, 2007, at 6:04 p.m.

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

*Others representing the town were:
Mary K. Parsons-IAMC/CMC-Clerk-Treasurer
Chris Snyder-Town Superintendent
Joshua Burkhardt-Town Attorney
Ed Johnson-Town Marshall
Martha Hagerty-Judge
Danny Fraiser-Street Superintendent
Steve Gard-Water Superintendent
Jim Humbarger-Sewer Superintendent
Eric Hufnagle-Fire Chief
Lon Keyes-Park Board President
Teri Steele-IAMC/CMC-Administrative Clerk*

Others attending were: Jim Measel with WLKI radio station, David Koenig with Region III-A, Jim Shilander with the Herald Republican, and John Barrett with Hansbarger Realty.

Loretta started the meeting with honoring Delmar Dove for 10 years of service with the Town of Fremont and presented him with a retirement gift.

John Ludy 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.

A discussion was held on the purchasing of two new fire trucks. A special meeting will be held on April 3, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. for the bids on the trucks and financing.

A discussion was held on the Downtown planning grant. A cost reimbursement contract needs to be sent along with the grant. John Ludy moved to approve the reimbursement contract, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

Steve Brown moved to approve Resolution 2007-04, a resolution of the Fremont Town Council of Fremont, Indiana, authorizing the submittal of the CFF Application to the Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs and the addressing of related matters, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

A discussion was held on the By-Pass. Chris has received 11 parcels and appraisals leaving four left. A meeting has been scheduled on Thursday March 29, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. and/or Friday March 30, 2007, at 5:00 p.m.

Joe Thomas moved to approve Ordinance 2007-03, an ordinance amending Ordinance 2006-22, to change the restrictions on parking of motor vehicles on the roadways of various residential subdivisions in the Town of Fremont, Indiana, as presented, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2007-03, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

Discussion followed on the Personnel Policy. Some changes have been added to meet IRS guidelines and clarify language that had been confusing in the past.

Joe Thomas moved to have the Attorney review the amended personnel policy, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to approve adding the Primary Election Day to the Holiday schedule for 2007, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Steve Brown moved to approve Cameron Memorial Hospital to provide a Wellness Clinic for Town employees and their insured spouses, second by Kay Clark, all in favor. Chris Snyder and Kathy Parsons will make the arrangements.

An update was given on the ALCOA project. John and Chris attended a seminar in Indianapolis and gained information to proceed with the project. A site analysis is needed before trees can be planted. After trees are planted, they will come and check for proper planting, and then the grant will be closed.

Kay Clark moved to approve providing the E-Club and employees a meal, after they plant the trees on April 27, 2007, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

No discussion was held on adding the information provided by the Historic Committee to the Town web site. It was tabled until the next meeting.

Steve Brown moved to approve the New Horizon credit only, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

The Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance was tabled until the next regular council meeting.

A discussion was held on a Town Doctor. Consensus was given for Kathy to check with both Doctors in Town to see if they would be interested.

The Judge requested that the Town purchase four Vascar units to be used by the Indiana State Police assigned to Steuben County. These would be purchased from the Records

Perpetuation Fund. Kathy contacted the State Board of Accounts, they said this would be okay as long as there is an agreement in place that the units are on loan to the Officers and are the property of the Town. John Ludy moved to approve the purchase of four Vascar Detectors, in the amount of \$3,884.00, for the State Police assigned to Steuben County to use in their vehicles, but remain the property of the Town of Fremont, with a license agreement being drawn up by the Attorney, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to approve a contract with Well Child Clinic in the amount of \$500.00, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

President Loretta Smart read the Arbor Day Proclamation and declared the Town of Fremont's Arbor Day to be April 27, 2007.

Steve Brown moved to approve bidding out a street project on Ray/Clear Lake Road, with the bid opening at the April 18, 2007, regular council meeting, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to approve Ordinance 2007-04, an ordinance establishing the creation of an Ordinance Violations Bureau pursuant to the provisions of Indiana Code 33-36-2, et. Seq. and designating the responsibilities of its members, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to approve waiving the second reading of Ordinance 2007-04, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to approve Asphalt Sealcoating & Patching to seal coat and stripe the paved areas at the Town Hall, in the amount of \$1,356.00, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

REPORTS

Court submitted-nothing to add.

Police submitted-nothing to add.

Street submitted-nothing to add.

Sewer submitted-nothing to add.

Water submitted-nothing to add.

Town Superintendent submitted- Chris stated that free Garage Sales will be April 29th through May 5th and Spring Clean Up for the Town will be May 12th. A flyer is going out with the April Utility billing. April 14th through April 18th is Municipal Government Week; the 4th grade class may be touring the Town Hall. He also put information in the packets on sidewalk repairs needed within the Town.

Fire Department submitted-Eric stated that they need to have Nowak Supply Co. come to flow test air packs and pick up air cylinders for hydro test. This should cost under \$1,000.00. This needs to be done before OSHA comes in to inspect. Eric's request to pay the Assistant Chief \$150.00, in addition to points pay, two times a year, was given the okay by the Town attorney. A Salary Ordinance addendum will be presented at the next regular council meeting.

Park Board-Lon said that the first Park Board Meeting will be held on Thursday April 5th. The Park Board has donated \$200.00 to the Fremont Student Council to aid in an Easter egg hunt at the Vistula Park on April 7th.

OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Loretta asked if anyone was interested in a company by the name of Timber Ridge coming and giving a presentation. She thought a bridge might look nice between the two parks. Danny stated that he prefers the street not be closed between the two parks. It was suggested to have them send literature.

John Ludy moved to adjourn, second by Steve Brown, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Loretta Smart, President

Steve Brown, Vice President

Joe Thomas, Council Member

Attest:

John N. Ludy, Council Member

Kay Clark, Council Member

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