

Minutes August 9, 2012

Board of Public Works and Safety

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for a regular meeting, Thursday, August 9, 2012, at 9:00 a.m., in the City Chambers, 3rd floor, City Building, Logansport, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ted Franklin.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Roll Call: Cheryl Alcorn in the absence of Carol Sue Hayworth, City Clerk-Treasurer. Those present were Mayor Ted Franklin and Chris Armstrong . Ron Miller was not present.

Others present: Deb O'Connor, Acting Building Commissioner, George Franklin, Code Enforcement Officer, Dan Williams, Superintendent of Public Works, Police Chief, Mike Clark and Mark Strong, Fire Chief.

Randy Head, City Attorney, also present.

Media: Bob Ehl and Jason Rodriguez

Public:

Minutes from August 2, 2012, , were approved on a motion by Chris Armstrong and seconded by Mayor Franklin. Motion carried 2-0.

Claims of \$84,221.53 were approved on a motion by Mayor Franklin and seconded by Chris Armstrong. Motion carried 2-0.

APPROVAL OF LICENSES:

Electrician License

Tim Hood

The Electrician License was presented and approved on a motion by Mayor Franklin and seconded by Chris Armstrong. Motion carried 2-0.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: Chris Armstrong noted that the request by Randy Head regarding the Autism Society should indicate Jefferson Street between 18th and 20th Street. Such information was noted.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Jeannie Jones—1920 High Street—1967 Class reunion—August 21 and September 1, Mayor Franklin read the request as Ms. Jones was not present. Request was for the reunion of the Class of 1967. A DJ would be at the event on both evenings and festivities would last until 11:00 PM. Mayor Franklin made a motion to approve the request, noting the date as August 31st and September 1st. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Sheila Wildermuth—Art on the Avenue Festivities...Sept. 14, 15, 16—4th St. from alley to Melbourne and close Melbourne from 3rd Street to 5th Street. In the absence of Sheila Wildermuth, Chris Armstrong brought to the attention of the Board that this was an Annual Event. Mayor Franklin made a motion to approve the request as presented. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Randy Head, Autism Society of Indiana—Oct. 6—Jefferson Street between 18th and 20th Street to be used as a "Pumpkin Run". Mayor Franklin made a motion that the request be approved. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Police Chief Clark then indicated that he and Ms. Armstrong had gone door to door in the neighborhood regarding the event and had no complaints. Motion carried 2-0.

REPORTS:

Acting Building Commissioner, Deb O'Connor, presented her report listing two building inspections, one order to appear, and fourteen permits with a construction value of \$1,045,924.

Ordered to appear: 1109 Erie Avenue, Melvin Nickels—O'Connor indicated this property had been condemned and Mr. Nickels had given O'Connor a plan of action in March, adding that nothing had been done since that date. action; however, nothing has been done because he is financially unable to do the repairs. Mr. Nickels indicated that he is financially unable to make the repairs. Mayor Franklin thanked Melvin for appearing before the board and indicated the Board would work with him in any way they can. Mayor Franklin indicated to Mr. Nickels that he could at least clean up the property in order that the board could see that he was actually Mayor Franklin made a motion to take this situation under advisement until a date that the Building Commissioner determines and she will follow up with the Board. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. Mayor Franklin then made a motion that the Acting Building Commissioner's Report be approved as presented. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report —George Franklin reported ten trash violations and two property owners were requested to appear.

Ordered to appear: James and Julia Quigney appeared before the board regarding their property located at 1728 Michigan Avenue. Code Officer Franklin indicated the City had been more than willing to help them clean up the property. Quigney's had promised to have a new shed in place by May. Franklin also pointed out a large branch in a tree is hanging over the neighbor's garage with the concern being that the branch might come down. Since the clean up in April the property is now in bad shape again. Franklin's recommendation that the City take action to clean up the property with the bill to be paid by Quigneys. Mayor Franklin and the board will meet with the Quigneys again next Thursday to see if the property has been cleaned up. Code Enforcement Franklin will report to the Mayor what he finds when he goes to the property at 8:45 AM on the morning of August 16, 2012.

Ordered to appear: Tom Harold, 1221 Apple Tree Lane, Kokomo, appeared regarding the Old General Tire Property at One General Street, Logansport. Mr. Harold indicated he had purchased the building at One General Street about five years ago and used it for warehousing. He then sold the building. Demolition people came in and were only supposed to fill the pits and get rid of any concrete block. Mr. Harold will discuss with the Demolition Folks about the removal of the concrete blocks. Code Enforcement Officer reported to the Board that Mr. Harold had been doing the clean up work on this property; however, excessive amounts of debris were left. In addition, Mr. Harold has used concrete and other materials to fill in pits on the property. In addition, the gates to the property were not locked and chained. Mayor Franklin indicated the gates to the property should be locked and chained immediately. Mr. Harold indicated his willingness to work with the City. Mayor Franklin made a motion that he will extend the clean up time by one week if progress on this location is made by cutting the weeds, mowing grass and removing a dead tree by 9:00 AM Thurs, 16th, at which time Mr. Harold will be back with a report about the concrete removal. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Darrell Downs, 519 _____ Street, an interested neighbor, indicated there were two kinds of oil pits that are buried under the asphalt at One General Street. Mr. Downs lives across the street from the property. Mr. Downs would like to see the property cleaned up. Mayor Franklin thanked him for his concern.

Superintendent of Public Works –Dan Williams, submitted his report for the Cemetery and Street Department. They remain busy with cutting grass. The street grinding will be done by Monday. Mayor Franklin made a motion to accept the report as presented. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Police Chief, Mike Clark—appeared before the board presenting his department's monthly report. Also presented for review and approval was the By-Laws of the Logansport Police Department and Reserves. The City Attorney, Randy Head, has reviewed the document and gave approval. After discussion, the By-Laws were accepted on a motion by Mayor Franklin, seconded by Chris Armstrong. Motion carried 2-0. Another motion was made by Mayor Franklin that the report submitted by Mike Clark was approved as presented. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

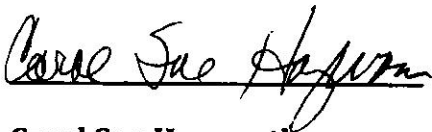
Fire Chief, Mark Strong, gave a verbal report for his department, indicating they had a call on Market Street where concerned citizens, Jon Russell and two other people, saw smoke coming from a house and called the Fire Department. Two residents were safely removed from the burning home. Chief Strong thanked the guys on the department, the folks who saw the fire and the Red Cross for all the help that was given. In addition, the department is training, working on a program for the Boy Scouts, as well as a job shadow with the Career Center. Mayor Franklin made a motion to accept the report as presented. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

VISITOR COMMENTS: None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, INCLUDING ANY MATTERS NOT ALREADY CONSIDERED:

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Mayor Franklin and seconded by Chris Armstrong with a vote of 2-0, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 AM.



Carol Sue Hayworth

Clerk/Treasurer



Ted Franklin

Mayor of Logansport

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