

March 8, 2004
Regular Council Meeting

The 4th Council meeting of 2004 was called to order by President Loretta Smart at 6:30 p.m.

Those present were Council President Loretta Smart, Council members Ron Sullins, Greg Stroh, and Joe Thomas. Lori Vaughn was absent. Clerk-Treasurer Kathy Parsons, Town Manager Bob Hull, Teri Steele, Jim Humbarger, Danny Frasier, Ed Johnson and Martha Hagerty, Eric Hufnagle, Lon Keyes and Attorney Brad Everhardt also represented the Town.

Public attendance include Jim Measel with WLKI, Yvonne Schreder with the Herald Republican, Dave Koenig from Region III-A, Jeff Hall from Allegany Coating, Greg Stevens from Cold Heading, Scott Saltsman from Lake Area Christian Church and Paul Venske III.

Loretta Smart asked if there was a motion to approve the January minutes. Motion by Greg Stroh, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Loretta Smart entertained a motion to approve the claims and payroll. Motion by Ron Sullins, after corrections were to be made to Underground Pipe from \$3352.00 to \$932.00, and adding Ron Sullins mileage paid out to the accounts payable register, second by Greg Stroh, all in favor.

Old Business:

Greg Stevens gave a presentation for Cold Heading on the company's request for tax abatement. The council then made the following findings with regard to the abatement request;

- (1) The estimate of the cost of the proposed new manufacturing equipment is reasonable for equipment of that type.
- (2) The estimate of the number of individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed installation of the new manufacturing equipment.
- (3) The estimate of the annual salaries of those individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed installation of new manufacturing equipment.
- (4) Other benefits can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed installation of new manufacturing equipment.
- (5) The totality of benefits is sufficient to justify the deduction.

Brad Everhardt read the Resolution 2004-4. Motion was made by Ron Sullins to accept the amended tax abatement as read, second by Greg Stroh, all in favor.

The Council then reviewed a request by Allegany Coating for tax abatement. Discussion followed. The Council then made the following findings with regard to the abatement requested;

- (1) The estimate of the cost of the proposed new manufacturing equipment is reasonable for equipment of that type.
- (2) The estimate of the number of individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed installation of the new manufacturing equipment.
- (3) The estimate of the annual salaries of those individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed installation of new manufacturing equipment.
- (4) Other benefits can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed installation of new manufacturing equipment.
- (5) The totality of benefits is sufficient to justify the deduction

Brad Everhardt read Resolution 2004-3. Motion was made by Greg Stroh to accept the amended tax abatement as read, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor.

Bob Hull presented an update on the progress of the New Town Hall.

Motion was made by Greg Stroh to advertise for demolition bids of the existing Town Hall, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Greg Stroh questioned the lease in the amount of \$1000.00 per month. Motion was made by Ron Sullins to accept the lease as presented, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Loretta Smart signed the lease from the Public Library.

An auction will be held at the old town hall on April 24th, 2004 at 9:00 AM.

The Fremont Fire Department Board of Directors approved the transfer of capital assets and the President Loretta Smart can sign any transfer documents.

Ron Sullins made a motion on the first reading of Ordinance 2004-4, a small purchasing ordinance, second by Greg Stroh, with changes to be added for the second reading, all were in favor.

Joe Thomas made a motion to accept the Town of Fremont's policies and procedures of reimbursement for health insurance, second by Greg Stroh, all in favor. (See exhibit A)

The discussion on changing Euclid Street to Coffin Street has been tabled until the next Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Council discussed Fremont Redevelopment Commission Declaratory Resolution 2004-01, a resolution declaring an Economic Development area in the Town of Fremont. Discussion followed. Motion made by Ron Sullins to adopt Town Council Resolution 2004-5, a resolution approving Fremont Redevelopment, economic development area #1, second by Greg Stroh, all in favor.

Motion was made by Ron Sullins to adopt Resolution 2004-5 A Declaratory resolution for Economic Development, second by Greg Stroh, all in favor.

Motion made by Ron Sullins to accept the first reading of the Travel Ordinance 2004-5, second by Greg Stroh, all in favor.

