

**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
LOGANSPORT BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

10:00 AM – City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kitchell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All in unison

ROLL CALL: Stacy Cox, Clerk-Treasurer

Present: Mayor Kitchell, Mercedes Brugh, Carl McPherson.

Attorney Present: Yamir Gonzalez-Velez

Media Present: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Bernhardt, Tony Shanks, Bryan Gleitz, Scott Peattie, Rob Smith, Jan Fawley, Maddie Maloy, Deb Beattie, Johnny Quinones, Eric Servin, and Nicholas Barrows

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the February 27, 2019 Meeting

Motion: to approve the minutes as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Carl McPherson, **Seconded by** Mercedes Brugh. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:	\$ 428,078.64	Including:	Claims	\$ 119,641.18
			Payroll	\$ 200,125.90
			PP Payroll	\$ 44,033.54
			FP Payroll	\$ 64,278.02

Motion: to approve the claims as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Carl McPherson, **Seconded by** Mayor Kitchell. Motion passed unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

ELECTRICAL LICENSES:

- Nicholas Barrows

Motion: to approve the electrical license for Nicholas Barrows, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- **RESOLUTION 2019-203 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN DEPARTMENT HEADS TO LOCK IN FUEL PRICES AS A COST SAVINGS MEASURE**

Motion: to approve RESOLUTION 2019-203, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson. Motion passed unanimously.

Approving Police Dept, Fire Dept, Street Commissioner, and Clerk Treasurer (as the agent for smaller departments: cemetery, parks, code enforcement, building commissioner).

- **Contracts** Mercedes Brugh
 - **First Group Engineering, Inc. – Community Crossings design**

Motion: to approve the contract with First Group Engineering, Inc, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson. Motion passed unanimously.

This contract is for designing High Street resurfacing project, which is the next priority for Community Crossings. If/whenever money is received, it will be used on the Community Crossings design. Near the bottom of page 1 should reflect “2019 Community Crossing Budget.”

- Street Department Tony Shanks
 - City Street Closure Request
 - E Columbia Street from 3rd to Peter Street

Motion: to approve the street closure request, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: to add 2 dumpster requests to the agenda, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mercedes Brugh, **Seconded by** Mayor Kitchell. Motion passed unanimously.

Dumpster request for 1100 Pleasant Hill and 508 Hanna Street.

Motion: to approve the two dumpster requests, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mercedes Brugh, **Seconded by** Mayor Kitchell. Motion passed unanimously.

- Building Commissioner Deb Beattie
 - Condemnation Hearings

Deb Beattie was present to report on all these condemnation hearings. She shared that all of the properties are owned by Joe Dunn. The utilities have been cut off to each building and all of the people are moved out. Wayne has been communicating with Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Dunn is in the hospital in Lafayette. Deb said they have made several trips back to the homes to confirm no one is living there. [Yamir] This constitutes an emergency condemnation due to no heat and water in

this weather, therefore, we have the power to have residents vacate the premises. Mayor Kitchell mentioned they are working and trying to find owners to purchase these properties to try to avoid tearing them down.

- 724 N. 6th St., 401-403 & 405 E Miami Ave.
 - 1 structure, 4 addresses

Motion: to condemn the property, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson. Motion passed unanimously.

- 2200 E. Broadway/224 22nd Street
 - 1 structure, 2 addresses

Motion: to condemn the property at 2200 E. Broadway/224 22nd Street, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson. Motion passed unanimously.

- 2204-2206 E. Broadway
 - 1 structure/4 apartments (2 below and 2 above)

Motion: to condemn the property at 2204-2206 E. Broadway, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson. Motion passed unanimously.

- 916-918 E. Broadway

Motion: to condemn the property at 916-918 E. Broadway, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson. Motion passed unanimously.

- 922 E. Broadway
 - Damaged from fire and repaired
 - At least 17 units within

Motion: to condemn the property at 922 E. Broadway, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson. Motion passed unanimously.

We need to determine, since this was a contract purchase, if he ever got the contract from the purchase. The previous owner passed away last year and widow lives in Detroit with daughter. Deb suggested Wayne making contact with his wife. [Yamir] We may need to come back to this pending proper ownership. Everyone agreed

REPORTS:

- Building Commissioner February monthly report Deb Beattie
Motion: to approve the monthly report as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson. Motion passed unanimously.
- Police Department February monthly report Rob Smith
Motion: to approve the monthly report as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson. Motion passed unanimously.

Rob Smith reported that the mileage is now divided up. In the past, it was a total for the whole department, now it's broken up to track mileage in the patrol division and the detective division. Six applicants are going through oral interviews this evening. Within the next day or two, we should have a list of names to choose from to determine who will be filling the 2 vacancies. The Drug Task Force is doing well, operating with 4 guys in their division currently. They recently made a substantial arrest over a lengthy investigation on a heroin guy here in town. The department responded to calls to Logansport High School this past Friday, due to tragic passing of Mr. Chad Lambert.

- Mount Hope Cemetery February monthly report

Bob Bernhardt

Motion: to approve the monthly report as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob reported that they were good with equipment. Summer help is now being advertised. Spring clean-up starts on the 12th of this month.

- Code Enforcement, Standard Weekly Report

Johnny Quinones

Motion: to approve the monthly report as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

We are almost halfway to our goal for the trail cameras. Another \$100 and will be halfway. Carl mentioned some friends who contributed yesterday, maybe made the halfway mark.

Thank you to the State Hospital folks for contributing to the fund.

We appreciate the work from LMU workers restoring power, to Jones Lake residents, during the high winds and cold temperatures.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANY MATTERS NOT ALREADY CONSIDERED INCLUDING ADA SECTION 504 COMPLIANCE OR CONCERNS

Stacy Cox wanted to say thank you to Deb and her office staff, as well as Tony, Bryan, and the street department for their help on a project that has been very time consuming on top of their normal days work. The work isn't done yet but their hours dedicated to that should be recognized.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 a.m., **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Dave Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson. Motion passed unanimously.



Dave Kitchell, Mayor



Stacy L Cox, Clerk-Treasurer

Audio & Video recorded on 3-6-19