

Minutes March 29, 2012

Board of Public Works and Safety

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for a regular meeting, Thursday, March 29, 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: Carol Sue Hayworth, City Clerk Treasurer. Those present were Mayor Ted Franklin and Ron Miller.

Others present: Mark Strong, Fire Chief; Dan Williams, Superintendent of Public Works; Mike Neher, Police Chief; Acting Building Commissioner and Code Enforcement Officer, Deb O'Connor, along with Randy Head, City Attorney.

Media: Bob Ehle

Public:

Minutes from March 22, 2012, were approved on a Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Ted Franklin. Motion carried 2-0.

Claims of \$300,050.18 were approved on a motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Ted Franklin. Motion passed 2-0.

Approval of Licenses: Electrician's License, First Choice Electric, Chris Crum approved on a motion by Mayor Franklin, Seconded by Ron Miller. Motion carried 2-0.

Change to the Agenda: -0-

Old Business:

- 920 W. Miami—Property Owner not Present. Deb O'Connor and Dan Williams reported that the trees and bushes had been cut down. Approximately three dump truck loads of brush were removed. Mayor Franklin indicated he had received a call from an individual claiming to be the property owner. Such individual lives in Virginia also claiming that he had purchased the property in a Tax Sale. He intends to sell the property to one of the neighbors. (She also contacted the Mayor) . Mayor Franklin asked the owner to forward a "Contract of Sale" to the Building Commissioner's office, along with a contact number for the purchaser. A big "thanks" to the Street Department for another fine job.
- 512 North Street—O'Connor reported no new developments.

- 1728 Michigan Avenue—Quigney—Property Owners, Mr. and Ms. Quigney appeared. They have started clean up. New shed to arrive and be in place within the next two weeks. Property to be surveyed. Frontier has been asked to trim the limbs on the tree. Debris will be removed from the yard. Remainder of clean up to be within two weeks. A “Plan of Action” has been submitted. Discussion followed. Mayor Franklin requested them to come back within two weeks.

New Business:

- **Cass County Veterans’ Organization**---No one present from the organization. Mayor Franklin indicated this was a regular request for the Memorial Day Program that the veterans plan. The request includes closing US HWY 25. Mayor Franklin has contacted the INDOT for their authorization. He has received no answer as of this date. Ron Miller made a motion that we approve the request regarding the closing of the designated city streets subject to INDOT’s approval of the closing of the State Highway. Mayor Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.
- **Dumpster Request**---Cesar Reyes made a written request that a dumpster be placed on the street so he can make improvements to the property at 511 King Street. Mr. Reyes was not present at the meeting. Mayor Franklin made a motion to accept the request. Ron Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.
- **Street Cut/1919 Spear Street**— Written request --B&S Excavating, Brad Sparks, is asking for a street cut in order to repair a broken sewer line at 1919 Spear Street, Becky Roads, property owner. Mayor Franklin made a motion to approve the street cut to be started April 2 and ending on April 2, motion seconded by Ron Miller. Motion carried 2-0.
- **BZA Don Vitello d/b/a Logan Auto Body**—Arin Shaver, Planning Commission, BZA Case #08-15, along with Mr. Hunter (whose son is now the owner of 1801 Woodlawn Area) were present. Information regarding the parking of Mr. Hunter’s cars onto this property were in violation of the BZA. Mr. Hunter plans on tearing down the structures located at 1801 Woodlawn which would allow for parking spaces. Time line for the demolition would be two to three months. Shrubs and landscaping will also be done.
- **LBZA, Scott Hunter, d/b/a Logansport Collision Center—1730 Woodlawn** --Arin Shaver, Planning Commission, along with Mr. Hunter, were present. Mayor Franklin informed Mr. Hunter that his Case Number #98-14 was brought to the meeting by the LBZA due to a number of complaints regarding parking of cars, cars partially blocking

the street, and parts scattered on the sidewalk at the above mentioned address. Mr. Hunter reported that the area has now been landscaped and cleaned up. Mayor Franklin expressed his appreciation for the work he had done to clean up the area. Mayor Franklin asked that he continue to leave the street open.

Ron Miller made a motion that Hunter receive copies of the information regarding Case #08-15 and Case #98-14. Any questions are to be directed to the BZA. Mayor Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Acting Building Commissioner and Code Enforcement Officer, Deb O'Connor reported: Properties to appear.....

- **942 Garfield** --Purchased in Tax Sale in February, owner has presented a "Renovation Plan" to the Building Commissioner's Office. Starting time will be in June when he takes possession of real estate and should be completed in approximately 90 to 120 days. (Already condemned.)
- **102 Eel River Avenue**—Notices sent .. signature receipt received. Property owned by a bank. (Already condemned.)
- **98 Eel River Avenue**—Notices sent with return "unable to forward".
- **1422 Erie Avenue and 1426 Erie Avenue**—Owned by same individual. Owner in California. Notices sent with return "unable to forward".

In addition, Ms. O'Connor did two building inspections, one Certificate of Occupancy issued 8 permits and sent out one Contractor Registration.

*Mayor Franklin wanted it be noted that he had been contracted by a person that wishes to purchase property located at **1509 Erie Avenue**. This property will go into the County Tax Sale in September or October.

Ron Miller made a motion to approve the Building Commissioner's report. Ted Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Deb O'Connor also presented the Code Enforcement Officer's report. Eight notices sent. One Violation Cleared. Two certified notices sent. Three Notices to Appear:

1305 Spear Street—No Response

1730 Woodlawn Ave.—Cleared

1418 High Street —Cleared (Previously reported as 1128 which was inaccurate)

Two clean ups at 1128 High Street and 920 W. Miami.

Tagged two vehicles.

Ron Miller made a motion to accept the Code Officer's report. Ted Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Superintendent of Public Works, Dan Williams presented written reports for the Cemetery and the Street Department. Ron Miller made a motion to accept the reports. Ted Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

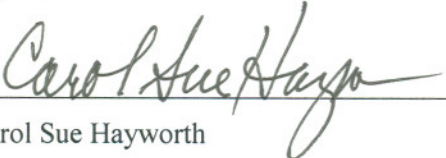
Police Chief, Mike Neher, reported the department was moving ahead with the hiring process. Total of nine applicants made it through the hiring process on the 17th of March. These individuals have now been given a full application which has to be returned by Apr. 4th. Background checks then will start on each applicant. All applications then will be forwarded to the Mayor. Chief Neher then thanked Officer George Franklin for his many years of service with the police department. He will be missed. Mayor Franklin made a motion to approve his report. Ron Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

Fire Chief, Mark Strong, reported more training for car fires and extrication. Especially wanted to thank Haydens', Mike's Auto Service and Discount Towing, for the supply of cars supplied to us for our training as well as a training site. Agility training is scheduled for this Wednesday night. At least ten applicants will go through the course. Ron Miller made a motion to accept the report. Ted Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

MEMBER COMMENTS: None

VISITOR COMMENTS: None


ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Ron Miller and seconded by Ted Franklin, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM.



Carol Sue Hayworth

Clerk/Treasurer

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Ted Franklin
Mayor of Logansport