

February 19, 2008

The regular meeting of the Fremont Town Council was called to order by President Loretta Smart at 6:00 p.m. on February 19, 2008.

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

Others representing the Town were:

*Chris Snyder, Town Superintendent
Mary K. Parsons, IAMC/CMC/CPFA- Clerk-Treasurer
Kurt Buchman, Town Attorney
Ed Johnson, Town Marshall-Absent
Martha Hagerty, Judge-Absent
Danny Frasier, Street Superintendent
Steve Gard, Water Superintendent-Absent
Jim Humbarger, Sewer Superintendent
Eric Hufnagle, Fire Chief*

Others attending were: Jim Measel, with WLKI radio station and Jim Shilander with the Herald Republican, and Mavis Church, a Fremont resident.

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

John Ludy moved to approve claims, payroll, and comp time, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

Chris gave an update on the by-pass. Chris presented change order # 4, which is the final change order, and the net contract price will be increased by \$274,814.29. Also presented was payment request # 9 in the amount of \$432,351.97 and #10 in the amount of \$272,808.46. Discussion followed.

John Ludy made a motion to approve change order #4 and payment requests #9 and #10 as presented contingent upon the availability of funds, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Mavis Church spoke on property that used to be owned by Erastus Farnham located on Swager Drive. The house is one of the few certified Underground Railroads locations. Mavis passed out information for viewing and questions. John Ludy thought that Mr. Farnham may have been a Fremont elected official. Farnham was a County Surveyor from 1837 to 1839. Loretta thanked Mavis for presenting this bit of history.

A discussion was held on the road to determine if this should be called a truck route or a by-pass. A discussion was held on naming the new road. Possible names mentioned include, Erastus Farnham By-Pass or Truck Route and Hershey By-Pass or Truck Route. No decision was made. .

Chris gave an update on the downtown planning grant. The next Planning Grant Meeting will be on March 4, 2008, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All Surveys have been submitted to DLZ Engineering, and they will present the concept of what the majority has selected.

Kay Clark moved to approve the Utility credits, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Kay Clark moved to approve proceeding on setting up the Wellness Day for Fremont employees, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

The Fremont High School Environmental Club will be doing a fundraiser called "Think Fremont First", to run through March 7, 2008. The Fremont Chamber of Commerce will be supporting this by offering reusable shopping bags made from recycled tires with a compact fluorescent bulb, a community calendar designed by the Business Lab at Fremont High School, a t-shirt designed by the Art Club at the Fremont High School, along with other items from local businesses. The bags will be sold by E-Club members for \$10.00 or \$20.00 with proceeds going to the Memorial Tree Project.

Loretta read the Arbor Day proclamation which will be April 25, 2008.

Court-submitted-nothing to add. Absent.

Police submitted-nothing to add. Absent. The Police would like to purchase exercise equipment for their officers and Town employees. A discussion was held on guidelines and where to put the equipment. Joe Thomas moved to have a committee of Chris, Kathy and Steve work on the guidelines, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

Street submitted-a discussion was held on sidewalks along East State Road 120 in front of the Cope, Freeburn, and Skelly properties. Chris will proceed with contacting the property owners and INDOT. The Council authorized for sidewalks to be fully paid for by the town, in front of the Cope and Skelly properties and 50/50 in front of the Freeburn property.

Sewer submitted-nothing to add.

Water -submitted – The two new trucks have arrived. Prices were submitted for spray on bed liners from Tri-State Line-X, in the amount of \$375.00 for each truck, and a price was submitted for a tool box for the water plant truck in the amount of \$640.00 from Arnold Auto Parts. ACS Graphics submitted pricing for lettering both trucks at \$150.00 per truck. John Ludy moved to approve purchasing the bed liners and lettering for both trucks, and the tool box for the water truck, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Town Superintendent-submitted-Chris, Eric, and Ed will be attending a NIMS 400 training course in Angola on February 27th, and 28th, from 8:00am to 5:00 pm each day.

Fire Department-submitted-Nothing to add.

Other General Matters

John Ludy asked if the Town would feed the E-Club students on Arbor Day as they plant trees. Steve Brown moved to feed the students, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to approve the Clerk-Treasurer's office to attend the ILMCT Conference the week of March 10, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

A discussion was held on the Badge program. Steve Brown will work out the requirements needed for the Cadets riding with Police officers.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 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