

**April 21, 2009**

**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>Danny Frasier, Street Superintendent</i>	<i>Neil Ledet, Park Board</i>
<i>Kurt Bachman, Town Attorney</i>	<i>Jim Humbarger, Wastewater Superintendent</i>
<i>Steve Gard, Water Department</i>	<i>Martha C. Hagerty, Judge</i>
<i>Ed Johnson, Police Chief</i>	

**Others attending were:** *Jim Measel with WLKI, Andy Dodzik, Town Engineer with DLZ, Steve Carter with Umbaugh and Ann Marie with Region 3A.*

**Minutes:** *Councilmember Steve Brown moved to approve the minutes, second by Councilmember John Ludy, 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:**

**Sewer Line:** *The main sewer line coming into the plant is in poor shape. Andy Dodzik has reviewed the video and has suggested four options for the Council to consider.*

*Option one - is to rehabilitate the existing sewer in place with cured in place pipe lining as was done on Spring Street.*

*Option two - would be to pipe burst the existing sewer line in place and replace it in kind with 15 inch or up size with 18 inch High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) pipe.*

*Option three – Replace the existing sewer with a new one installed parallel to it.*

*Option four – Route the sewer west along the south right of way of SR 120 to a new pump station and install a force main up the NIPSCO easement to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.*

*It would be approximately \$127,500 to reline the pipe. We could bid it a couple of ways. The pipe under State Road 120 is in bad shape also. Councilmember Steve Brown felt that all four options should be bid. Discussion followed. Typically, to draw up plans, the cost is eight to ten percent of construction costs. Councilmember Joe Thomas made a motion to authorize drawing up plans for the first three options currently holding off on option four, but leaving the door open to bid at a later date, second by Councilmember Steve Brown, all in favor.*

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*Andy also brought up the request for final payment and change order for Insituform for \$32,605.00, motion by Councilmember Steve Brown to authorize payment, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.*

***Downtown Project:*** Ann Marie, with Region 3A, discussed the steps that we need to take to proceed with the application for the construction phase. She reported that Angola and Orland both had buildings with Historical significance and was sure that we would have them as well. SHIPO is who you need to work with on the National Register. Discussion followed in regards to the application process. We will need to do a letter of agreement. She would like the Council to give approval for President Loretta Smart to sign the letter. Councilmember John Ludy moved to allow President Smart to sign the letter, second by Councilmember Steve Brown, all in favor. We can still move toward the fall process but it may be spring before we are able to submit.

***Annexation:*** Steve Carter with Umbaugh, presented the fiscal plan for the annexation west of town. There must be an ordinance drawn up to go along with the Fiscal Plan for adoption. This proposed annexation will include 568 acres of property. Umbaugh has been very conservative in their figures and see no adverse tax rate to the tax area. After the Ordinance has been adopted, we must wait 60 days to have the public hearing on the proposed ordinance. The annexation cannot go into effect until January 2, 2010, with tax bill payable for 2011. We are seeking a voluntary annexation. The Police Chief had a question in regards to State Road 120. Steve Carter said that even though we will only be taking the property on the south side of the road, once you touch the road, you take the whole road. This answered the questions for the Police Chief in regards to the city limits for the writing of tickets and as to what regulations you follow. The attorney will prepare the ordinance.

***By-Pass:*** Town Superintendent Snyder reported that as of yet, we have not received the funds on the Bypass. The consensus was to wait another month to decide whether or not to have the attorney send a letter. The right of way deeds have been signed and will be forwarded to INDOT by the Town Attorney.

***Farmers Market:*** Clerk Treasurer Parsons reported that there have been seven spots reserved for the Farmers Market.

***Memory Tree Program:*** Town Superintendent Snyder reported that the planting would be Tuesday, April 28, 2009. There were conflicts in scheduling this year and that was the day that worked out the best.

***2008 Tree City Designation:*** The Town was named Tree City for 2008. This was the third year to be declared a Tree City.

***Substance Abuse Policy:*** Town Superintendent Snyder reported that after further investigation and meeting with the company who would be administering the tests that this policy should be limited to CDL drivers and the Public Safety could be addressed in a separate policy. Town Superintendent Snyder will need to go for training for the policy, as he will be overseeing the testing. Motion by Councilmember Steve Brown to approve the policy, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

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**Resolution 2009-3:** - A Resolution regarding rules and regulations for the Operation of Public Parks. Councilmember Kay Clark moved to approve Resolution 2009-3, second by Councilmember Steve Brown, all in favor.

