

May 12, 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, and Joe Thomas. Kay Clark was absent due to a death in the family.*

Others representing the Town were:

*Chris Snyder, Town Superintendent Mary K. Parsons, IAMC/CMC/CPFA, Clerk-Treasurer
Kurt Bachman, Town Attorney Ed Johnson, Police Chief
Eric Hufnagle, Fire Chief*

Others attending were: *Andy Dodzik, Town Engineer with DLZ, Jim Shilander with the Herald Republican, Bruce Moody, Marty Mitchell and Glen Kiser.*

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 Steve Brown, all in favor.*

Car Bids: *Three bids were received.*

Glen Kiser - \$2,051.00 Stan Bowen - \$1,500.00 Chicago Motors -\$2,407.00

Bids were taken under advisement because of the vast difference between bids and Blue Book value.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sewer Line: *Marty Mitchell, representing the Williamsons in regards to the sewer line that runs across the property, would like to see option four considered from last month for bidding. This would be moving the line from the existing location and along side State Road 120. Bruce Moody, who farms the property, expressed a concern on running over the line with a heavy combine. Marty Mitchell presented a letter from an attorney. The Council will take the matter under advisement.*

Downtown Project: *Superintendent Snyder updated the Council on the progress of the Downtown project. ROW is acceptable with no easements required and application to INDOT has been made for a transportation enhancement grant.*

Annexation: *Superintendent Snyder has started the process of contacting the property owners for possible signatures on the petition for annexation.*

By-Pass: *Town Superintendent Snyder reported that as of yet, we have not received the funds on the Bypass. David Koenig has sent an e-mail to Don Kathan at EDA, Suresh's boss, about the prioritizing of our claim and the consensus of the council was to wait another month to decide whether or not to have*

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the attorney send a letter. The right of way deeds have been signed and will be forwarded to INDOT by the Town Attorney.

Memory Tree Program: *Town Superintendent Snyder reported that there were 38 trees planted. Lunch was provided for the Fremont E-Club members who helped raise funds for the Memory Tree program. Councilmember John Ludy wanted to extend a special thank you to the employees for participating in the planting.*

New Business:

Utility Credits: *Councilmember Steve Brown made a motion to approve the utility credits as presented, second by Councilmember John Ludy, all in favor.*

REPORTS:

Court – *Monthly report submitted*

Police – *Monthly report not submitted yet, due to a death in the family.*

Street – *Monthly report submitted.*

Sewer – *Monthly report submitted.*

Water – *Monthly report submitted.*

Town Superintendent – *Monthly report submitted. Superintendent Snyder discussed the police car. The Blue Book value is \$5,600 to \$6,400. Attorney Kurt Bachman said if the vehicle was no longer needed, or is unfit for the purpose intended, he felt we could sell the car. This will be tabled until a future meeting for a lesser amount than the bluebook.*

Fire Department – *Fire Chief Hufnagle would like to purchase pagers. Councilmember John Ludy made a motion to purchase the pagers, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor. Chief Hufnagle would also like to purchase uniforms for four firefighters, at the cost of \$350.00 to \$400.00 each. Motion was made by Councilmember Steve Brown to approve the purchase, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor.*

Other Business: *Andy Dodzik said we will need a wage scale hearing for the Hardy Street paving project in 2009. Attorney Kurt Bachman asked the Council to approve three people to serve on the wage committee. Tom Abernathey, Chris Snyder and Roger Hutchins were selected, with Randy Hutchins chosen as an alternate. Motion made by Councilmember Joe Thomas to appoint these individuals to the wage hearing committees for the Hardy Street project and the Wastewater treatment improvement project, and if needed, allow Kurt the flexibility to send out the notice, second by Councilmember John Ludy, all in favor.*

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Clerk-Treasurer Kathy Parsons informed the Council that we had received our 1782 notice and our budget was approved as submitted, except for the MVH which had a cut of \$266.00 and the LRS cut of \$2,745.00. This was due to a reduction of revenue. Overall, Parsons was pleased that the other funds would not receive any cuts.

Motion was made to adjourn by Councilmember John Ludy, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Approved:

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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