Motion made by Greg Stroh to approve Resolution 2004-2, adding Street Inventory for the Town, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Motion was made by Ron Sullins to accept the utility bill credits, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Greg Stroh motioned for Kathy and Loretta to attend the Municipal Bond Workshop, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor.

Motion was made by Ron Sullins to approve Bob Hull and Kathy Parsons becoming members of IMPACT. Second by Greg Stroh, all in favor.

Motion was made by Ron for Kathy to attend the HIPAA workshop in Indianapolis on March 30, 2004. Second by Greg, all in favor.

Ron Sullins made motion to set the salary for the new utility clerk between \$17,500.00 - \$18,500.00, second by Greg Stroh, all in favor.

Motion was made by Ron Sullins to amend the salary ordinance 2004-3 for a part time utility clerk at \$10.00 per hour, with clarification that it was one person, second by Greg Stroh, all in favor. Ron Sullins made motion to suspend the rules to waive the second reading, second by Greg Stroh, all in favor.

A discussion to upgrade the clerk-treasurer office computer software was discussed, and was tabled until the next meeting so quotes could be obtained for new computers with the office software.

Attorney Brad Everhardt read Ordinance 2004-6 establishing specifications for connection to Town of Fremont Wastewater infrastructure by users of Clear Lake, motion was made by Greg Stroh to accept Ordinance 2004-6 as read, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor. Ron Sullins made motion to suspend the rules to waive the second reading, second by Greg Stroh, all in favor.

REPORTS:

Martha Hagerty submitted the Court Report.

Ed Johnson submitted the Police Report.

Motion was made by Ron Sullins to approve a Fire Range Agreement with Auburn, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Motion was made by Ron Sullins to approve enrollment to the National Rifle Association, second by Greg Stroh, all in favor.

Motion was made by Greg Stroh to approve a part-time police officer, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor.

Danny Frasier submitted the Street Report.

Motion was made by Joe Thomas to approve purchasing cold patch in the amount of \$940.00 from API Construction, second by Greg Stroh, all in favor.

Motion was made by Greg Stroh to purchase 3 Crossing Guard Stop Signs in the amount of \$198.00 each, second by Ron Sullins, all in favor.

Motion was made by Greg Stroh to move forward on No Parking on St. Rd. 120 from Mill Street to Baum Street, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

A discussion was held on Parallel parking in the Town of Fremont, Brad Everhardt will draft up an Ordinance and present at the next meeting.

Jim Humbarger submitted the Sewer Report.

The Sewer Task Force met and discussed the purchase of a Belt Press.

A discussion was held on refunding bond issue. Motion was made by Ron Sullins for Loretta to sign documents to proceed with the refunding bonds, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Bob Hull submitted the Town Manager Report.

Free Garage Sales will be the week of April 19, 2004. Spring-Clean Up will be Saturday May 1st for the West of Wayne Street, and May 8th for the East of Wayne Street. Informational flyers will go out with the April water bills.

Ron Sullins motioned to pay dues of \$1000.00 to the Northeast Indiana Development, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Eric Hufnagle submitted the Fire Department Report.

Motion was made by Joe Thomas to approve a dinner with plaque awards not exceeding \$500.00 for the Fire Department, second by Greg Stroh, all in favor.

Attorney Brad Everhardt is checking into by-laws on how the Fire Chief is to be elected.

Lon Keyes submitted a Fremont Park Board Report.

Motion was made by Ron Sullins to purchase items for the skateboard park as specified, second by Greg Stroh, all in favor.

OTHER GENERAL MATTERS:

Jim Humbarger asked to hire Kraig Roederer to work part time over Spring Break. Approval given.

Motion was made by Joe Thomas to purchase a new plan for cell phones and add 2 new users for the town, second by Greg Stroh, all in favor.

Ron Sullins brought to the Councils attention that there were differences between the Town and Police personnel policies and felt this should be addressed. A Discussion followed. Ron Sullins moved to assign Departments Heads to review the policies and discuss at the next council meeting. Second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Motion was made by Ron Sullins to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 PM, second by Joe Thomas.

Loretta Smart

Ron Sullins

Greg Stroh

Joe Thomas

Loraine Vaughn

ATTEST:

Mary K. Parsons
Clerk/Treasurer