

## **BOARD OF WORKS**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

Minutes of August 20, 2014

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for their regular meeting Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at 9:00 AM in the City Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, City Building, Logansport, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Franklin.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited in unison.

**ROLL CALL:** Carol Sue Hayworth, Clerk/Treasurer

Present: Mayor Franklin, Ron Miller and Chris Armstrong

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Building Commissioner, Bill Drinkwine, Code Enforcement Officer, George Franklin, Superintendent of Public Works, Dan Williams, Fire Chief, Mark Strong, Mike Clark, Chief of Police and Jan Fawley, Parks Administrator

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Randy Head

**MEDIA PRESENT:** Mitchell Kirk/Pharos Tribune

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** August 13, 2014 Ron Miller made a motion that the minutes be approved. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** \$230,037.35

Ron Miller made a motion that the claims in the amount of \$230,037.35 be approved. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**APPROVAL OF LICENSES:** None

**CHANGES TO AGENDA:** None

**VISITOR COMMENTS:** None

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Code Enforcement Officer Micky Smith 1320 Liberty Street** No one present. Officer Franklin I want to report there is one lien on the property for \$1348. that has not been resolved or paid by the owner. There is an outstanding bill of \$350 that is pending. A total of \$1698 in fees have been imposed in the last year. **Mayor Franklin....** I make a motion to order the property cleanup at 1320 Liberty Street at the convenience of the Department of Public Works. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. **Mayor Franklin ...**We have \$1698 worth of fees that have accumulated on the property in the last 12 months. I make a motion that we impose a fine of \$1698 doubling the amount that is currently assessed on the property. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Discussion followed with Attorney Head to make sure proper notification had been given to the owner of the property. Motion carried 3-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Curb Cut NIPSCO 1626 and 1626 ½ High Street Susan Wamsley Retire Gas Service No one present.** Mayor Franklin made a motion that the request be approved. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Supplemental Agreement No. 1 City of Logansport and LPA and DLZ Indiana, LLC Safe Routes to School: Clinton and Cicott Streets Chris Armstrong, Community Development Director,** We were approved by INDOT to get an additional \$12,000 for the Safe Route to Schools project that is happening at Fairview. This is the contract that is between the City and the Consultant..... includes additional survey, additional environmental issues and additional design services. Chris Armstrong made a motion to approve the contract. Ron Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Dan Williams Retirement of Patty Smith and Bob Bernhardt** I won't drag this out any longer than I have to, but, personally, I believe these two people deserve a lot of credit. Approximately two and one half years ago I was appointed the very first Superintendent of Public Works, which is a combination of the Cemetery and Street Departments. In the very beginning, Mayor Franklin and I were met with a lot of opposition. Mayor Franklin had the foresight to realize, if you combine two working forces you are going to get a lot more done, a lot more professional in a good manner and be more able to take the citizen's complaints and go in and settle them in a timely manner. What I am getting to is, I wouldn't have been able to do this without Bob Bernhardt at the Cemetery and Patty Smith at the Street Department. Both have put me in a position that I never thought I would be in. They are both probably as good as any city employees that I have seen. That's why I wanted them to come and the Board of Works to recognize them for all their hard work. Both of them have been called when they are sitting down to eat, their boss sometimes more or less...has asked "Are you busy?", and their reply, "Well I just set down to eat!" and both of them have answered my question or whatever it was I needed. Both of them have come in and worked off the clock, and I have told them numerous times to punch in, but they wouldn't do it. Last winter, one of the worst winters we have seen in 20 years.... Patty was there making sure we had the resources we needed. Bob, at the same time, people come to the cemetery, they walk right around me and they go to Bob. They know that Bob knows more about this Cemetery than I will ever know. Both are great city employees and if all Departments were run the way they run their departments, we will be on top of the thing. I would ask that you approve their retirements. **Mayor Franklin** Speaking strictly with me, especially with Bob, I know what Dan was talking about. In particular with Bob, I can remember meetings and phone calls in my office, contributions, donations that people have made to the City just because they liked the service that they got at the cemetery. You were there, you would stay over even if it was after hours...you would track down the grave that the family members were looking for and it really showed. I still have the e-mails and something certainly you should be proud of. Our days go back to over on Water Street, a lot of Saturdays and Sundays, we were there, sticking labels on batteries at Exide... and so I know I was glad to see you land on your feet when Exide closed and who would have known that we would end up following each other's footsteps in employment. We both left Exide and we both came to the City. Here we are 25 years later and I am thankful to you, Bob, for everything that you have done. You make Dan look good, there's no doubt about it. Without you there, he wouldn't look as good as he does. It shows every year especially at Memorial Day when we have our Memorial Day service in the cemetery and you know all the compliments that we receive. All that goes back through Dan's being there and there has been one constant there that I can recall going back as far as I can remember and being in the City, that's you. We all owe you a gratitude of appreciation for all you have done. I reluctantly make the motion to accept your retirement to be effective the end of this month. For that, a sincere, "Thank

You". And Patty, the same thing with you. I know Dan had huge concerns when he became Superintendent of Public Works; but there was also one constant there for him, and even though other people were out there doing their job, there was always someone in the office he could go to. You have been here since Mayor Davis and what a coincidence, the same thing with Bob, same with me, even George, even Mike Clark...and you, Patty, will be missed too, and we appreciate your dedication and service for the last 25 years. I wish you both well with your retirement. Unfortunately some of these PERF changes almost make it necessary to protect your own interest and to look out for the long time security for you and your financial needs. For that, I say " Congratulations to both of you". A job well done! Mayor Franklin then made a motion to approve the retirement of Patty Smith and Bob Newhardt effective August 29, 2014. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**REPORTS:**

**Building Commissioner, Bill Drinkwine, present**

**Code Enforcement Officer...George Franklin** presented his weekly report. Officer Franklin noted he had three "Notices to Appear" and all three were cleared. On a motion by the Mayor, the Code Enforcement Officer's report was approved as presented. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Dan Williams**

**POLICE CHIEF: Mike Clark,** presented his monthly report. Mayor Franklin made a motion to approve the report as presented. Ron Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**FIRE CHIEF: Mark Strong,** presented his report. Mayor Franklin made a motion to approve the report. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**PARKS ADMINISTRATOR: Jan Fawley**

**VISITOR COMMENTS: None**

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, INCLUDING ADA SECTION 504 Compliance and Concerns AND/OR MATTERS NOT ALREADY CONSIDERED:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by Mayor Franklin and seconded by Ron Miller, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 A.M. on a vote of 3-0.

  
Carol Sue Hayworth  
Clerk/Treasurer

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Mayor of Logansport