

## REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

### LOGANSPORT BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

**Wednesday, April 7, 2021**

9:30 AM – City Council Chambers

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Chris Martin called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

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

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

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

**ATTORNEY PRESENT:** Kelly Leeman.

**MEDIA:** Karen Sterns

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ross Anderson, Arin Shaver, John "Tony" Shanks, Wayne Erwin, Johnny Quinones, Rick Bair, Dahrol Perry, Jan Fawley, Jamey Harper, Travis Yike, Marla Evanich, Shawn Heishman.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the March 31, 2021 Meeting

Mayor Martin asked for an amendment to be made. On page 5, in the top section where it says "Mayor Martin stated they have worked with Council on the solution." Council should be changed to counsel, as in legal counsel and not City Council. Mayor Martin also mentioned that since then they have met with Duane Ullom and Dave Morris and are working on the solution.

**Motion:** to amend the Minutes from March 31, 2021, with the amendment of "Council" to "counsel" on page 5, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Chris Martin, **Seconded by:** Jacob Pomasl. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** to approve the Minutes from March 31, 2021, as amended, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Jacob Pomasl, **Seconded by:** Chris Martin. Motion passed unanimously.

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| <b>APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:</b> | \$462,253.06 | Including: | Claims                 | \$137,170.11 |
|                            |              |            | Payroll 4/1/2021       | \$220,288.48 |
|                            |              |            | Police Pension Payroll | \$40,694.58  |
|                            |              |            | Fire Pension Payroll   | \$64,099.89  |

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

#### OLD BUSINESS:

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Contracts/Agreements
  - Central Paving Ross Anderson
    - Community Crossings, 2020-2 Maintenance Improvement Program Mill, Patch, and Resurface of The Annex

Ross Anderson came forward to present this contract. He stated this is a standard contract, used every year with Community Crossings. Central Paving was awarded the bid at last week's Board of Works meeting.

**Motion:** to approve the Central Paving Contract/Agreement, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Chris Martin, **Seconded by:** Lisa Terry.  
 Motion passed unanimously.

- Springcreek Landscaping Arin Shaver
  - Logansport Pocket Park Maintenance Agreement

Arin came forward. She explained this is the third year they have done the maintenance contract for the pocket parks. This is a little different from last year. Pocket Park #2 was given to Security Federal with the parking lot swap. They will now be maintaining it. Arin stated she did not have funding last year to fix the arborvitaes, which were the wrong type. In this contract, the increase of cost is because the arborvitaes will be replaced. This will come from Arin's budget. Mayor Martin acknowledged this will include the northwest corner of Market Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street along Market Street, north side of Market Street between 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Street, north side of Broadway between 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street, and east side of 6<sup>th</sup> Street on the corner of North Street. Arin mentioned this now includes a new Pocket Park, which is the new parking lot.

**Motion:** to approve the Springcreek Landscaping Agreement/Contract, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Chris Martin, **Seconded by:** Jacob Pomasl.  
 Motion passed unanimously.

- Craig Rennemann Arin Shaver
  - Contract for Downtown Street Tree Pruning Service

Arin stated this is with Craig Rennemann. He does the pruning of the trees in downtown and has for quite a few years. Because of some changes, they have to pull it from a different budget than the Redevelopment Commission. There is a "not to exceed" included. Typically, this is

more around \$2,000 but the contract comes in for \$3,200 in case there are several trees that needed to be taken care of or sprayed for insects. This is based on an hourly rate of pay. Arin stated she believes this is coming out of the Board of Works budget this year. Arin stated she plans to include this in her budget next year. Mayor Martin asked if the max that could be taken out is \$3,200. Arin confirmed that is correct. Lisa asked if this is budgeted for. Mayor Martin confirmed it is budgeted for from the Board of Works Contractual Services monies.

**Motion:** to approve the Craig Rennemann, Contract for Downtown Street Tree Pruning Service, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Chris Martin, **Seconded by:** Lisa Terry.  
Motion passed unanimously.

- Denny's Lawn Care Arin Shaver
  - Contract for Landscaping Services

Arin stated this is similar to Craig's and had to be changed around this year. This wasn't already in her budget so this too will be paid from the Board of Works budget. Arin will also add this expense to her budget for next year. This is for a "do not exceed \$1,000" and is for the Gateway Welcome sign on Burlington Ave. Lisa asked if that was the only one we have remaining that looks like that. Arin stated that is the only one that has the whole landscaping plan with it. There are other signs around town but they do not have the landscaping around the sign. Mayor Martin asked if this was the corner by China Lane. Arin stated that is actually maintained by Denny's Lawn Care and is paid for by the City Center. The location for this contract is out Burlington Avenue, right past the underpass. Arin mentioned that because this is a state highway, they suggested doing a landscaping plan for it. It was probably seven years ago when the plan was put together.

**Motion:** to approve the Denny's Lawn Care, Contract/Agreement, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Chris Martin, **Seconded by:** Jacob Pomasl.  
Motion passed unanimously.