**Hot Patch Machine:** Street Superintendent Danny Frasier reported that the hot patch machine was ordered from Brown equipment for \$22,100.00.

**New Business:**

**Utility Credits:** Councilmember Joe Thomas made a motion to approve the utility credits as presented, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

**Housing Authority Appointments** – Jerry Foster would like to recommend to the council for their approval of the appointments to the Fremont Housing Authority. Don Meeks would serve a four year term and Bernard White would fill the remainder of the term for Catherine White. Motion by Councilmember John Ludy, second by Councilmember Steve Brown, all in favor.

**Red Flag, Resolution 2009-02:** On May 1, 2009, a policy must be implemented on steps that will be taken to deter identity theft. Resolution 2009-02 is a resolution that adopts the policy in regards to deterring identity theft. Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to approve Resolution 2009-02, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

**Building Corp:** Clerk-Treasurer Parsons requested that London Witte be allowed to work with the Town attorney and the Clerk-Treasurer in preparing the required information for the Building Corp. London Witte will replace Hilliard Lyons. Motion was made by Councilmember Steve Brown to use the services of London Witte, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor.

**Music fest:** Town Superintendent Snyder requested that North Wayne Street be closed for Music Fest. Motion was made by Councilmember Joe Thomas to close the street requested, second by Councilmember Steve Brown, all in favor.

**Slurry Seal:** Street Superintendent Danny Frasier received three bids for slurry application

American Seal \$61,775.00      Albright \$48,285.00      Pavement Solutions, Inc. \$46,943.75

Councilmember Steve Brown moved to accept the bid for \$46,943.75 with Pavement Solutions, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor.

**REPORTS:**

**Court** – Monthly report submitted. Nothing to add.

**Police** –Monthly report submitted. Chief Johnson would like to advertise the sale of the 2005 police car to accept sealed bids at the May meeting. Motion was made by Councilmember Steve Brown to allow the advertisement of bids, second by Councilmember John Ludy, all in favor. They intend to move the bicycle rodeo from the spring to the fall.

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**Street** – Monthly report submitted. Nothing to add.

**Sewer** –Monthly report submitted. Superintendent Humbarger reported that there are engine problems with the Oliver Tractor and they may need to repair.

**Water** –Monthly report submitted. Nothing to add.

**Town Superintendent** –Monthly report submitted. Nothing to add.

**Fire Department** – Fire Chief Hufnagle was unable to attend. Clerk-Treasurer Parsons reported that when hiring the new firefighter, it was stipulated that he would need to live within the corporate limits within one year of his hire date, which was January 12<sup>th</sup> 2009. He has found property that is 1.8 miles outside of the town limits and would like the Council to consider allowing him to move to this property. Councilmember John Ludy asked if the property was in the Fremont school district and was told that it is. With this information, Councilmember Ludy made a motion to allow Aaron Vanderpool to live in the two mile area, second by Councilmember Steve Brown, all in favor.

**Park Board** – Park Board Vice-President Neil Ledet reported that the Park Board was in agreement with the Resolution 2009-03 that was passed.

**Other Business:** Clerk-Treasurer Kathy Parsons asked that the Council meetings for May and June be moved to May 12<sup>th</sup> and June 9<sup>th</sup>. Motion was made by Councilmember Joe Thomas to move the meeting dates, second by Councilmember John Ludy, all in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Kathy Parsons asked to purchase a fire proof file cabinet for \$2,149.99 for the office. Motion was made by Councilmember Steve Brown to approve the purchase, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Parsons requested approval to attend the IACT Clerk-Treasurer Budget and Clerk Treasurer School in May and to attend the State Board of Accounts School and Annual Conference in June. Teri would be attending the June school as well. Motion by Joe Thomas to approve the attendance, to both the May and June schools, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

Martha C Hagerty, as Secretary-Treasurer for the Historical Society, would like to thank the E-club for the calendar production. The Society felt that a great job was done.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

*Approved:*

*May 12, 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*

