

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

LOGANSPORT BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

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: Rose Woodward, Clerk Deputy

PRESENT: Jacob Pomasl, Lisa Terry, Chris Martin.

ATTORNEY PRESENT: Kelly Leeman.

MEDIA: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Smith, Bob Bernhardt, John “Tony” Shanks, Travis Yike, Rick Bair, Shawn Heishman, Randy Ulery, Cristhain Montero, Rob Rennewanz, Jake LeDonne, Dave Kitchell, Arin Shaver, Adam Morrow, Nicole Coldiorn, Alicia Knight, Paula Price.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the June 8, 2022, Meeting

Motion: to approve the Minutes from June 8, 2022, as presented, **Action:** Approved, **Moved by:** Jacob Pomasl, **Seconded by:** Lisa Terry. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:	\$827,361.71	Including:	Claims	\$175,514.70
			Payroll 6/9/22	\$243,071.70
			Clothing Allowance 6/9/22	\$28,016.00
			Payroll Claims	\$140,620.04
			Ordinance 21-21	\$5,444.34
			Trash	\$100,729.00
			TIF Downtown Claim	\$132,658.00
			Grant Claim	\$1,307.93

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

OLD BUSINESS:**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Contracts/Agreements
 - Deichman Excavating – Change Order Jan Fawley
 - LWCF Riverside Park Change Order 2

Mayor Martin explained this change order, as presented, to complete the Riverside Park Improvement Project. Original contract amount was \$527,595.00. With this change order and the previously submitted change order, the new amount is \$545,159.00.

Motion: to approve the Deichman Excavating Change Order, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Chris Martin, **Seconded by:** Jacob Pomasl. Motion passed unanimously.

- Translation Agreements Chris Martin
 - Cristhian Montero-Morales
 - Nadine Fleurinord

Mayor Martin explained these are translation agreements for anybody in the City of Logansport, anything that needs translated, for the city employees. These two would be under an agreement the same as Kim May. Jacob acknowledged Cristhian is a city employee so this would only work for him outside normal working hours.

Motion: to approve the Translation Agreements, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Chris Martin, **Seconded by:** Lisa Terry. Motion passed unanimously.

- Electrical Licenses Chris Martin
 - Mark Maupin
 - Steven Koch d/b/a Shambaugh & Son LP

Motion: to approve the Electrical Licenses, as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Chris Martin, **Seconded by:** Lisa Terry. Motion passed unanimously.

- Police Department Travis Yike
 - Request for Surplus Property – 4 Dodge Chargers

Chief Yike came forward and explained Mike Anderson now has vehicles for him to purchase and he would like to surplus these vehicles for trade in. The four surplus vehicles include two 2012 Dodge Chargers and two 2014 Dodge Chargers for trade in on the two new vehicles. The new vehicles are not ready to go but Chief Yike would like to have approval to deem these four

vehicles as surplus. Mayor Martin acknowledged the total trade in value to Mike Anderson's is \$14,000.

Motion: to approve the Request for Surplus Property of four Dodge Chargers from the Police Department, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Chris Martin, **Seconded by:** Lisa Terry. Motion passed unanimously.

- Fire Department Rick Bair
 - Monthly Report – May 2022

Chief Bair came forward to present the May 2022 Monthly Report. Highlights include 103 calls; 1 structure fire; 4 false alarms; 1 vehicle fire; 1 trash fire; 73 medical calls; 1 extrication; 2 water rescues; 6 service calls; 3 incidents with power lines; and 6 motor vehicle accidents. There were 4 patients transported. The structure fire was at 218 Coles Street, on May 31, 2022, with no injuries sustained. Utilities and gas were both shut off and the house is temporarily condemned. Lisa asked where the water rescues were. Chief Bair explained there were three kids floating down the river on Memorial Day and were supposedly stranded. The kids were fine and was able to reach the Fire Department when they arrived.

Motion: to approve the Fire Department Monthly Report for May 2022, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Chris Martin, **Seconded by:** Jacob Pomasl. Motion passed unanimously.

- Street Department Tony Shanks
 - Monthly Report – May 2022

Tony came forward to communicate May 2022 Street Department's monthly report. There were 180 loads of brush picked up; 82 loads of yard waste bags; 4 emergency call outs, 3 were for trees down and 1 was for a spill they assisted LMU in clean up; 115 tons of sweepings off the street bringing the up-to-date to 7,107 tons this spring; 2 property clean up's; 90 hours filling potholes with almost 10 ton of cold mix; 20 hours grading alleys; 22nd Street paved from Otto to Smead Street; and 8 hours pandemic leave used.

