

**February 17, 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>Eric Hufnagle, Fire Chief</i>	<i>Danny Frasier, Street Superintendent</i>
<i>Neil Ledet, Park Board</i>	<i>Martha C. Hagerty, Judge</i>
<i>Kurt Bachman, Town Attorney</i>	<i>Jim Humbarger, Wastewater Superintendent</i>

**Others attending were:** *Jim Measel with WLKI, Jim Shilander with Herald Republican and John Calloway with First Call Towing.*

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

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Spring Street:** *The Sewer line has collapsed in this area. For safety reasons, the Town employees will not be performing the repair work. Two quotes were presented to the Council:*

*Crawford Excavating    \$1,543.00*

*M & C Trenching        \$3,200.00*

*Councilmember Kay Clark moved to have Crawford Excavating do the repair, second by Councilmember John Ludy, all in favor.*

**Truck Bids:** *There were 11 bids received for the grass rig fire truck:*

*Angela Corcimiglia - \$2,900.00, Eric Corcimiglia- \$2,800.00, Brad Corcimiglia - \$2,600.00*

*Rick Corcimiglia - \$2,500.00, Jeff Klink - \$1,355.00, Tom Hasselman - \$980.00*

*Rick Heinz - \$700.00, Wayne Crawl- \$651.10, Rob Robino-. \$600.00, Dave Powers- \$505.00*

*Tracy Feller - \$431.17*

*Councilmember John Ludy moved to award the bid to Angela Corcimiglia for \$2,900.00, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor.*

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**By-Pass:** Superintendent Chris Snyder reported that there are six parcels of ROW that need to be turned over to INDOT. These parcels are along State Road 120. Councilmember Steve Brown moved to allow President Loretta Smart to sign the necessary paperwork to deed the ROW over to INDOT, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor.

**Downtown Project:** Attorney Kurt Bachman reported they there will be a stimulus information meeting in Fort Wayne, on February 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Projects need to be sent in by February 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Annexation:** Town Superintendent Snyder reported that he, Dean Jones with Umbaugh, Clerk-Treasurer Kathy Parsons, and Councilmember Steve Brown met to discuss the fiscal plan. Umbaugh has a draft put together and we will need to have a legal description of the proposed area put together. DLZ is working on this now.

**Street Lights:** Prior to the meeting, Town Superintendent Chris Snyder and Councilmember Joe Thomas reviewed the area in question. Councilmember Joe Thomas proposed that a street light be placed at Hope and Coldwater, another be placed in front of the Fremont Community Church on Coldwater Street, and another in front of Jim and Carol Mercer's home. The poles on the east side are NIPSCO and the west side is REMC. Discussion followed. Chris will get prices on the lights and bring them to the next meeting.

**Farmers Market:** Clerk Treasurer Parsons reported that there were a lot of inquiries being made in regards to the Farmers Market. A rough draft of the application was put together and Councilmember John Ludy will review it. Councilmember Steve Brown moved to charge a non-refundable booth fee of \$20.00 for the season, which would be receipted into the Park Fund, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

**Memory Tree Program:** Clerk-Treasurer Parsons reported that two trees have been purchased. Several questions are being posed in regards to the memorializing of those that the tree is purchased for. Clerk-Treasurer Parsons had discussed with Councilmember John Ludy, the possibility of a mural being painted at the Town Hall, by the Fremont High School Art Club. The east wall of the Community room was suggested, with the west wall also being considered. After much deliberation, the south wall in the foyer will be considered. The art club will put together a few drawings for the Council to review at the next meeting. Councilmember John Ludy made a motion to have the overages of the trees, planting materials and the donation for the mural, come out of the Memory Tree Fund, and if necessary, any shortages to be picked up by the Town, second by Councilmember Steve Brown, all in favor.

**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.

**Well Child Clinic:** Councilmember Joe Thomas made a motion to accept the Well Child Clinic contract for a donation of \$500.00, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

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**Discussion on Drug Testing:** Town Superintendent Chris Snyder has had two companies contact him in regards to drug testing for employees who have a CDL license. Both companies will do drug testing and mandatory paperwork that needs to be sent in. After discussion, it was determined that all full time employees who drive a town vehicle should be included. Councilmember Joe Thomas questioned if the personnel policy would allow the change. Councilmember Joe Thomas made a motion to authorize Attorney Kurt Bachman and Superintendent Snyder to work on amending the policy to include all full time employees, second by Councilmember Steve Brown, all in favor.

**Clear Lake Fire Contract:** Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to accept the 2009 Fire contract with Clear Lake for \$22,467.65, second by Councilmember John Ludy, all in favor.

**Clear Lake Township Fire Contract:** Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to approve the 2009 Fire contract with Clear Lake Township for \$11,692.85, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

**Scott Township Fire Contract:** Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to approve the 2009 fire contract with Scott Township for \$1,600.00, second by Councilmember John Ludy, all in favor.

**Re-bedding Water Filter:** Councilmember Joe Thomas made a motion to purchase granular filter material for the re-bedding from Red Flint Sand and Gravel, in the amount of \$2,239.50, second by Councilmember Steve Brown, all in favor.

**Wellness Day:** Clerk-Treasurer Parsons asked for approval to proceed with planning Wellness Day for the employees. Councilmember Steve Brown made a motion to follow the same protocol that we used last year, second by Councilmember John Ludy, all in favor.

**Municipal Government Week:** Town Superintendent Chris Snyder asked the Council to consider May 15<sup>th</sup> as the day set aside for Municipal Government Day, with the Fremont fourth grade students visiting the Town Hall to learn the workings of local government. Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to allow May 15<sup>th</sup> for the students to tour the facilities, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

**REPORTS:**

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

**Police** – Monthly report submitted. Clerk-Treasurer Parsons requested that approval be given for the lighting package for the new police car. Councilmember Steve Brown made a motion to approve, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor.

**Street** – Monthly report submitted. Superintendent Frasier reported that he would like to look at purchasing a hot patch machine. He will look into this and get pricing.

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**Sewer** –Monthly report submitted. Superintendent Humbarger reported that the main line coming into the plant was in need of repair. Superintendent Humbarger will get a price and bring up for discussion at the Sewer Task force meeting. There were repairs that need to be made at the plant due to inclement weather. The bar rack was \$426.40 and the other repairs will be \$4,225.00. Councilmember Steve Brown made a motion to approve these repairs, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

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

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

**Fire Department** – Fire Chief Eric Hufnagle asked the Council to approve the purchase of hoses and nozzles for the new truck, for approximately \$1,744.27. Councilmember Joe Thomas a made motion to purchase hoses and nozzles, second by Councilmember John Ludy, all in favor. Chief Hufnagle also reported that the truck was in and would like approval to authorize the payment for the vehicle, so it could be picked up. Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to approve, second by Councilmember Steve Brown, all in favor.

**Park Board** – Park Board Vice-President Neil Ledet, would like to get copies of Ordinances of the rules that area parks have. Councilmember Joe Thomas advised Mr. Ledet to get information to Superintendent Snyder or Clerk-Treasurer Parsons and they will send it out via e-mail.

Councilmember Steve Brown moved to adjourn, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

*February 17, 2009*

*Approved:*

*March 17, 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*

