

**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

**LOGANSPORT BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**

**Wednesday, December 23, 2020**

9:30 AM – City Council Chambers

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Chris Martin called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Duane Ullom, Clerk-Treasurer.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Martin, Jacob Pomasl, Lisa Terry.

**ATTORNEY PRESENT:** Kelly Leeman.

**MEDIA:** James Wolf.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dahrol Perry, Ross Anderson, Travis Yike, Bob Bernhardt, via phone Juan Hernandez & Bridgett Milburn.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the December 16, 2020 Meeting

Lisa mentioned redundancy under the Parks and Recreation report where it says “they are waiting for delivery for delivery...” about two-thirds down that paragraph. Suggestion was made to remove the second “for delivery.”

**Motion:** to approve the Minutes from December 16, 2020, with a suggested change, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Mayor Martin, **Seconded by:** Lisa Terry.  
Motion passed unanimously.

<b>APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:</b>	\$123,903.33	Including:	Claims	\$110,473.33
			Fire Pension	\$1,000.00
			TIF Downtown	\$12,430.00

**Motion:** to approve the claims as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Chris Martin, **Seconded by:** Jacob Pomasl.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Property Manager of ReVere Homes in Logansport, Bridgett Milburn, 1501 Meadlawn Ave, Logansport, and Juan Manuel Hernandez, 218 East Miami Avenue, a ReVere Home resident

were both present via phone. Bridgett stated they were calling to give an updated status, including issues, of the house/property, next to his house, on Wall Street. Juan commented saying he and his family do not feel safe with his neighbor around. The neighbor has odd visitors all hours of the night, midnight, 1 a.m. Mr. Hernandez said he installed 5 cameras and three are pointing at the neighbor's house. The neighbor is constantly causing a disturbance. He caught a serious domestic violence conflict on video and did not call the police in fear of being a target of the neighbor. Lisa asked Juan if he has family and children and if he is afraid for all of them. Or if this is just something that happens mostly at night, and are there threats or feelings of non-safety during the day. She asked him to talk about that a little more. Mr. Hernandez said he does not feel safe going to work and leaving his family there. He said the neighbor comes off as a person with anger issues and if Juan is not there, he does not know what the neighbor is capable of doing. That is why he did not phone he police because he is not able to be home during the day to keep his family safe. Jacob asked if there have been issues between the two of them in the past, any confrontations. Mr. Hernandez stated yes, when he had the domestic violence dispute, Juan was in his garage with his children, and he heard screams. He went out to check it out and the neighbor saw Juan checking on what was going on. The neighbor was cursing at and putting his hands on a lady that was screaming. When the neighbor saw Juan, he cursed at him and asked Juan what he was looking at. Juan turned away and went back into the garage, taking his kids into the house. Juan did not call the police because there would not be any possible outcome if the lady did not press charges. Jacob asked if that was an isolated issue or if there were any other illegal issues with the properties or angry outbreaks that he can speak to. Mr. Hernandez said that he does not know of other illegal activity. He has video of him moving things out of his house into a U-Haul at 3 a.m. After that he no longer had visitors visiting at 2 a.m. After he had a notice of his property being on the other property and had to remove it, it was shortly after that he started moving out. Mayor Martin asked Police Chief Yike to come forward and what Juan should do in these instances. Chief Yike stated Juan should call the police when it is happening and remain anonymous if he desires. If the incident is reported it will open up a case even without a victim or suspect, the State of Indiana will pick up the charges on domestic battery. If people are loud/moving things at 3 a.m. that is disruptive of a neighborhood, you can call the police as well. In order to get stuff done, he is going to have to call the police. Chief Yike explained to Mr. Hernandez the need for citizens to help keep the city safe. The mayor acknowledged to Mr. Hernandez that they are looking into the property. Bridgett asked if the house itself was condemned. Mayor Martin said the house is not condemned. The only thing that was condemned, by Wayne, was the porch. That is why the porch was removed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Board of Works & Safety Resolution 2020-202 Duane Ullom
  - 2020 Appropriations Encumbered to 2021

Duane explained these are funds to be encumbered from different departments so we can pay for initiated costs in 2021 with 2020 funds. The listings tell what they are for, who they are to, and what funds are being encumbered by the line items. Total was around \$403,000. These monies will be paid within the next few months out of 2020's budget.