- Electrical License Mayor Martin
  - Michael Elliott
  - David Kinder, d/b/a/ Kinder Electric
  - Randall Thompson, d/b/a Thompson Electric LLC

**Motion:** to approve the Electrical License's, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Chris Martin, **Seconded by:** Lisa Terry.  
Motion passed unanimously.

- Street Department Tony Shanks
  - Dumpster Request
    - 402 E. Colfax Street, in front of house

Tony came forward. Lisa asked what is being done on the 6<sup>th</sup> Street bridge. Tony stated they are resurfacing. Tony communicated with Jerry Slusser, his state highway contact, to inquire about emailing Monticello INDOT to work on the light there at 6<sup>th</sup> Street and the bridge. He stated the green arrow given to the traffic going north does no good. The traffic gets backed up and will be an issue if an ambulance, police, or fire truck needs to get through. Tony hopes they can shorten that green arrow to allow better traffic flow.

Tony stated he is fine with the dumpster request at 402 E. Colfax Street. There is not an alley or another place to place the dumpster.

**Motion:** to approve the Dumpster Request for 402 E. Colfax Street, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Chris Martin, **Seconded by:** Jacob Pomasl.  
Motion passed unanimously.

- Application for Curb Cut
  - 216-218 Wheatland, directly behind property

Tony stated this was a plugged sewer. He was not going to make them wait for approval. He stated everything is done and fixed and everything looks good. Tony said this was also in an alley and is not sure that this form actually needs to be filled out but does it to be safe.

**Motion:** to approve the Application for Curb Cut, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Chris Martin, **Seconded by:** Lisa Terry.  
Motion passed unanimously.

- City Sidewalk Closure Request
  - Logansport – Cass County Public Library – Masonry Restoration of front face of Library, 4/12/2021-6/12/2021

Tony stated they will have scaffolding there but will also have tunnels for pedestrians to get through. The sidewalk will not actually be closed. This is while they do masonry work on the front of the building. Mayor Martin acknowledged this will last until June. Tony confirmed it will be a couple of months.

**Motion:** to approve the City Sidewalk Closure Request, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Chris Martin, **Seconded by:** Lisa Terry.  
Motion passed unanimously.

- Building Commissioner
  - Emergency Condemnation Update
    - 804 17<sup>th</sup> Street

Wayne Erwin

Wayne came forward and stated he talked with Mr. Getz, the owner of the property, yesterday. Mr. Getz has been in contact with the people doing the work. Wayne visited the property on

Monday, went through the house, and they are doing a great job. The biggest problem was they built a room on the back of the house and did a shoddy job. Now they have dug a 3-foot foundation in the back of the house and put new cement blocks in. They lifted that part of the house up six inches, which is the reason for the walls cracking. Wayne stated they have gone around the complete house. Before, those stairs (referring the picture on the mondopad) were not there, they fixed it and can see the floor jacks there. They used hydraulics to lift the floor and placed floor jacks under it. Wayne stated he walked across the kitchen part to go down to the basement, so they had to put floor joists in to replace the previous ones. The wiring that goes to the fuse box had to be moved out and shored up so they will rerun those wires. The reason for the condemnation on the house, Wayne feels it has been repaired pretty well. He plans to revisit Monday and do an inspection. If it is still as good as it was, he plans to lift the condemnation. This doesn't mean anybody can live there. It just means that the condemnation, as far as the foundation caving in, is lifted. Lisa asked if there is mold or mildew or other sources of deterioration in the house. Wayne stated he hasn't seen any. The crumbling foundation was the reason for condemning this property.

**Motion:** to approve the Emergency Condemnation Update for 804 17<sup>th</sup> Street, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Chris Martin, **Seconded by:** Lisa Terry.  
Motion passed unanimously.

- Code Enforcement Johnny Quinones
  - Weekly Report

Johnny came forward. Mayor Martin read through highlights of the report.

**Motion:** to approve the Code Enforcement weekly report, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Chris Martin, **Seconded by:** Jacob Pomasl.  
Motion passed unanimously.

- Request for Property Clean up
  - Buzzona Investments Two, LLC OR 552 Heath Street

Date of inspection was completed on 2/23/2021, including pictures, door hanger, and an initial letter. Additional pictures were taken on 4/5/2021. A follow up inspection was complete on 3/4/2021 and violations were unresolved. The certified letter sent on 3/8/2021 was signed for. The property is not owner occupied and is a rental. There has not been any contact with the owner or the occupant.

**Motion:** to approve the property clean-up at 552 Heath St., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Jacob Pomasl, **Seconded by:** Lisa Terry.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Mayor Martin acknowledged the mask mandate has been lifted and are still following the Governor's orders. Masks are recommended but not required.

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

**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 a.m., **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by:** Chris Martin, **Seconded by:** Lisa Terry.  
Motion passed unanimously.

  
Chris Martin, Mayor  
Duane Ullom, Clerk-Treasurer

Audio and video recorded on 4/7/2021