

October 20, 2008

Public Hearing opened at 6:00 p.m. by President Loretta Smart.

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

Others attending were Martha C. Hagerty, Ed Johnson, Chris Snyder and Mary K. Parsons. Jim Measel with WLKI, also attended the Hearing.

The purpose of the hearing was to allow public input on the proposed trash rate ordinance. Madam President called for public input. Hearing none, the hearing closed at 6:05 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the Fremont Town Council

The meeting was called to order by President Loretta Smart directly after the closing of the public hearing at 6:05 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
Martha C. Hagerty, Judge
Ed Johnson, Police Chief*

*Mary K. Parsons, IAMC/CMC/CPFA- Clerk-Treasurer
Kurt Bachman, Town Attorney*

Others attending were: *Jim Measel with WLKI.*

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Trash Rate Ordinance: *Ordinance 2008-08, increasing the current trash rate from \$6.00 to \$10.00 was presented after the public hearing. Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to approve Ordinance 2008-08 as presented, second by Councilmember John Ludy, all in favor. Councilmember Steve Brown moved to waive the second reading, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.*

Sidewalk update: *Superintendent Chris Snyder gave an update. He estimates completion on the sidewalk along State Road 120 to be the middle of November.*

By-Pass: *Superintendent Chris Snyder informed the Council that the sunken area in the road has been repaired.*

Downtown Project: *Superintendent Chris Snyder reported that a meeting with Region 3A was held last week to prepare for the construction phase of the grant application. Ann- Marie with Region 3A said the problem that Angola had was that the Downtown had historical significance and thought our downtown would be viewed the same way. The consensus was for Chris to meet with the Engineer and INDOT to*

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see what their time frame was for completing work on State Road 120 and to start going through the environmental process. We may realistically be looking at applying in the fall instead of the spring. We did receive our permit for the reverse angle parking trial. We cannot paint the lines on the road because they need to be ground down and we do not have the equipment for that.

Fire Department Hire: *We received 11 applications and will begin reviewing the applications. Three or four will be chosen for an interview that will be done through an Executive Session on November 1st, 2008, starting at 9:00 a.m. The successful applicant will be presented at the regular November meeting, for consideration to be hired. John Ludy made a motion to set an executive session, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.*

Phase II of 2008 Mill Street Project: *Superintendent Snyder informed the Council that work on Mill Street was nearly complete. The consensus was that the Street, with curb and gutter, looked very nice.*

Drainage work: *Superintendent Snyder reported that work was progressing at the Dollar General location, but was not complete.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Utility Credits: *Councilmember Joe Thomas made a motion to approve the New Horizon credit, second by Councilmember John Ludy, all in favor. Councilmember John Ludy moved to waive the penalty only for the Thompson request, second by Councilmember John Ludy, all in favor.*

Resolution 2008-07: *Resolution 2008-07 proposes raising the employee portion of the deductible from \$300.00 per person to \$500.00 per person. Councilmember John Ludy moved to accept Resolution 2008-07, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.*

Renewal of Health Insurance for 2009: *Councilmember John Ludy moved to retain the same policy as in 2008, with approximately a 6% increase in the policy, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor.*

Fire Station Concrete: *There was an overrun on the cost of the concrete work that was approved last month. Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to approve the overrun cost, second by Councilmember Steve Brown, all in favor.*

Fire Truck Repair: *An emergency repair needed to be made to the command truck; Councilmember Steve Brown moved to approve the repairs, second by Council member Kay Clark, all in favor.*

Building of Stairway: *Jerry Jackson would like to build a stairway on the parcel of property owned by the town, in the downtown area, to access an apartment to a building that he owns. This is a small section of property that we have utilities on. Town Attorney Kurt Bachman advised the Council that there could be a liability to the town if an injury were to occur from the stairway. Councilmember Joe Thomas made a motion not to allow the stairway to be built on town property, second by Councilmember Kay Brown, all in favor.*

Removal of Trees: *Town Superintendent Chris Snyder presented a quote of \$5,000, from Sevits Tree Service to remove 6 trees. He has asked for additional quotes but did not receive any. Councilmember*

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John Ludy moved to accept the quote from Sevits and to remove the diseased trees, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

***Scuba Equipment:** The majority of this equipment would be paid from memorial funds. Councilmember Joe Thomas made a motion to approve the purchase of the Scuba Equipment from RJ Robison, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.*

REPORTS:

***Court** – monthly report submitted. The Judge would like to purchase a radar unit for Officer Shane Johnson’s police car for \$3,700.00. This will be purchased using Records Perpetuation funds. Councilmember Joe Thomas made a motion to allow the purchase of the radar, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.*

***Police** – monthly report submitted. Police Chief Johnson asked if the Town had a provider for flu shots. It was suggested that we check with the School to see about getting the shots when they receive their shots. Chief Johnson also reported that there would be another neighborhood meeting in the next few weeks. Johnson asked if he could get quotes for a new police car. He was advised to bring quotes to the November meeting.*

***Street** – monthly report submitted.*

***Sewer** –monthly report submitted.*

***Water** –monthly report submitted.*

***Town Superintendent** – Superintendent Snyder reported that interest has been shown in the Farmers Market. Discussion ensued.*

***Fire Department** –monthly report submitted. Nothing to add.*

***Park Board** – No report provided.*

Judge asked if the Town would be interested in having a display case in the Town Hall, which would be changed for the season, by the Historical Society. The Council will consider and bring back to the meeting next month.

Councilmember John Ludy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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Approved:

November 18, 2008

Loretta Smart, Council President

Steve Brown, Vice President

Joe Thomas, Council Member

John N. Ludy, Council Member

Kay Clark, Council Member

Attest:

Mary K. "Kathy" Parsons, IAMC/CMC/CPFA

Clerk-Treasurer