

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of March 27, 2013

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for their regular meeting, Wednesday, March 27, 2013 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, Chris Armstrong and Mayor Franklin

OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Drinkwine, Building Commissioner, George Franklin, Code Enforcement Officer, a Superintendent of Public works, Dan Williams, Police Chief, Mike Clark and Fire Chief, Mark Strong

MEDIA PRESENT: Mitchell Kirk /Pharos Tribune

MINUTES: March 20, 2013

Minutes were approved on a motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Chris Armstrong. Motion carried 3-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: \$202,434.29

Ron Miller made a motion that the claims in the amount of \$202,434.29 be approved. Mayor Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

APPROVAL OF LICENSES: None

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

VISITOR COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: 917 Vine Street, Doug Hines Code Enforcement Officer, George Franklin appeared indicating this property had been cleared.

604 Culbertson Street Chaves Carlo and Jesus and Irma Martinez Code Enforcement Officer, George Franklin appeared indicating this property had been cleared.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vicki Byrd—Logansport Memorial Hospital Foundation—5th Annual “Oh Baby Run”—Vicky Byrd appeared requesting permission to utilize the city streets for the 5th annual “Oh Baby Run”. The fundraiser starts at 16th and High, goes down High Street to Davis Road, then River Bluff Trail, then up Sixth Street to the West gate of Riverside Park. The money raised goes to the family birth center and equipment. Ms. Byrd indicated the Sherrif Reserves have stations along the route for safety. **Mayor Franklin** asked that she coordinate the event also with the Street Department and the Logansport Police Department. Mayor Franklin asked that a certificate of insurance including the City of

Logansport be obtained. Ms. Byrd indicated all would be taken care of. Mayor Franklin then made a motion that the request be approved contingent upon the coordination with the LPD and Street Dept., along with a certificate of liability insurance. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. **Dan Williams, Street Department** asked that there be no markings on the street. Ms. Byrd indicated there would be none.

Larry Lowry—Cass County Veterans —Memorial Day Larry Lowry was not present. Mayor Franklin read the request which was to seek permission to use the city streets on Monday, May 27th for the purpose of the parade and program in honor of Memorial Day. Mayor Franklin made a motion to approve the request. Ron Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Michael Rush—Retirement Michael Rush was not present. **Fire Chief, Mark Strong appeared** reporting that Mike had worked 35 years and had decided to retire. "Mike was a great firefighter and my boss when I came on. He held many positions with the department, including Investigator, Captain and Asst. Chief. He is going to be missed." Mayor Franklin "I wish that he was here so I could express my own gratitude towards him. I was gonna tell him that I taught him a lot over the years, but actually it was the other way around. When I came on, Mike was the Fire Investigator and very good at what he did, I personally owe him a debt of gratitude for all the training and extra time that he spent with me. I have no doubt that he is going to do fine and prosper in his retirement because he has been talking about it ever since I have known him and that's been twenty four years." Mayor Franklin then made a motion that the Board accept Mike's Rush request for retirement effective March 25, 2013. Ron Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

At this time, Chief Strong also reported that he had two people at Perf in the process and two others that have appointments with Public Safety Medical.