Motion: to approve the Police Department Monthly Report for May 2022, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Chris Martin, **Seconded by:** Jacob Pomasl. Motion passed unanimously.

- Dumpster Requests
 - 1503 E Market Street

Tony explained this will be on 15th Street and there is no other place to put it. Mayor Martin asked if this would block the view of traffic. Tony stated the requestors know the dumpster has to be placed back away from the corner to prevent obstruction.

Motion: to approve the Dumpster Request for 1503 E Market Street, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Chris Martin, **Seconded by:** Lisa Terry. Motion passed unanimously.

- 616 W. Broadway, in front of house

There is also nowhere else to place this dumpster other than on the road.

Motion: to approve the Dumpster Request for 616 W Broadway, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Chris Martin, **Seconded by:** Jacob Pomasl. Motion passed unanimously.

- Application for Curb/Street Cut
 - Proposed curb cuts (2) on the south side of Market Street for the proposed Wendy's restaurant; western cut approx. 16' east of west pl; eastern cut approx. 13' west of eastern pl

Motion: to approve the Application for Curb/Street Cut for Wendy's Restaurant, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Chris Martin, **Seconded by:** Lisa Terry. Motion passed unanimously.

- Code Enforcement
 - Weekly Report

Randy Ulery

Randy came forward. Last week there were 17 new trash violations issued and 14 cleared by the owners. There were three vehicles tagged, with two cleared by the owner. There were eight new first notice mowing violations sent out, nine cleared by owner, and one sent to the street department. There were three second notices for mowing violation sent out and one cleaned up from the week before. Mayor Martin asked Randy if he is seeing a decrease in numbers for the grass. Randy confirmed he is seeing lower numbers for grass and for trash. He acknowledged the information has been more publicly available. There are no new notices to appear, and one more property brought before the Board of Works.

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

- Old Business
 - 552 Heath Street or Buzzona Investments Two, LLC

Mayor Martin asked if anyone was present to represent this property. Nicole Coldiron and Alicia Knight came forward. Randy explained this was tabled from last week. At that time there was still stuff to clean up. At this time, the property has been cleaned. This property is here today for the multiple violation that was also discussed last week. Nicole asked, if there is a fine, for it to be on the tenant instead of the homeowner. They have spoken to the tenant who was unkind and is intentionally doing this because she must move out. Randy acknowledged, the fine will still state the property owners name and address but because the property is managed, it will be up to them to take care of it. The attorney asked if there is a lease provision

that makes them responsible for this kind of stuff. Nicole confirmed they do. Mayor Martin acknowledged this is the fifth violation in 2022. Jacob acknowledged this property was tabled from last week to confirm the property was cleaned. He stated he is for a \$500 fine. Randy acknowledged this is the same tenant that has caused a lot of these violations. Nicole explained when Randy approached her with the violation, she tossed it and shut the door.

Motion: to place a \$500 fine on the property clean up at 552 Heath Street for multiple violations, **Action:** Approved, **Moved by:** Jacob Pomasl, **Seconded by:** Lisa Terry. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mayor Martin stated they met with LMU Superintendent yesterday to talk about the possibilities of a potential black out. Greg assured there is no potential for a black out and all is running perfectly fine. Lisa asked if LMU is going to pick up the tab to trap the brazen animals down on Race Street. Mayor Martin mentioned the police chief has communicated with Mr. Toth and the issue is being handled.

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

Paula Price, 2018 North Street, but is currently residing in Indianapolis. She is here regarding the property she and her daughter purchased at 2018 North Street. Since that time, Paul Wilhelm with Logansport Landmark has done nothing but harass and attack them. He has done so online, in articles in the newspaper, and now currently in Newsweek magazine. They met with the Historic Preservation Commission last Thursday and talked. She understands there has not been much done on house. Her daughter has an inoperable brain tumor, and her health comes first. She has MDD which is major depression disorder and the attacks that they have received from Logansport Landmarks has put her in a tailspin. This last week there was an article saying Mr. Wilhelm encouraged people to e-mail the mayor and to come before the Board of Works to make complaints. Had he stayed at the meeting, as she requested, he would have found out that her daughter has medical conditions. He would also have found out that they intend to start doing rehab again on the property. She communicated the personal attack needs to stop and she knows there's nothing the city or this board can do. He seems to, for some reason, picked them to be his target. One comment he made online through Logansport Landmarks was that he did not have an opportunity to vet them, personally or financially, before they purchased the property. To her that is ludicrous. She inquired who would want to have to go through a third party that has no authority to gain approval. Ms. Price gave a little background on herself. She ran a habitat affiliate in Michigan for 10 years and built 12 houses from the ground up. She rehabbed a house that was built in 1878 in Michigan. Financially, she said they paid cash for this house and have paid cash for everything they have done. It upsets her that he thinks he can have that control. Her daughter communicated to Ms. Price that he is cancer to this community. Logansport Landmarks does not have a mission statement or any

