

**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
LOGANSPORT BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
Wednesday, May 15, 2019**

10:00 AM – City Council Chambers

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dave Kitchell called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge was recited in unison.

**ROLL CALL:** Stacy Cox, Clerk-Treasurer

**PRESENT:** Mayor Kitchell, Mercedes Brugh, Carl McPherson.

**MEDIA:** None

**ATTORNEY PRESENT:** Yamir Gonzalez-Velez

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bob Bernhardt, John “Tony” Shanks, Jan Fawley, Johnny Quinones, Bernie Mittica, BJ Cox, Maddie Maloy

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the May 8, 2019 Meeting

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

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| <b>APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:</b> | \$ 291,047.31 | Including: | Claims            | \$ 75,717.31  |
|                            |               |            | Payroll           | \$ 214,630.00 |
|                            |               |            | TIF Gateway Claim | \$ 700.00     |

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

**VISITOR COMMENTS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Electrical Licenses
  - John Wysong
  - Dan Kline
  - William J Moore
  - Michael Ross
  - Brian Flora, DBA Defco Inc.

- Joseph Shideler, DBA Shideler Electric, Heating & Cooling
- Brian Coffman, DBA Herrman & Goetz, Inc
- Steven Koch, DBA Shambaugh & Son

**Motion:** to approve all the electrical licenses as submitted, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson. Motion passed unanimously.

- Contracts/Agreements
  - Red City Planning—Professional Economic Development      Mayor Kitchell  
Consulting Services

**Motion:** to approve the agreement with Red City Planning, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson. Motion passed unanimously.

- Street Department      Tony Shanks
  - Application for Curb Cut
    - QC Communications for Comcast of Indiana—Approximately 200’ West of the intersection of Billiard Dr and E. Industrial Blvd then boring approximately 1100’ North on Billiard Dr.

**Motion:** to approve the application for curb cut for QC Communications, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Carl McPherson, **Seconded by** Mayor Kitchell. Motion passed unanimously.

- Dumpster Request
  - Edna Dehaven—78 16<sup>th</sup> Street, on 16<sup>th</sup> Street, in front of sidewalk to house
  - Gregory A Shaffer—1927 George Street, George and 20<sup>th</sup> Street

**Motion:** to approve the dumpster requests for 78 16th Street and 1927 George Street, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Carl McPherson, **Seconded by** Mercedes Brugh. Motion passed unanimously.

- Street Closure
  - Cass County Roosters—Rooster Car Show
  - Logansport Shrine—Shrine Frolic Parade

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

Mayor Kitchell asked Tony about an area between North Street and Broadway on 20<sup>nd</sup> Street, on the north side of alley. It appears NIPSCO has removed something and replaced the hole with gravel. A resident is afraid it is going to collapse. Tony will take care of it.

- Cemetery Bob Bernhardt
  - Monthly Report—April 2019

Bob Bernhardt reported that they are doing well with staffing. All sales are currently up; grave purchases up twice as much this year compared to last year.

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

- Fire Department Bernie Mittica
  - Monthly Report—April 2019

Bernie Mittica was present to present his monthly report. There were a few mutual aids but no structure fires for the month of April. Mayor Kitchell asked about the smoke detector situation. Chief Mittica stated he's waiting to hear back from Red Cross; trying to get a campaign going. He reported they have exhausted all funds available to this county until June. He would like to see what will be allocated to get campaigns going and planned. Bernie is hoping to secure a campaign date scheduled around 2 weeks before Fire Prevention Week in October. The Fire department currently has around 50 smoke detectors left for walk-ins.

Currently, they also have a grant application submitted with Indiana for smoke detectors for \$40,000, would be at least 2,000 detectors. Our obligation in the grant would be 5%. He shared that he's willing to submit another grant if available.

They will be working on an alternative route for fire trucks to use while High Street is being paved.

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

- Code Enforcement Johnny Quinones
  - Weekly Report

No property clean-ups this week. Demolition hearing scheduled for 1711 North Street. Owner has been notified and is not responding.

Johnny is trying to make contact with the people who purchased the 7 properties previously owned by Joe Dunn. Second mowing notices will be delivered soon. Property still recorded with Joe Dunn as the owner, Mayor Kitchell stated the records need to be updated, closing transpired a couple weeks ago. Property is not transferred until the deed is recorded. Mayor Kitchell is going to try and contact owner.

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

## BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Rumors around town of EPA saying the water wells are contaminated. The Mayor will send out a press release later to confirm there is no contamination in the drinking water. The water is treated before going into the city's water system.

Celebrate Logansport with strawberry shortcake is set up for June 6th, everyone that signed up to help serve is greatly appreciated.

The Mayor shared that there was a great turn out for the Jamie Melroy event on Wilkinson Street last weekend. No complaints were reported from the event.

Italian dinner is this Saturday, May 18, 2019.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 am, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson. Motion passed unanimously.



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Mercedes Brugh, Deputy Mayor



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Stacy L Cox, Clerk-Treasurer

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