

November 17, 2009

President Loretta Smart called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

Others representing the Town were:

Mary K. Parsons, IAMC/CMC/CPFA, Clerk-Treasurer Chris Snyder, Town Manager
Joshua Burkhart, Town Attorney Jim Humbarger, Wastewater Superintendent
Steve Gard, Water Superintendent Martha C. Hagerty, Judge

Others attending were: Jim Shilander with the Herald Republican, Jim Measel with WLKI, , Charlie and Julie Freeburn, Ron Sullins and Liz Thomas, Fremont residents.

Public Hearing on vacating Bowery Street and a portion of the alley: Craig Benson, attorney for the Freeburns spoke on their behalf. The alley and the street have been maintained by the Freeburns for several years. They would be vacating the property behind lot 47, but not behind lot 44. Ron Sullins spoke and did not object to the proposed closing of the street and the alley. No other comments were raised by the public. Superintendent Snyder said that any easements for utilities would not be vacated.

President Loretta Smart closed the hearing.

The regular meeting was called to order by President Loretta Smart.

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

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Minutes: Councilmember John Ludy 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 Kay Clark, four in favor, Councilmember John Ludy abstained..

OLD BUSINESS:

Bids on Police Car: Two bids were received on the Police car. A.J. Carpenter placed a bid for \$1,950.00. The second bid was by Terry Brewer for \$1,500.00. This was for the 2005 Ford. Bids will be taken under advisement.

VAC Truck: Brown Equipment was the only company to submit a bid. There were three bids received, \$243,000.00, and \$257,519.00 for a 2010 Demo unit and \$264,519.00 for a new model. The bids will be taken under advisement.

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Downtown Project: Superintendent Snyder reported Ann Marie would like to hold another Public Hearing in December. He also reported that the Town was inducted into the Main Street Program.

Street Work: Superintendent Snyder reported that the Hardy Street construction project is complete. We are waiting on the final billing and any change order.

Sewer Line: Superintendent Snyder reported that bid documents were being put together by DLZ.

Annexation: Superintendent Snyder reported that things were moving along. He asked that President Loretta Smart be given authority to sign off the property owned by the Town. Motion was made by Councilmember John Ludy to allow Loretta Smart to sign the documents, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor,

Noise: The agreement has been approved by both parties. Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to allow President Loretta Smart to sign the documents on behalf of the Town, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

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.

2010 Holiday Schedule: Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to approve the 2010 Holiday Schedule as presented, second by Councilmember John Ludy, all in favor.

County Wide Port Authority: A joint Resolution is being put together by the County Attorney Don Stuckey, for review by each City or Town in the County.

Resignation: Councilmember Steve Brown moved to formally accept the resignation of Officer Shane Johnson, allowing a combination of PTO's to be used for the resignation to become effective on November 13, 2009, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

Computer purchase: Clerk-Treasurer Parsons reported that the computers in the offices of Clerk-Treasurer and the Town Superintendent were in desperate need of memory increase. Parsons asked that four computers be purchased for \$4,500.00 for her three offices and for the office of the Town Manager. Councilmember Kay Clark moved to approve the computer purchase for \$4,500, second by Councilmember Steve brown, all in favor.

Ordinance 2009-05 – An Ordinance vacating a portion of Bowery Street and the alley behind Freeburns located on Broad Street. Councilmember Steve Brown moved to approve the ordinance, second by Councilmember John Ludy, all in favor. Councilmember John Ludy moved to waive the second reading, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

REPORTS:

Court – Monthly report submitted. The Judge would like to amend the purchase price of the radar unit that was approved last month, the revised price being \$1,810.00. Motion by Councilmember Joe Thomas, second by Councilmember Steve Brown, all in favor.

Police –Monthly report submitted. The Police requested the purchase of a Life Pac 1000 defibulator unit in the amount of \$2,375.00 plus shipping. Councilmember John Ludy made a motion to approve the purchase, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor. Councilmember Joe Thomas made a motion to add two part time officers to the roster, Mike Meeks and Brad Kline, both County officers, second by Councilmember Steve Brown, all in favor. There will be a special meeting on November 23 at 4:00 to swear in the Marshal.

Street – Monthly report submitted. President Loretta Smart read a letter congratulating Jeff Olds on a job well done for assisting a resident.

Water – Monthly report submitted. The Water plant needs to rebuild or purchase a new high surface water pump. Councilmember Steve Brown made a motion to purchase a new motor and a rebuilt pump for \$10,400.00, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Sewer –Monthly report submitted. Discussion followed on making Brant an Assistant Superintendent. The consensus of the Council was not to change the title, but to authorize Brant to sign reports in Jim's absence. Councilmember Kay Clark made a motion to allow Brant Kaufman to sign in the absence of Superintendent Jim Humbarger, second by Councilmember John Ludy, all in favor.

Town Superintendent –Monthly report submitted. The County will have a drainage board meeting on the Oliver/Shaeffer ditch on December 7, 2009. The Chamber would like to sponsor a food drive in conjunction with the Town, using the Town Hall, the Fire Station, the Fremont Library, and Rickles Pickles as drop off points for canned food for the Fremont Food Panty. Council member John Ludy moved to approve this, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor

Fire Department – Fire Chief Hufnagle was not in attendance. Hufnagle would like approval to award two \$50.00 savings bonds to Katey Arble and Charlie Peet, for winning the coloring contest. Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to approve, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

Park Board –Liz Thomas, with the Park Board, is requesting the purchase of two octagon tables for the Skate Park and a message center for the Town Park. After some discussion, Liz will take the information back to the Park Board meeting in December for additional considerations at their meeting. No action was taken.

Other Business:

Fire Contract with Angola – Clerk-Treasurer Parsons presented the 2010 fire contract with the city of Angola covering a portion of Jamestown Township. Councilmember Steve Brown moved to approve the contract, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember John Ludy, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Approved:

December 15, 2009

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