kind of bylaws and no board of directors. He puts himself out there as director of communications. There is no membership list. She has asked for all this information and was told there are none. HPC has asked Mr. Wilhelm for his criteria numerous times on how he comes up with his most endangered list and he has never been able to give him that information. She can say, in fighting back, she has done stained glass for 40 years. She helped with the restoration of the Indiana State Capitol Dome building. She has done numerous restorations on churches here in Indiana and in Michigan. She just recently helped do renovation on the Al Ringling mansion in Baraboo, Wisconsin. She stated that her and her daughter have formed an LLC and it will be Logansport Landmarks LLC, Historic Restoration of Stained Glass. She has an appointment with an attorney in two weeks. She came today to acknowledge to the board that they are not blowing off their North Street residence and they know there is stuff that needs to be done to their house. They plan to start doing what they can. They had Covid and shortly after that, found out about her daughter's brain tumor. She stated that Mr. Wilhelm was aware of an illness in the family and still criticized and attacked them. She stated, when going to the Indiana Landmarks website, her house seems to be the only one that he continually makes a jab at. Lisa asked if she was speaking about Facebook and/or the website. Ms. Price confirmed Logansport Landmark is on Facebook. Lisa mentioned him coming before the board before and her asking for transparency. She asked for members of his board and her and Kelly had a conversation about it. Lisa said Mr. Wilhelm gave her a number of 6 or 7 and gave Lisa two names; she could not get the other names. She acknowledged Logansport Landmarks LLC sounds like an interesting way to go. The rest of the board agreed. Mayor Martin acknowledged to Ms. Price that, even though he has made comments, Landmarks is the only one that has commented about 2018 North Street. He does not care about Facebook and social media; he suggested the way to be heard is to come to a public meeting and speak. There is a job being done and social media is not the focus. Mayor Martin acknowledged his dislike for putting people down and agreed with Ms. Price about Paul being a problem for this community. He added he spread negativity and has hurt development. He continues to grow the cancer through anyone following him. Mayor Martin commended Ms. Price on her approach; it is not negative and getting a job done on her end. He likes and appreciates that. Ms. Price mentioned that it is their hope to be up here by early fall and she will do a stained-glass business. She commented, there are a lot of buildings in this community that need some restoration. She said they were excited when they purchased this house and excited to be a part of this community. She feels her and her daughter have much to offer this community. She also wished to acknowledge, last year she hired someone to do her grass and there was a complaint. The person she hired only mowed the grass and did not take care of the weeds. When they were made aware of the issue they came and took care of it. Mr. Wilhelm was the person that made the complaint, and it is the second time he has done it. She knows there is nothing the board can do; she wants them to know that she and her daughter are trying to do everything they can. She has communicated with Perry Rennewanz regarding helping restore the home. She asked him to hang the scaffolding so she could start painting it. Perry told her she was grounded. Her plans are to start getting something done on the outside and to take a step forward a little bit at a time. She thanked the board for listening to what she had to say. The board thanked her for coming and Mayor Martin welcomed her to the community with open arms the same as she probably was four years ago. He acknowledged

Rob Renewanz and Randy Ulery, both sitting in the back of the gallery, and suggested them as being her biggest allies moving forward. He mentioned this administration and the folks in the room are willing to help her if needed. She acknowledged they were a great help when she had the issues with the weeds last year. She stated they have been doing things on the inside. When searching for the cabinets they wanted, they were priced about \$50,000. Her daughter is a great bargain hunter and found cabinets that was being sold from a home in Carmel, Indiana. She said it is everything they are looking for, for \$600. She said the cabinets are sitting in the kitchen now. The board thanked her for coming.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 a.m., **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by:** Chris Martin, **Seconded by:** Jacob Pomasl. Motion passed unanimously.



Chris Martin, Mayor



Rose Woodward, Clerk Deputy

Audio and Video recorded on 6/15/2022.