

Minutes March 8, 2012

Board of Public Works and Safety

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for a regular meeting, Thursday, March 8, 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: In the absence of Carol Sue Hayworth, City Clerk Treasurer, Chief Deputy, Susan Marks conducted the Roll Call. Those present were Mayor Ted Franklin, Chris Armstrong and Ron Miller. Others present: Mark Strong, Fire Chief; Dan Williams, Superintendent of Public Works; Mike Neher, Police Chief; Acting Building Commissioner, Deb O'Connor, Code Enforcement Officer, George Franklin, along with Randy Head, City Attorney.

Media: Bob Ehle

Public: Councilman Gary Fox

Minutes from March 1, 2012, were approved on a Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Chris Armstrong. Motion carried 3-0.

Claims of \$73,461.93 were approved on a motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Ted Franklin. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Licenses: -0-

Change to the Agenda: -0-

Old Business: -0-

New Business:

Acting Building Commissioner, Deb O'Connor presented her report which included three building inspections, issued seven permits, mailed four Contractor Registrations and reported the building at 320 Godfrey Street had been taken down. Ms. O'Connor also indicated she had asked four property owners to appear before the board.

David and Andrea Hanlon ,1016 Pleasant Hill, property owners, appeared. They reported that clean up on the property had begun. They have made arrangements to clear trees, work on the retaining wall and repair glass in the greenhouse, etc. Discussion followed. Mayor Franklin along with the rest of the board were in agreement that a "Time Line" be presented by the Hanlons within another week in order that the clean up be completed in a timely manner. Mayor Franklin made a motion that we take 1016

Pleasant Hill under advisement until next Thursday. Ron Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Property Owner, Martha Beatty, residing at 823 E. Market Street, and the **owner of 819 E.**

Broadway, appeared before the board and indicated that she was going to tear the building down or possibly repair it. Mayor Franklin and the rest of the board indicated they would like to have a “Time Line” as to what and when work would begin and end on this project. Mayor Franklin made a motion to continue this inquiry for seven days, Ron Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Reese Hinshaw, property owner of 1000 E. Broadway, residing at 106 N. Maple Street, Galveston, appeared. Mr. Hinshaw indicated that he had purchased the property 17 years ago. Deb O’Connor indicated the house has been condemned since 2000. The house is not currently occupied. Code Enforcement Officer, George Franklin, indicated that the property has been on police reports because of vagrants, that scaffolding had been on the porch and a blue tarp had been on the roof for the last five years. Mayor Franklin made a motion that Mr. Hinshaw be given the opportunity to present a plan of action for the next 30 days as well as a plan for the permanent repairs of the property. After that time, action will be taken. Motion was seconded by Ron Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

George Franklin reported he and Deb O’Connor have found thirteen homes in extremely bad shape. Code Enforcement Officer Franklin asked for condemnation approval on all properties. Ron Miller made a motion to condemn the properties that are listed and a 30 day “Under Advisement” be given to Melvin Nickels at 1109 Erie Avenue. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

Code Enforcement Officer, George Franklin, reported he had only two violations and one Notice to appear—**1728 Michigan Avenue**, Logansport, In. The **Quigney’s** could not attend but indicated they would be here next week. Mayor Franklin made a motion that Quigney’s meet here next week to explain their course of action. Ron Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Ricardo and Ambrosia Agular own the property at **417-419 13th Street**. Ms. Agular appeared with her son who interpreted for her. Enforcement Officer Franklin recommended that the debri (which has been there for two years) be removed from the yard and he also noted that the owners did appear to move some of the debri after his first request; however, a large portion of the debri is still visible. Ron Miller made a motion that this be taken “Under Advisement” with the understanding that the debri be cleared by the second week in April. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Officer Franklin did give his praise to the Street Department for the clean up work they had done the previous week in spite of the weather. Cost of the cleanups will pass on to the property owners. If the statements are not paid, a lien will be placed on the properties. Mayor Franklin made a motion to

approve the report of the Code Enforcement Officer. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Terry Rogers, Street Department, presented written reports for the Cemetery and the Street Department in the absence of Dan Williams. Ron Miller made a motion to approve the reports. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

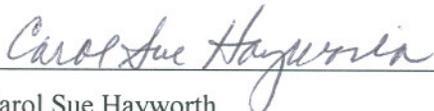
Police Chief, Mike Neher, reported there were 29 pre-applications turned in at the office. One full application was also submitted. The physical agility test will be given on March 19th. Ron Miller commended the police department for finding out who was interested in applying for a Police Officer Position in Logansport. Mayor Franklin made a motion to accept his report as presented. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Fire Chief, Mark Strong, reported Station Four handled a fire at 508 Tanguy and they were to be commended for the prompt manner in which they took care of the situation, especially Fireman Nolte and Fireman Rife. Fire Chief Strong also submitted a written report. Discussion followed regarding “lock in rates” for fuel for the Department. Ron Miller made a motion to approve the report. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

MEMBER COMMENTS: None

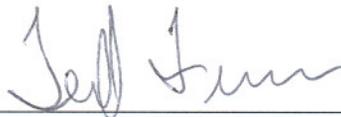
VISITOR COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Ron Miller and seconded by Chris Armstrong, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 AM.



Carol Sue Hayworth
Clerk/Treasurer

03-08-2012



Ted Franklin
Mayor of Logansport