

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

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

10:00 AM – City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kitchell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge was recited in unison.

ROLL CALL: Stacy Cox, Clerk-Treasurer

PRESENT: Mayor Kitchell, Carl McPherson, Mercedes Brugh.

ATTORNEY PRESENT: Yamir Gonzalez-Velez

MEDIA: None

OTHERS: Bob Bernhardt, Bernie Mittica, John Shanks. Charlie Hastings, Johnny Quinones, Arin Shaver, Jan Fawley, Wayne Erwin, Sharon Rush, Brianna Barnes, Bridget Davis, Deborah Hastings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the August 7, 2019 Meeting

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

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 2, No = 0, Abstain = 1).

Yes: Carl McPherson, Mayor Kitchell.

Abstain: Mercedes Brugh.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: \$57,082.06 Including: Claims \$57,082.06

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

VISITOR COMMENTS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Electrical License
 - Andrew Abrams, DBA Abrams Electrical Group

Stacy spoke in regards to this licensing. We have not yet received their certificate of insurance; however, they plan to begin work at Walmart on Sunday.

Motion: to approve the electrical license pending the certificate of insurance being received by the building department, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson. Motion passed unanimously.

- Street Department

Tony Shanks

- July Monthly Report

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

- Application for Curb Cut – NIPSCO

- 726 Washington Street
 - 722 Washington Street
 - 829 W. Linden Avenue
 - 1106 Pleasant Hill

Motion: to approve the applications from NIPSCO for new gas service at the four above locations, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson. Motion passed unanimously.

- Dumpster Request

- 816 21st Street, on street in front of house

Motion: to approve the dumpster request for 816 21st Street, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson. Motion passed unanimously.

- Fire Department

Bernie Mittica

- July Monthly Report

Bernie Mittica shared some highlights from last month. The runs were a little above average. There were three fully engulfed structural fires last month. There were a couple guys burned in the Spear Street fire and they were treated and have recovered well.

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

- Parks Department

Jan Fawley

- July Monthly Report

Jan Fawley was present to report some highlights:

Trail cameras are all in and operational. The trail markers are being installed and are almost finished as well.

The department had to do some work at LTW due to the Melbourne Stormwater project. The fence had to be removed and will be replaced after the project. The day lilies had to be transplanted and were moved to Huston park.

Live United Day projects on September 13 include: painting the floor of the bath house at the aquatics center and also have more volunteer's complete playground safety servicing at Houston Park.

Touch-a-Truck – new program at Fairview park on September 28th.

Boo fest is planned for the 27th of October.

Christmas in the park will begin with set up after Veteran's Day.

Looking for a new person to handle the rentals to open and close the McHale complex, approximately 4 to 5 hours a week.

Mercedes asked about the fence that was removed at LTW. Jan stated they carefully removed it in hopes to re-use it. Mercedes also asked about adding the markers and cameras to the city insurance. Stacy stated that Marla will take care of that.

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

- Park and Golf Mileage Report

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

- Building Commissioner

Wayne Erwin

- Demolition Hearing

- 821 Wheatland Avenue – Sharon S. Rush

The owner, Sharon S. Rush, was present to speak to the property. Wayne Erwin was present to report on this property. This house was condemned in 2008 and a plan of action was requested and received in 2017. To this date, no work has been completed. The owner has tried to get the work done, but has had trouble finding the funds to repair it. The owner says the taxes are paid and it is insured. The electric is on at the house. Wayne reported that on the SE corner, the electric meter is hanging and appears dangerous. Mayor asked Wayne to contact the utilities and get this addressed this morning.

Mayor Kitchell suggested that we could ask Habitat if they are interested in this house if the owner is interested. Yamir explained that if the Board orders the demolition, the owner will still have options in the next 45 days. The owner stated she would be willing to donate the house to Habitat for Humanity if they would take it.

Motion: to continue this for one week pending contact with Habitat for Humanity regarding this property, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson. Motion passed unanimously.

- Condemnation Hearing

- 607 W. Broadway – Edward J. & Rosemary M. Breach

Mayor Kitchell mentioned Mr. Breach had passed away.

Wayne shared that there was a notice to condemn the house on Feb. 7, 2018. He is not sure what transpired. Wayne sent a letter of condemnation to the address and it was signed for. Some discussion was held in regards to whether or not Edward and Rosemary Breach were still living or deceased. Yamir confirmed if the owners of the home are both deceased then the house would become part of the estate and the condemnation notice would need to through the heirs. More discussion was held inquiring if Tom Armstrong was the owner, Mayor Kitchell stated he would try to make contact with the descendants of Mr. and Mrs. Breach.

Motion: to condemn the property at 607 W. Broadway, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson. Motion passed unanimously.

- Code Enforcement
 - Weekly Report

Johnny Quinones

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

- Property Clean-up
 - Jaime Herrera OR 232 West Linden Avenue

Johnny was present to speak about this property clean-up request. On or around 7/17/19 a door hanger was placed, a letter was sent, and photographs were taken. More photos were taken on 8/2/19. The follow-up inspection was complete on 7/23/19 and the violation was unresolved. A certified letter to appear was sent on 7/27/9 and was signed for. The property is not owner-occupied and is a rental property. There has been contact with the occupants and extra time has been give for the problem to be completely resolved. Stacy asked if some of the debris had been removed and Johnny confirmed it had.

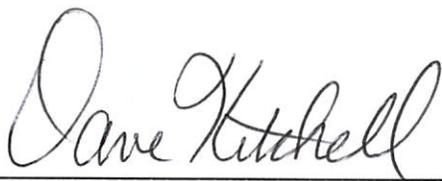
Motion: to clean the property and bill the owner, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

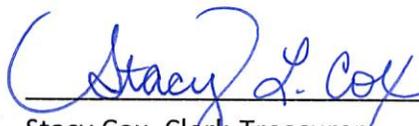
MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANY MATTERS NOT ALREADY CONSIDERED INCLUDING ADA SECTION 504 COMPLIANCE OR CONCERNS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m., **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson. Motion passed unanimously.



Dave Kitchell, Mayor



Stacy Cox, Clerk-Treasurer

Audio & Video recorded on 8-14-19