New Hire—Daniel R. Fagan

New Hire—Andrew M. Strong

Police Chief, Mike Clark, present. Mike asked for the approval of hiring of Daniel R. Fagan and Andrew Strong as Probationary Officers for the Logansport Police Department. Daniel Fagan is 29, lives in Walton and he is married and has one daughter. He has an Associates Degree and he is complete in all the required testing and he has been a reserve with the Police Department for a short time also. Andrew Strong currently lives in Camden, In and is relocating in the Logansport area. He was in the Marine Corp. for eight years. He is not married. Mayor Franklin indicated that the State Statute prevents the Board from hiring anyone who lives outside Cass County. Chief Clark indicated Andrew would be coming immediately to this area. Mayor Franklin indicated he was happy to have Andrew on board, further stating that we need to have a local address on file by April 1, 2013. Chief Clark was then asked to explain how the selection process worked. Clark indicated it takes approximately six months or more from start to finish. The first go round was 30 applications in August. Then another 42 applications and ended up with 6 finalists. You go through the pre-app which is just basic information that they turn in on an application form. Then they do a physical agility test, and ours mirrors the Academy. Then they take a written exam. Once that is passed they have an extensive background investigation done. Then they have an interview process, polygraph, and once they have completed all of those, we evaluate and list our top candidates in order and we try to select numerically from the most we feel qualified for the position and then we recommend them to the Board of Works. This year they have hired 5 out of the 75. Mayor Franklin made a motion that the two new hires, Daniel R. Fagan and Andrew M. Strong, be approved. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS:

BUILDING COMMISSIONER: Bill Drinkwine, presented his written report and indicated that the ongoing construction projects are moving smoothly at this point, working around the weather. Drinkwine reported he and the Code Enforcement Officer, George Franklin, are doing rental property inspections weekly, trying to do an average of 20 properties per week. Very few of them are passing the inspection, which will require a re-inspection after 30 days to correct any violations that are found.

207 and 211 E. Linden Street—Drinkwine reported, with the help of the Street Department, they were able to get the structure removed and a temporary fence around the perimeter area. He is now working with the Army Corp of Engineers and anticipates the release of a permit for the barrier wall the week of April 1, 2013.

512 North Street--Building Commissioner Drinkwine indicated the building has been partially demolished, thanks to the Street Department and B & G contractors, due to the emergency situation that existed, and is currently sealed from public access. He is awaiting resolution to ordinance issues to be satisfied, prior to the complete demolition of the structure. Mayor Franklin made a motion to accept the report as presented. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: George Franklin, presented his written report.

Notices to appear:

420 Bartlett Street—Amber FrenzaNo one present. Owner was notified. No receipt on service. Taken under advisement.

423 Tanguy Street— Deborah Thompson.....Levi Thompson, 423 Tanguy Street, son, appeared on behalf of his mother. Officer Franklin reported a tree had been cut down and stacked on top of the ground at the back of the house. Levi Thompson indicated he was not aware that he should have done anything, further stating that he cut the tree down and stacked the wood on top of rocks. Dan Williams, Superintendent of Public Works reported he could provide the cleanup if Mr. Thompson could get the wood to the alley. Thompson was to make arrangements with the Street Department to get the wood picked up. Mayor Franklin thanked Levi Thompson for being at the meeting.

511 Shultz—John Rush—Present—Enforcement Officer Franklin indicated he had made some progress in cleaning up the area; however, he is using part of the area for a burn pit, trailer tires remain, along with a sofa and a lot of debris. He has concealed a portion of the area with a plywood fence. Mr. Rush lives along Goose Creek and doesn't feel it is his responsibility to clean up that area. Mayor Franklin agreed, however; Mayor Franklin was more concerned about a trailer full of building materials, outside furniture turned upside down in another trailer, etc. Code Enforcement Officer indicated the trailers had been cleaned. Mayor Franklin thanked John Rush for being at the meeting. Mayor Franklin then made a motion to have the area cleaned to the satisfaction of Officer Franklin by April 24th. Ron Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

810 N. Pearl Street—Keyla Castro— (name un audible) Present, representing Keyla Castro-- Progress has been made. Wood pile, bags of trash and cardboard lay outside of dumpster. Recliner is on the front porch. New tenants in residence. She will take care of the situation within one week. Mayor Franklin made a motion that the property be cleaned up within one week. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Mayor Franklin thanked the representative for Keyla Castro for appearing before the board.

