

September 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:

<i>Chris Snyder, Town Superintendent</i>	<i>Mary K. Parsons, IAMC/CMC/CPFA- Clerk-Treasurer</i>
<i>Martha C. Hagerty, Judge</i>	<i>Joshua Burkhart, Town Attorney</i>
<i>Ed Johnson, Police Chief</i>	<i>Steve Gard, Water Superintendent</i>
<i>Danny Frasier, Street Superintendent</i>	<i>Jim Humbarger, Wastewater Superintendent</i>
<i>Anne Abernathy, Park Board President</i>	

Others attending were: *Jim Measel with WLKI, Jim Shilander with the Herald Republican, and Terry Reetz.*

Madam President wanted to acknowledge the Employees for receiving the 2007 award from IPEP. She also wanted to congratulate the Street Department on a job well done with brush pick-up as we had received a letter complimenting them on their work.

Minutes: *Councilmember John Ludy moved to approve the minutes, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor.*

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Sidewalk quotes: *Superintendent Chris Snyder received five quotes on the sidewalk project east of town.*

<i>Concrete Dirt, Etc.</i>	<i>\$10,800.00</i>
<i>Reetz Construction</i>	<i>\$11,160.00</i>
<i>Dave's Construction</i>	<i>\$13,497.00</i>
<i>Spidel Custom Homes</i>	<i>\$16,200.00</i>
<i>Hunter's Construction</i>	<i>\$16,500.00</i>

This would be for approximately 900' of sidewalk with an ADA ramp. Councilmember Steve Brown made a motion to approve the quote from Concrete Dirt, Etc., second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor.

By-Pass: *Superintendent Chris Snyder informed the Council that the final inspection would be rescheduled. We had some of the By-pass wash out during the torrential rains that we had over the week-*

end. Steps are under way to make the repairs. Suresh with EDA had been here prior to the damage and approved the road. David Koenig thought we may be able to close the grant before the inspection is completed.

Downtown Project: Region 3A is working on the closing document for the grant. Permits should be issued soon for the temporary reverse angle parking trial, on the south side of State Road 120.

Trash Ordinance: The 2008-08 trash rate ordinance was introduced. This will raise the trash rates from \$6.00 per household to \$10.00 per household. A public hearing will be scheduled for October 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Fire Department Hire: The applications will be available at the Town Hall or the Fire Barn and will be taken through October 17th, at 3:00 p.m. The Council will decide at the next meeting as to how interviews will be conducted. Chief Hufnagle would like to have an applicant presented for hire at the November Council meeting.

Phase II of 2008 Street Project: Superintendent Snyder informed the Council that work on Mill Street would start in the next few weeks. At the September 8th meeting, the bid was awarded to API Construction. The Contract would need signed at this meeting.

Drainage work: Superintendent Snyder reported that work was progressing at the Dollar General location.

NEW BUSINESS:

Utility Credits: Councilmember Joe Thomas made a motion to accept the Utility Credits proposed, second by Councilmember John Ludy, all in favor.

Town Code: Clerk-Treasurer Parsons reported that the Town Code book was ready to be updated. We can update our book for \$23.00 per double column page. There are an estimated 50 ordinances and resolutions for 2007 and 2008. An in house estimate should be around \$1,500.00 Councilmember Joe Thomas made the motion to approve updating the Code Book, second by councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

Fire Station Concrete: Fire Chief Eric Hufnagle received two quotes for concrete work,

Russ Strang - \$850.00 to \$900.00

Myers Construction \$975.00

The quote for the concrete from Speedway would be \$2,481.00. Street Superintendent Frasier reported that it would run about \$70.00 per load to dispose of the concrete. There may be a need for additional work toward the sidewalk that was not quoted. Discussion ensued. Councilmember John Ludy made the motion to approve Rus Strang to do the concrete work, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor. Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to give Superintendent Snyder the authority to approve the concrete and additional work up, to \$4,500.00, second by Council member Steve Brown.

REPORTS:

Court – monthly report submitted. Nothing to add.

Police – monthly report submitted. Police Chief Johnson would like approval for special comp time for the Officers working the Homecoming parade on September 26th. Councilmember Steve Brown moved to approve, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor. Chief Johnson also reported that the Fremont American Legion was graciously purchasing four bullet proof vests for the full time officers to use.

Street – monthly report submitted. Superintendent Frasier asked for thoughts on the Slurry seal placed on Michael Street a few weeks ago. Discussion ensued.

Sewer –monthly report submitted. Wastewater Superintendent, Jim Humbarger, requested that the sewer line on West Spring Street be relined due to excessive cracks in the line. This would cost approximately \$45,000 to \$50,000. Discussion followed. Councilmember John Ludy made the motion to allow Superintendent Snyder and Superintendent Humbarger to gather information over the next two weeks as to the validity of this process by checking with the Engineer and other communities who have used it, along with a list of reputable contractors. If they are satisfied with this application, to start the bid process with apples to apples bids, versus digging the line up and replacing, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

Water –monthly report submitted. Nothing to add.

Town Superintendent – Superintendent Snyder reported that the Tornado siren has been ordered. He also wanted to remind the Council that the next meeting was changed to October 20th, because there would be a Meet the Candidates night put on by all Chambers in the County, on October 21st at 6:30 p.m.

Fire Department –monthly report submitted. Nothing to add.

Park Board – Anne Abernathy gave an update of the Park Board activities, with the main question being the fence removal. It was determined that if the fence has a value, it would need to be sold, not given away. If there was not a residual value, it could be sold for scrap. After much discussion, this could be a fall project of removing a few sections at a time to use on other town properties, with the remainder being stored in a fenced area by the water tower for future use by the town .

There will be a neighborhood watch meeting on September 24th at the Fremont Community Church.

The Fremont Historical Society will host a Cemetery walk at 2:00 p.m , on October 5th.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

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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*