

## **Minutes May 17, 2012**

### **Board of Public Works and Safety**

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for a regular meeting, Thursday, May 17, 2012, at 9:00 a.m., in the City Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, Chris Armstrong and Ron Miller.

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

**Media:** Bob Ehle and Jason Rodriguez

#### **Public:**

**Minutes** from May 10, 2012, were approved on a Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Mayor Ted Franklin. Motion carried 3-0.

**Claims** of **\$246,058.12** were approved on a motion by Ron Miller , seconded by Chris Armstrong. Motion carried 3-0.

**Approval of Licenses:** The following licenses were approved on a motion by Ron Miller and seconded by Mayor Franklin. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **Electrician License**

James woodruff

Max V. Niblick

Joshua Knight

John Boughton

Jonathan Clinton      King Electric

Dan Kline

Terrence Laorange

On a motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Mayor Ted Franklin, all seven licenses were approved on a vote of 3-0.

#### **CHANGES TO AGENDA: None**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **1000 E. Broadway—Property Owner Mr. Hinshaw appeared.** Mayor Franklin indicated he wanted to see more progress on this real estate because this property has been a concern since 1995. Mayor Franklin spoke of his appreciation for the work Hinshaw had already done, the work had to be completed. Acting Building Commissioner, Deb O'Connor, however, indicated since February, more windows have been broken and daylight can be seen through the roof. Mayor Franklin indicated the six month time line Hinshaw had presented was not acceptable due to all the restoration that needs to be done. Mayor Franklin suggested they get estimates for the roof, overhang, installation of new windows, care of the outside of the building as well as the structure of the building. Mayor Franklin also cautioned them on the amount of the estimates and the money to be spent.....an amount which possibly they cannot recover. If the Hinshaws decide to do nothing, they are to let Mayor Franklin know as soon as possible. Mayor Franklin then told the Hinshaws that the city plans to take action on this property by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Logan's Landing—Kiosk /Sineage Placement on Right of Way -- Becky Harris, Executive Director of Logan's Landing appeared.** Harris indicated they would be installing a pedestrian way finding kiosk about halfway between Market Street and the alley on Fourth Street. This will be on the sidewalk which belongs to the City. A downtown enhancement grant was received from OKRA in the amount of \$5000, with the requirement for a 50% match which is coming from the Cass County Visitor's Bureau. Ron Miller made a motion to accept the request as presented. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Roselawn Drive Dedication—Randy Miller of Miller and Associates, in Logan Square Building—**The Roselawn Drive Dedication started during the term of Mayor Hettinger. Mr. Miller explained there was a right of way that did not exist; however, it was a way of necessity. The City started the process regarding this portion of land. There were three owners to the land, one was the city, one was Mike McCord and one was Eastgate. Miller has received the necessary mortgage releases and deeds and they have been recorded. Miller indicated the documents that were being presented would be the formal dedication of the roadway, a matter of tying up the loose ends to a project. Ron Miller made a motion to dedicate the right of way and acceptance of the roadway for the city by way of deed and the maintenance thereof. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## REPORTS

- ❖ **Acting Building Commissioner, Deb O'Connor appeared**, presenting her report that she had four building inspections and had asked three property owners to appear.

**\*829 W. Linden**                      **did not appear**

**\*209 E. Ottawa Street**        **did not appear**

**\*617 W. Melbourne Ave.** **did not appear**

All three properties have roof problems. She went on to say she did 12 permits and two contractor registrations. Motion was made by Ron Miller to accept her report. Mayor Ted Franklin seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

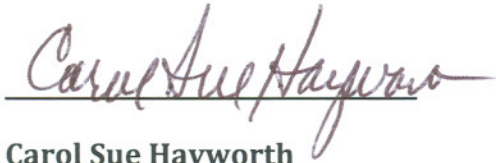
- ❖ **Code Enforcement Officer's Report-George Franklin** reported he had five trash violations, ten vehicles were tagged, an additional 102 notices were sent to owners for weeds and mowing. Thirty six weed and mowing violations were cleared and twenty two weed and mowing violations were cleared with a fine for City Clean Up. Chris Armstrong made a motion to accept the report as presented. Mayor Ted Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- ❖ **Superintendent of Public Works –Dan Williams**, presented his written reports for the Street Department as well as the Cemetery Department. On a motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Chris Armstrong, the motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ **Police Chief, Mike Clark**—not present with report.
- ❖ **Fire Chief, Mark Strong**—reported there had been two fires this past week on the same day. He commended the firemen for the great job they had done to quickly extinguish the fires. Ron Miller made a motion to accept the report. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

**VISITOR COMMENTS:** Mike Berkshire , 528 Bates Street, appeared regarding a notice that had been sent to his landlord, who lives in Noblesville, regarding the overgrowth of brush at the back of the residence, near the alley. Complaints had been received because the brush was scratching cars that passed through the alley. Mr. Berkshire was wanting guidance as to the interpretation of the Ordinance for brush, etc. Discussion followed with Code Enforcement Officer, George Franklin. Mayor Franklin then instructed Code Enforcement Officer Franklin to make an appointment with Mr. Berkshire in order that Berkshire would know exactly what was expected.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, INCLUDING ANY MATTERS NOT ALREADY CONSIDERED:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by Ron Miller and seconded by Mayor Ted Franklin, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 AM.



**Carol Sue Hayworth**

**Clerk/Treasurer**

**05-17-2012 Video and Audio**



**Ted Franklin**

**Mayor of Logansport**