

March 17, 2009

Regular Meeting of the Fremont Town Council

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Steve Brown, at 6:04 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>	

Others attending were: *Jim Measel with WLKI and Jim Shilander with the Herald Republican.*

Minutes: *Councilmember John Ludy moved to approve the minutes, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor. President Loretta Smart arrives and Vice President Steve Brown relinquishes the chair.*

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:

By-Pass: *Town Superintendent Snyder reported that as of yet, INDOT has not approved the forms and the six parcels of ROW have not been turned over to INDOT. We are still waiting on our funds from EDA. The consensus is if we do not hear something within the next month, we will have the Attorney draft a letter to EDA.*

Downtown Project: *Town Superintendent Snyder reported that DLZ will be here in the next two to three weeks to start the engineering on Hardy Street. If it would be the wish of the Council to continue with the preliminary engineering on the Downtown project, this would be a good time to do so. INDOT was here this week and did core samples on State Road 120. With the stimulus package, the paving of 120 may be moved up. If we do not continue to move forward, there is the possibility that we will not be able to apply for the grant funding this fall. Councilmember Steve Brown moved to go forward with the preliminary engineering, with the estimated cost of \$5,100.00, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.*

Annexation: *Town Superintendent Snyder reported that he had placed a map of the proposed annexation and legal description in the packets. Council was advised to let him know if there were any questions or changes prior to the next meeting. Deen Rogers with Umbaugh will attend the meeting in April to discuss the fiscal plan.*

Street Lights: *Town Superintendent Snyder reported that two of the three lights have been installed. Superintendent Snyder would like to have this officially approved through the minutes. Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to approve, second by Councilmember Steve Brown, all in favor.*

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Farmers Market: Clerk Treasurer Parsons reported that there would be 20 spots available; eight would be truck spots and twelve in the Pavilion. A few applications have been picked up.

Memory Tree Program: Town Superintendent Snyder reported that 37 trees have been ordered. They will be planted by the Environmental Club on Arbor Day. Councilmember Kay Clark moved to feed the students as we have in the past, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Wellness Day: Clerk-Treasurer Parsons reported that the tentative day has been set for May 15th. The cost of the Chem 17 test did increase to \$20.00.

Municipal Government Week: Councilmember John Ludy moved to approve Resolution 2009-01 recognizing Municipal Government Week, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Hot Patch Machine: Street Superintendent Danny Frasier received four quotes on the Hot Patch Machine.

W A Jones	\$22,475.00	Turner	\$22,960.00
Brown	\$22,100.00	Auto Truck	\$23,925.00

Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to purchase the unit, either from W A Jones or Brown equipment, whichever Superintendent Frasier feels comfortable with after he has viewed both machines, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

Substance Abuse Policy: Town Superintendent Snyder reported that he had placed a policy in the packet that was prepared by BMBS for your review. He had also distributed the policy to the Department Heads for their review with their employees and to write down any questions or comments that they may have, prior to the next meeting.

New Business:

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

Arbor Day Proclamation: April 24, 2009 was proclaimed as Arbor Day by Council President Loretta Smart, the proclamation was read.

WWTP Seasonal Hire: Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to re-hire Leslie Brown at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for the season, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, four in favor, Councilmember Steve Brown abstained.

Wind Turbine Trip: A trip is being planned March 25, 2009, to tour Benton County to view Wind Turbines. If anyone is interested in attending, please let Superintendent Snyder know.

Moose: Police Chief Johnson reported that the Fremont Moose made a donation of \$2,500.00 to help equip the new car with lights, radios and striping. We will be sending a formal letter of gratitude to the Moose.

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REPORTS:

Court – Monthly report submitted. Nothing to add.

Police –Monthly report submitted. Chief Johnson would like approval for Deputy Robison to attend two days of firearm training in Mitchell, Indiana. It is on his days off so if time cannot be worked out to give his time off, special comp time may be sought. Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to allow Deputy Robison to attend training and the comp time if deemed necessary, second by Councilmember Steve Brown, all in favor. Johnson reported that grant money was available through the stimulus, to add an additional officer to the force. He would like permission from the Council to pursue the application process. Councilmember John Ludy moved to allow the police department to start the application process, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

Street – Monthly report submitted. Superintendent Frasier requested permission for Jeff Olds to attend a pesticide Seminar at Purdue. Motion was made by Councilmember Joe Thomas for Jeff Olds to attend the seminar, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

Sewer –Monthly report submitted. Superintendent Humbarger reported that the DVD was done on the inspection of the main sanitary sewer line entering the WWTP. It has been sent to DLZ for their review and thoughts.

Water –Monthly report submitted. Nothing to add.

Town Superintendent –Monthly report submitted. Town Clean Up day is set for May 9, 2009. Neil Fisher will be starting on April 13th. His wages will be divided between the street and the park as a seasonal employee for both departments.

Fire Department – Fire Chief Hufnagle was out on Fire Runs so was unable to attend. He was asking for 11 firefighters to attend classes Saturday in Coldwater, Michigan. The cost would be \$550.00. Councilmember Joe Thomas made a motion to approve the training, second by Councilmember Steve Brown, all in favor.

Park Board – Park Board Vice-President Neil Ledet wanted to thank the Town employees for removing the fence at the Skate Park. He reported that the Library and the park board were working together to secure a grant for Art Camp. The Park Board contribution would be \$200.00. He would like the Council to look at the Ordinances that they had provided and let him know their thoughts.

Other Business: Clerk-Treasurer Parsons stated that after she and Town Superintendent Snyder reviewed the Articles of Incorporation for the Town Building Corp, there were a few questions that needed to be addressed. Attorney Kurt Bachman concurred. Councilmember Steve Brown moved to allow Parsons and Snyder to work with the attorney to get the items resolved, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Approved:

April 21, 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

