

**December 16, 2008**

**Regular Meeting of the Fremont Town Council**

*The meeting was called to order by President Loretta Smart, at 6:00 p.m.*

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

**Others representing the Town were:**

*Chris Snyder, Town Superintendent  
Ed Johnson, Police Chief  
Steve Gard, Water Superintendent  
Neil Ledet, Park Board*

*Mary K. Parsons, IAMC/CMC/CPFA- Clerk-Treasurer  
Eric Hufnagle, Fire Chief  
Jim Humbarger, Wastewater Superintendent*

**Others attending were:** *Jim Shilander with the Herald Republican.*

**Minutes:** *Councilmember Steve Brown moved to approve the minutes, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.*

**Claims, payroll and comp time:** *Councilmember John Ludy moved to approve claims, payroll, and comp time, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Open Bids for Spring Street sewer project:** *Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to award the sewer line project to Insituform for \$31,291.60, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.*

**By-Pass:** *Superintendent Chris Snyder updated the Council on the walk through that took place on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008. He asked the Council to authorize the payment of application #11 releasing the retainage of the project. There will be a one year warranty from the date of the walk through. Councilmember Steve Brown moved to pay the retainage of \$35,000.00 to Fleming Excavating, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor.*

**Downtown Project:** *Superintendent Chris Snyder reported that he met with INDOT on when they were intending to pave State Road 120. INDOT said they do not think that will happen until 2016. He also reported that Region 3A, Clerk-Treasurer Parsons and he, met with OCRA to discuss the possibility of grants.*

**Police Bids:** *Ed presented two new bids for a police car, a new bid from Dunham for \$22,733.00 and a bid from Orland Park for the same Charger as Dunham's, for \$20,947.00. Delivery would take place in approximately 120 days. Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to approve the purchase from Orland Park, after reviewing the contract to make sure there would not be sales tax or a delivery charge on the contract, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.*

**Mill Street Change Order:** *Superintendent Snyder asked to table this until the next meeting.*

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Utility Credits:** Councilmember Kay Clark made a motion to approve the utility credits, second by Councilmember Steve Brown, all in favor.

**2009 Meeting Schedule:** Councilmember John Ludy moved to approve the 2009 meeting schedule as presented, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor.

**Salary Ordinance 2008-09:** Councilmember Steve Brown moved to accept Ordinance 2008-09 as presented, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor. Councilmember Kay Clark moved to waive the second reading, second by Councilmember John Ludy, all in favor.

**Resolution 2008-09** – Corporate Resolution designating Fire Chief Eric Hufnagle as the signer on the Fremont Fire Department credit card, motion to approve Resolution 2008-09 by Councilmember John Ludy, second by Councilmember Steve Brown, all in favor.

**Fiscal plan for annexation:** Umbaugh Associates provided a quote to prepare a fiscal plan for annexing the property west of town. The range would be between \$4,000.00 and \$8,000.00, depending on the complexity of the project. Councilmember Kay Clark motioned to approve hiring Umbaugh to prepare the fiscal plan, second by Council member Joe Thomas, all in favor.

**SCEDC contract and appointment** – Councilmember Steve Brown moved to approve the 2009 Steuben County Economic Development contract for \$11,000.00 and to re-appoint Town Superintendent Chris Snyder as the Town representative for 2009, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor.

**Grass Truck purchase** – Fire Chief Hufnagle presented 2 quotes for the Town to consider. Ford was \$29,126.40 and Harold Chevrolet was \$28,987.32. Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to approve the purchase of the truck from Harold Chevrolet, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor. Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to approve the purchase of a skid unit from CSI for \$16,700.00, and the light package from CSI for \$2,515.00, also to approve striping and a radio for the vehicle, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

**Various Board Appointments** – Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to approve Kenny Crandall, Brian Lanier, Ben Roederer, Steve Brown and Chris Snyder to the RDC for a one year term, Anne Abernathey to the Park Board for a 4 year term, Dewayne Schaeffer to the Plan Commission for a four year term and Dewayne Schaeffer, Ray Lauer, Fred Lee and Barry Wilcox to a four year term to the BZA, second by Council member John Ludy, all in favor.

**Auto Bill Pay module** – Clerk-Treasurer Kathy Parsons presented a quote from Keystone for a module to allow auto bill pay with our computer software program. The quote was \$2,500.00 and this would be split between Water, Wastewater and the Town. There have been several requests from residents requesting this type of payment process. Councilmember Steve Brown moved to allow the purchase, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

**Ordinance 2008-10** – Ordinance amending Ordinance 2006-05 adding stop signs to Rachel Lane, Nicholas Trail, Elmer Drive, Spring Haven Drive and Swager Drive at State Road 120. Councilmember John Ludy moved to adopt ordinance 2008-10, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor. Councilmember Steve Brown moved to waive the second reading, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

**Attorney Retainer** - Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to approve the retainer contract for 2009, second by Councilmember Steve Brown, all in favor.

**REPORTS:**

**Court** – monthly report submitted.

**Police** – monthly report submitted

**Street** – monthly report submitted.

**Sewer** –monthly report submitted. Superintendent Humbarger would like permission to purchase a cabinet for the lift station at Willow Prairie for \$2,800.00 Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to approve, second by Councilmember Steve Brown, all in favor.

**Water** – monthly report submitted.

**Town Superintendent** – Tornado siren is up and running. Due to inclement weather, the sidewalk project will be completed in the spring..

**Park Board** – Neil Ledet reported that the Park Board will continue to have monthly meetings in the year 2009.

Councilmember John Ludy moved to adjourn, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

*Approved:*

*January 20, 2009*

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*Loretta Smart, Council President*

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*Steve Brown, Vice President*

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*Joe Thomas, Council Member*

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*John N. Ludy, Council Member*

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*Kay Clark, Council Member*

*Attest:*

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