1300 Liberty Street—Marcus Madrigal— Not Present Owner notified, no signed receipt.

814 State Street—Brian Boughton—Not present. Notice was served on Boughton with a signed receipt. Boughtons have made some progress in cleaning up the violations; however, Officer Franklin has received complaints from the neighbor regarding a wood pile and pallets that are leaning against her fence, causing the fence to fall. Ron Miller made a motion to give them one more week. Mayor Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

819 Helm Street—Officer Franklin indicated the property has been cleared by the property owner.

207 W. Miami—William and Amy Kistler---Not present. Code Enforcement Officer indicated proper notice had been given. Residential furniture on porch and mattress was on the alley. At the date of this report Enforcement Officer Franklin stated the furniture was gone; however, the mattress was just moved up along the fence. Mayor Franklin made a motion that Kistlers be given one more week to remove the violation. Ron Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Mayor Franklin stated he commended Kister for his efforts so far.

1812 George Street—Lori Gulbranson—Owner, not present. Rick Baxter, 1812 George Street, present, representing Ms. Gulbranson. Officer Franklin identified a cement mixer, buckets and various debris in and about the garage area and yard. In addition, due to a previous violation, there had been a trailer and SUV full of trash sitting in the front yard, which have now been impounded. A neighbor (Mr. Denny) gave Mr. Baxter permission to put a hot tub in and use his garage; however, there are no garage doors on the garage. No progress has been made on the clean up as of the date of this report. Mayor Franklin made a motion that Mr. Baxter be given an additional two weeks to get the property cleared of violations. Ron Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

1308 Smead Street—Lawrence Gordon—No one present. Officer Franklin reported the house has been vacant for some time and an ongoing problem with complaints by the neighbors. Notices have been served. No certified receipt received. Enforcement Officer Franklin recommended clean up. Mayor Franklin made a motion that a cleanup be done on this location. Ron Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Franklin then made a motion to approve the Code Enforcement Officer's report in its entirety. Ron Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Dan Williams, presented his written report for the Street Department and Mt. Hope Cemetery. Williams gave a report of the official snow fall for the previous week. Williams reported at one end of town it could be reported as six inches and the east end would be a totally different reading; however, the final reading Williams submitted for the City of Logansport was at least ten inches of snow had fallen. Mayor Franklin made a motion to accept the report of Williams in its entirety. Ron Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

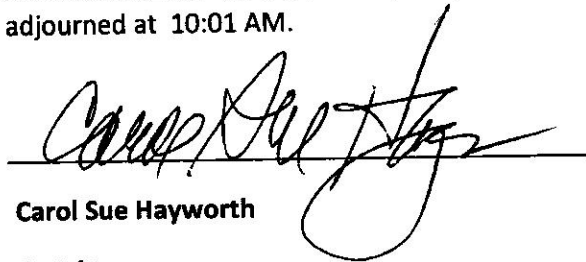
POLICE CHIEF: Mike Clark, Police Chief, reported he has started another hiring process to get them up to full capacity for the police department. Applications are being accepted to the end of the week. The written and physical agility tests have already been done. Twelve names are to be investigated and they will proceed from this point. Chief Clark informed the board that he is mandated for executive training at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy for 40 hours of training. Clark along with Assistant Chief Brian Hillis attended. Both he and Hillis graduated from the course and training. Clark's intent is to have other officers sent to the academy for this training, yearly. Mayor Franklin made a motion to approve Chief Clark's report. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

FIRE CHIEF: Mark Strong, Fire Chief, no report on this date.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: NONE

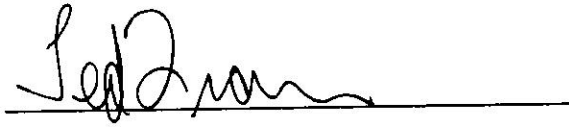
MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, INCLUDING ANY MATTERS NOT ALREADY CONSIDRED: None

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Mayor Franklin and seconded by Ron Miller, the meeting was adjourned at 10:01 AM.



Carol Sue Hayworth

Clerk/Treasurer



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Mayor of Logansport

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