

August 18, 2009

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

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

Others representing the Town were:

<i>Mary K. Parsons, IAMC/CMC/CPFA, Clerk-Treasurer</i>	<i>Chris Snyder, Town Manager</i>
<i>Kurt Bachman, Town Attorney</i>	<i>Jim Humbarger, Wastewater Superintendent</i>
<i>Eric Hufnagle, Fire Chief</i>	<i>Steve Gard, Water Superintendent</i>
<i>Danny Frasier, Street Superintendent</i>	<i>Drew Kuespert, Park Board</i>

Others attending were: Jim Shilander with the Herald Republican, Jim Measel with WLKI, Steve Bruns of Angola, Carol Mercer, Sally Lanier, Tom and Cheryl Robison, Laurie Freed, Shane and Chandra Swager, Kaye Dennis, Tina Meeks and Ray Lauer, Fremont residents.

Minutes: Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to approve the minutes, second by Councilmember John Ludy, all in favor.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Police Chief – Attorney Kurt Bachman made a statement in regards to Marshal Johnson. The Town understands that he has resigned and is retiring. Both parties are working on a severance and benefits package in regards to his retirement. Formal action will be taken following the public hearing on August 25, 2009. The public hearing will not be in regards to this matter but on the proposed budget for 2010 and the meeting will follow that directly. The Council will consider that agenda item at that time. Attorney Bachman requested a motion to consider a severance and benefits package at a special meeting on August 25, 2009. Motion was made by Councilmember Steve Brown, second by Councilmember John Ludy, all in favor.

Street Work: Superintendent Snyder gave an update on the progress of the street work being done by API. They hope to have it completed by the middle of September. The Slurry process will start next week. While they are working on the roads, sections of the road will be closed for a few hours at a time.

Sewer Line: The road cut permit has been signed, and DLZ plans to take bids the end of September or the first of October.

Downtown Project: Region 3A has sent in the preliminary paperwork for the Construction grant. We will be having another public hearing prior to the October meeting. Final grant application will be submitted at that time.

Annexation: This has been slow moving as we have been extremely busy this month. Councilmember Brown has graciously offered to help Superintendent Snyder contact the property owners.

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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.

IACT Conference: Councilmember John Ludy made a motion to approve allowing those who would like to attend the IACT conference in French Lick, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

Crossing Guard: Barbara Gary, after serving as crossing guard for approximately 25 years, has resigned and taken a full time position with the school. Joe Barrow, who was a part-time crossing guard, has agreed to move into the full part-time position. That will leave us with one fill in person. Superintendent Chris Snyder would like permission to advertise in the newsletter for the "as needed" position. Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to accept the resignation and to advertise for an "as needed" position in the newsletter, second by Councilmember Steve Brown, all in favor. The Council extended thanks to Barbara Gary and wished her the best of luck in her new position.

Police car: Superintendent Snyder has contacted Strawser Auction in regards to selling the police car at the government surplus auction. They will put a reserve of \$4,500.00 on the vehicle. The auction will be September 12, 2009. Councilmember John Ludy made a motion to allow Superintendent Snyder to proceed with the process of selling the car at auction, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

SCEDC: Superintendent Snyder has been working with the Steuben County Economic Development Committee to get sites in the county shovel ready. Jobs are the #1 priority in the County and certified sites are what the majority of companies are looking for.

Pharmacy Deliveries: Drew Kuespert, employee with CVS and a resident of the Community, has worked with CVS officials to have prescriptions delivered to drop off locations in town. There will be two stops, one at Brockville Commons and one at Dr. Crisman's office, Mondays and Thursdays between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. The patient will need to be present to pick up their prescription due to HIPPA laws. Councilmember John Ludy wanted to publicly thank Drew for his hard work in making this happen. All members extended their thanks.

REPORTS:

Court – Monthly report submitted.

Police – Monthly report submitted.

Street – Monthly report submitted.

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Sewer –Monthly report submitted. Superintendent Humbarger received a quote on repairing the Ferric Chloride pump or the purchase of a new pump with a five year warranty. To repair the pump would be \$1,800, to purchase would be \$3,700.00 He felt the better way to go would be to purchase the new pump. Councilmember Joe Thomas move to purchase the new pump, second by Councilmember Steve Brown, all in favor. The effluent meter needs to be replaced. Discussion followed. Councilmember Joe Thomas made a motion to purchase a Honeywell meter for approximately \$2,200.00, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

Water –Monthly report submitted. Superintendent Gard reported that it had been six years since the Water Tower was inspected. He was asking that Dixon be allowed to do the inspection for \$2,175.00. This will include a video report. He also presented quotes to clean the older tower. Councilmember Steve Brown made a motion to allow Dixon Engineering to inspect the tower and to allow Superintendent Snyder to make the decision to go with the low bidder, if their referrals were in order, second by Council member Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Town Superintendent –Monthly report submitted. Superintendent Snyder reported that he had been in contact with EDA administration and they are now projecting that we should have the final reimbursement in September. Metaldyne has been sold at the Bankruptcy auction and purchased by two investors. Reports from Metaldyne are they are continuing business as usual.

Fire Department – Fire Chief Hufnagle would like the Fremont Fire Department to host a First Responders class. We have six firefighters who need the class. The cost will be \$850.00, plus books at \$40.00 to \$50.00 each. They will open it up to County Departments and the cost will be approximately \$100.00 per firefighter. Councilmember John Ludy made a motion to approve the class for up to \$1,100.00, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor. Chief Hufnagle reported that the Hazmat trailer had been painted. They would now like to get it striped by ACS graphics for \$900.00. Councilmember Kay Clark made a motion to have ASC stripe the trailer, second by Councilmember Steve Brown, all in favor. Chief Hufnagle also reported that the Scuba truck was no longer road worthy and needed to be taken out of service. It is a 1977 and they purchased it used for \$1,000.00 approximately 9 years ago. Councilmember John Ludy made a motion to allow the Fire Department to pursue a replacement vehicle, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

Park Board – Park Board member Drew Kuespert was in attendance and reported that they are looking into signage for the Park and posting the hours. They and hoped to make a decision at their next meeting.

Other Business:

Generator: Superintendent Snyder presented the yearly maintenance cost of the generator. This is for the necessary maintenance on the shared generator for the Town Hall.

Employee Recognition: Councilmember John Ludy wanted to commend both Jeff Olds and Neil Fisher for the letter of appreciation for their work in the community.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Kay Clark, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Approved:

September 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