

Board of Public Works and Safety

Minutes of November 28, 2012

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for their regular meeting, Wednesday, November 28, 2012, at 9:00 AM 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

Present: Ron Miller and Mayor Franklin Chris Armstrong--Absent

Others present: Bill Drinkwine, Building Commissioner; George Franklin, Code Enforcement Officer; Dan Williams, Superintendent of Public Works and Mark Strong, Fire Chief

Also present: Randy Head, City Attorney

Media: Amie Sites

Public:

Minutes: On a motion by Mayor Franklin, the minutes of the November 21, 2012 were recommended for approval. Ron Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Claims in the amount of **\$177,560.01** were presented. Ron Miller made a motion to approve such claims. Mayor Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

APPROVAL OF LICENSES: **None**

CHANGES TO AGENDA: **None**

OLD BUSINESS: **None**

NEW BUSINESS: **Aecom –Curb Cut for monitoring well installation.** Mayor Franklin discussed the well, 9 inches in diameter, which will allow the city to monitor any run off that may potentially contaminate the river. Mayor Franklin made a motion to allow the cut. Ron Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

REPORTS:

Building Commissioner, Bill Drinkwine, presented his written report, along with a Property Summary for five addresses (four owners), which were “ordered” to appear.

Joe Dunn appeared for the Order on the 80 & 82 7th Street property. Joe stated his name and address as: Joe Dunn, 1710 North Street, Logansport, In. Drinkwine indicated he was requesting the property at 80 and 82 7th Street be demolished, remarking this property had been before the Board for “Unsafe Conditions” dating back to 1993. Notices had been sent to Mr. Dunn; however, Attorney Randy Head explained to Mr. Dunn that he had not been given a TEN day notification and can ask for more time. Attorney Head then explained that Mr. Dunn had the opportunity and rite to hire an attorney to represent him for this hearing. Attorney Head then asked Mr. Dunn if he knew and understood what had been discussed. Mr. Dunn said he understood what had been explained to him and he did not need an attorney present, nor did he need any more time. Discussion then followed. Dunn argued the homes not be torn down. Drinkwine then asked Dunn if he could provide a Cash Surety bond of \$20,000 with a guarantee property would be improved. Following discussion, Attorney Head again asked Dunn if he knew and understood all that had been said. Mr. Dunn said he understood the discussion. When asked if he understood that he had the opportunity to hire and have an attorney present for this hearing, Mr. Dunn replied that he understood and didn’t need an attorney present. Again Mr. Dunn was asked if he wanted the additional days to come back and appear. Again Mr. Dunn said he understood and that he did not want to come back. More discussion followed. Mr. Dunn then indicated the city to tear the property down. Ron Miller then made a motion that the City go forward with demolition. Mayor Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Drinkwine proceeded to report that the balance of the properties remaining on the list for demolition will be sent another notice.

Drinkwine further reported that he did have a request for a dumpster to be in the street for property at 1371 Liberty Street. The dumpster to be in place for a period of fourteen days. Mayor Franklin approved the request. Ron Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Mayor Franklin then discussed the procedure that would take place regarding the impending demolition properties. Ten day notice period with a hearing that would follow. Discussion led to the consideration of a “Special Called” Board of Works meeting due to the number of parties that may appear and the length of time for each case.

Mayor Franklin then made a motion that the Building Commissioner’s report be approved as presented. Ron Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Code Enforcement Officer, George Franklin, presented his report. Two properties that were ordered to appear last week have been cleaned up by the Street Department—(918 High Street and 920 W. Miami).

Ordered to appear today was Jeff Murray, 22 W. Ottawa Street. Proper notification has been given with a refusal to sign. Attorney Randy Head requested Code Enforcement Officer to sign

an affidavit with the information regarding service. Franklin then requested a clean up. Mayor Franklin then ordered the property at 22 W. Ottawa Street to be cleaned up by the Street Department. Ron Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Also ordered to appear was property owner at 814 Vine Street. Enforcement Officer Franklin indicated he had met with the owner. The yard has been cleaned up. With limited resources, she is attempting to get a shed placed on the property. Franklin has given her another week to bring the property to standards. Mayor Franklin made a motion to grant the week to the owner. Ron Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Mayor Franklin then made a motion to accept the report of the Enforcement Officer. Ron Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Superintendent, Dan Williams, submitted his written reports. Williams commended Fire Chief Strong and his men for a job "well done" on handling the fire that took place in downtown Logansport (212 6th Street). Williams went on to say his men also assisted with some equipment. Mayor Franklin commended Williams on coming in on his own time for helping with the situation. Mayor Franklin also received another letter this week about the great job being done with the leaf pick up. And still another letter about the conduct and behavior of the folks at the Cemetery for the courtesies they show to the families of those deceased. Ron Miller then made a motion to accept the reports in their entirety. Mayor Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Police Chief, Mike Clark, not present.

Fire Chief, Mark Strong, present, wanted to share publicly his appreciation for Dan Williams, who along with Mayor Franklin, helped the firemen on Thanksgiving evening. Approximately all off duty, but three, firemen were also assisting with the fire. Discussion then followed on the proper procedure for notification of clean up to the property owner. Ron Miller made a motion that the report be accepted. Mayor Franklin 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 Ron Miller and seconded by Mayor Franklin, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.

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Clerk/Treasurer

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Mayor of Logansport

Community Development Dir.