

March 15, 2011

The regular meeting of the Fremont Town Council was called to order by President Steve Brown at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2011.

***Silent roll call:** Steve Brown, Kay Clark, Joe Thomas, Linda Fulton, and Steve Vaughn were present.*

Others representing the Town were:

<i>Mary K. Parsons, IAMC/MMC/CPFA, Clerk-Treasurer</i>	<i>Chris Snyder, Town Manager</i>
<i>Steve Gard, Water Superintendent</i>	<i>Joe Patterson, Town Marshal</i>
<i>Danny Frasier, Street Superintendent</i>	<i>Martha C. Hagerty, Town Judge</i>
<i>Jim Humbarger, Wastewater Superintendent</i>	<i>Eric Hufnagle, Fire Chief</i>

***Others attending were:** Jennifer Decker with Herald Republican and Kayleen Hart with Steuben County Soil Conservancy.*

***Approval of minutes:** Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.*

***Approval of Claims, Payroll and comp time:** Councilmember Kay Clark moved to approve claims, payroll and comp time as presented, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.*

Old Business:

***Down Town Project:** Town Manager Chris Snyder, Clerk-Treasurer Kathy Parsons and President Steve Brown, met with DLZ to discuss the downtown project. It was suggested that preliminary drawings be done and another public meeting be held, since it had been approximately three years since the last public forum on the proposed downtown project.*

***Sewer Line change order:** Change order #2 along with pay request #4 was presented. The change order was \$17,844.05 and the pay request was \$20,338.11. This brings the retainage down to 2%. Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to approve the change order and the payment request, second by Councilmember Steve Brown, all in favor.*

***Annexation Ordinance 2011-01** – the ordinance for the Spring Haven annexation was presented for final reading. Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to approve Ordinance 2011-01, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor. Councilmember Linda Fulton moved to waive the second reading, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.*

***Truck Route:** Town Manager Chris Snyder reported that he had inquired with VS Engineering, the Engineers that designed the By-pass, in regards to increasing the speed limit on the by pass. They have said that we could increase, but not more than 35 miles per hour. Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to approve the suggested increase, and allow the attorney to draw up the ordinance, second by Councilmember Steve Vaughn, all in favor.*

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New Business:

Utility Credits: Motion by Councilmember Joe Thomas to approve the utility credits presented, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.

Rain Barrel Program: Kayleen Hart made a presentation in regards to Rain Barrels. They sell for \$25.00 each. Consensus was that the Council felt it was a great idea and they would check with the Park Board to see if they would like to make a purchase. Kayleen has spoken with Anne and Neil, members of the Park Board and feel that a training session should be held in regards as what to do with the rain water collected. The Council will look into this again next month.

Steuben County Communications: All information was not available so this was tabled until the next meeting.

Lagrange Products Abatement, Resolution 2011-02: Lagrange Products will be purchasing a vacant building at 501 W Water Street. In July 2010, a bill was passed that allows Municipalities to grant abatements for one or two years, at 100% the first year and 50% the second year, when a vacant building is purchased in an industrial area. Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to approve Resolution 2011-02 with the one year abatement with the tax abatement agreement and no money paid back by the company, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor. Councilmember Kay Clark moved to waive the second reading, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.

Trine proposal: Discussion followed on issuing support for the Trine proposal. Councilmember Linda Fulton made a motion to pledge \$30,000 toward the Trine project, if the County decided to proceed, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor. Monies would only be paid if an acceptable agreement is signed by Trine and Steuben County.

IMAN: An agreement has been worked out giving the town one free connection and reduced rates for additional connections. Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to approve the License agreement, second by Councilmember Steve Vaughn, all in favor.

Fire Truck: Fire Chief Eric Hufnagle would like approval to proceed with preparing specs for a new fire truck. This would be a Lease/Purchase as is the existing truck Lease/Purchase. Currently this truck is estimated to cost between \$570,000 and \$627,000 with the specs they are requesting. He estimates another \$20,000 to equip the vehicle when it arrives. The intention for the \$20,000 to be paid for with donations. Delivery would be in April or May of 2012. Councilmember Steve Vaughn moved to allow the bid specs to be prepared for the Fire Truck, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor. Bid specs would be approved to advertise in April and received in May.

Municipal Government Day: The annual Municipal Government Day will be on May 6, 2011. The fourth grade students will be here to observe and learn about local government.

Wellness Day: Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to approve Wellness Day on May 6th 2011, with the same testing guidelines as last year, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

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Reports:

Court- report submitted. The Judge reported that we have already cleared enough for 50% of the operating budget for the court for 2011. The Court has also been successful with collections from Anthony Wayne Collections.

Fire-report submitted. Fire Chief Hufnagle announced that the 25th annual Firefighter Convention will be the end of March in Indianapolis and they will be sending ten volunteer Firefighters. Also, on May 7th, they will be working with the Fremont Moose to host 100 to 200 Firefighters for training. Trainers will come from as far away as Germany.

Police-report submitted. Police Chief Joe Patterson went over his report.

Street- report submitted. Superintendent Danny Frasier presented a quote to have a tire repaired/replaced on the street sweeper. Councilmember Kay Clark moved to allow the purchase for \$1,348.00, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.

Water-report submitted. Nothing to add.

Wastewater- report submitted. Nothing to add.

Park Board- no report submitted.

Town Manager: report submitted. Nothing to add.

Councilmember Kay Clark moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Approved:

April 19, 2011

Steve Brown, President

Joe Thomas, Vice President

Kay Clark, Councilmember

Attest:

Linda Fulton, Councilmember

Mary K. "Kathy" Parsons, IAMC/MMC/CPFA

Clerk Treasurer

Steve Vaughn, Councilmember