**Motion:** to approve the encumberments from 2020 budget, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Lisa Terry, **Seconded by:** Jacob Pomasl.

Motion passed unanimously.

- Certificate of Appreciation Mayor Martin
  - Phillip Baker

Mayor Martin presented this certificate. Mr. Baker was not in attendance. Mayor Martin acknowledged that Mr. Baker has been employed with the City of Logansport for 20 years.

- Electrical License Mayor Martin
  - Dierk Forker, d/b/a Grand Industrial

**Motion:** to approve the electrical license for Dierk Forker, d/b/a Grand Industrial, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Chris Martin, **Seconded by:** Lisa Terry.

Motion passed unanimously.

- Contracts/Agreements Ross Anderson
  - Community Crossings
    - Local Roads and Bridges Matching Grant Agreement

Ross came forward stating this is the grant agreement with the state for the latest Community Crossings grant that we received. It is pretty standard, we do it every year. Mayor Martin asked if these are the roads that are part of it, Lexington to Jamestown Drive. Ross confirmed stating they are the annexed area off of Yorktown. Mayor Martin read through the list of roads to be done. These include Georgian Lane, Hampshire Drive, Jamestown Road, Kensington Drive, Kingsmill Drive, Lexington Road, Princeton Lane, Westchester Drive, and Youngstown Lane.

**Motion:** to approve the Community Crossings Local Roads and Bridges Matching Grant Agreement, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Chris Martin, **Seconded by:** Lisa Terry.

Motion passed unanimously.

- Rogers Construction Bob Bernhardt
  - Contract for Construction of Pole Barn Building

Bob Bernhardt came forward. He stated this is for \$49,940. Mayor Martin acknowledged it was under budget. Bob stated, due to time, they were unable to bid the job so he had to be less than \$50,000. Bob stated they are basically getting the shell for now. Mayor Martin was happy to see a local company doing the job.

**Motion:** to approve Contract for Construction of Pole Barn Building, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Chris Martin, **Seconded by:** Jacob Pomasl.

Motion passed unanimously.

- Street Department
  - Dumpster Request
    - 2029 E. Market Street

Tony Shanks

Tony came forward stating he received a call last week. They were going to put the dumpster on the tree lawn and there was not room. They were going to put it in their back yard and the truck started getting stuck. At that point they had no other choice but to place it on the road. The dumpster is already there. Mayor Martin asked if this would be until the first of the year. Tony confirmed.

**Motion:** to approve the dumpster request, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Lisa Terry, **Seconded by:** Jacob Pomasl.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Tony stated he gave Duane another dumpster request this morning. He noticed the dumpster still placed at 5<sup>th</sup> and Broadway, where the new Record Farm is going to be. The dumpster was supposed to be moved last week. He spoke with Matt Swisher and Matt submitted another form asking for a two-week extension.

**Motion:** to approve the 5<sup>th</sup> and Broadway dumpster request extension until January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Chris Martin, **Seconded by:** Lisa Terry.  
Motion passed unanimously.

#### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Lisa stated she would like to do the luminaries next year. It is very easy to do and after talking to Mike McCord; All Saints, other churches and non-profits can sell these if nobody wants to mess with them. It is kitty litter, sand, tea lights or battery-operated candle, and put them where ever. Tell people a month in advance. It is a good fundraiser for groups that want to prepare these. When All Saints did it 25 years ago, you would drive up, pay for your order, they would place them in the car. You go home and put them out. Lisa's hopeful to revisit this tradition again in Logansport.

Jacob welcomed Lisa back and wished everyone a merry Christmas and safe holiday.

Mayor Martin wished everyone a merry Christmas. The final address for the year is coming up. He stated they will showcase the progress that they have made this year, during the pandemic, and what we were able to accomplish and what is to in 2021.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m., **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by:** Chris Martin,  
**Seconded by:** Jacob Pomasl.  
Motion passed unanimously.



Chris Martin, Mayor



Duane Ullom, Clerk-Treasurer

Audio and video recorded on 12/23/2020