

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

April 9, 2012

The Board of Public Works of the City of Loogootee met in regular session on Monday, April 9, 2012 at 6:00pm in the Council Room of the City Municipal Building.

ROLL-CALL: Mayor Noel Harty, Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones, City Attorney Mark Jones, board members Fred Dupps and Ron Gilbert.

Pledge to Flag given by all.

Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes for the March, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. Ron Gilbert made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Dupps, all ayes.

**Unfinished Business:**

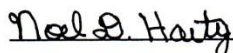
Animal control ordinance for county: Fred Dupps recommended the city look at our animal control ordinances and see if we need to update to correlate with the new county ordinance. This will be on agenda for next month's meeting.

**New Business:**

Utility adjustments: adjustments presented for Courtright, Denson, Lents, Walton, and Zins. Ron Gilbert made a motion to approve the adjustments as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Dupps, all ayes.

Citizen Input/comments: none

Adjournment: Fred Dupps made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Gilbert, all ayes.



NOEL D. HARTY, MAYOR

Attest:



NANCY JONES, CLERK-TREASURER

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

April 9, 2012

The Common Council of the City of Loogootee met in regular session on Monday, April 9, 2012 at 6:05pm in the Council Room of the City Municipal Building

Pledge to Flag given by all.

Roll-Call: Mayor Noel Harty, Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones, City Attorney Mark Jones, Council members Richard Taylor, Rick Norris, John Fraley, Fred Dupps and Ron Gilbert. Also present were James E. (Bo) Wilson, Utility Manager; Don Grindstaff, Public Works Superintendent; Morgan Huebner, Fire Chief, several firemen, media representatives and several citizens.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Ron Gilbert asked for a clarification of a sentence under the heading Summerfest on page 2 of the minutes. The word after asked should be "for" instead of "to". Ron Gilbert then made a motion to approve the minutes from the March, 2012 regular meeting with the correction, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rich Taylor, all ayes.

Building Permits: one presented for Melissa Harder on Walker Street for new garage and pool, and for Marlene Spears on North Line Street for home addition. Rick Norris made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Fraley, all ayes.

Claims: Rich Taylor made a motion to pay the claims as submitted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Norris, all ayes, motion carried.

Transfer of appropriations: CT Jones presented Resolution 2012-1 which would move appropriations in the Cumulative Firefighting fund. \$3500 would be moved from equipment to grant writing fees. Ron Gilbert made a motion to approve the resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Fraley, all ayes.

Monthly Balance Report: At each meeting the council members are given a copy of the most current monthly balance report. Ron Gilbert asked about the negative balance in the Police Equipment and Training Fund. CT Jones stated we are expecting to get revenue for that fund and that will take care of the negative balance. Attorney Jones stated we should receive traffic deferral money from the county that goes into that fund.

**Under unfinished business:**

New Business

Rate Study: Mayor Harty received 3 quotes to perform a rate study for the utilities. Crowe-Horwath would do water and sewer for approximately \$9800, Umbaugh for \$9000 and Reedy Financial Group for \$12,000. Rich Taylor made a motion to hire Umbaugh to perform a rate study for water and sewer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Norris, all ayes.

City redistricting: The Mayor reported that the city needs to redistrict for future municipal elections. Each district needs to be reasonably equal in population. Attorney Jones is working on this.

Reserve Police Officer: Chief Rayhill asked the Mayor to announce that Jeremy Branham has resigned as a reserve officer to take a position in Daviess County. He was a reserve officer and part-time dispatcher for four years. The Chief and the Mayor thanked him for his service and wished him well in his new position.

Sign proposal: The Mayor announced his plans for four new signs to be located at the entrances to the City. He will set up an account at a local bank to accept donations from citizens. The signs will highlight school sports teams present accomplishments and have room for future successes.

Grand Marshall: The Mayor announced the 2012 boys' basketball team will be the Grand Marshall for the parade.

Baseball team: The Mayor mentioned the baseball team is five and one.

Perfect Fit building: The Mayor reported that a new sign has been erected and says Wabash Heritage. No additional information is available at this time.

Open House at new ambulance building: The Mayor stated he has received notice of an open house at new building for ambulance service on this Saturday. The Air Evac helicopter may be there and if so, the street may need to be closed for a couple of hours. Council gave permission to close the street in front of the building located in Cooper Plaza.

Applications for housing rehab: Jenny Dearwester of SIDC reports applications will be accepted in the near future for housing rehab. Anyone homeowner from District 3 can apply if they meet the criteria, and any senior citizen from any district in the city who meet the criteria.

Building commissioner: Mayor Harty reported that Jason Greene, the building commissioner is working diligently and taking time out of his schedule to do inspections. CT Jones asked how to contact Jason and the Mayor stated a message can be left with his office.

City Insurance: Rick Norris discussed the cost of the insurance for city employees. He suggested lowering what the employees pay to 10% to offset the additional cost to show employees the City cares about the employees. CT Jones asked that a vote on this be postponed until she has a chance to prepare an impact statement on the general, water and sewer funds. Rich Taylor made a motion to put on the agenda for next month, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Fraley, all ayes.

Additional COIT money: Fred Dupps asked if the City would be getting additional COIT money due the error made at the State. CT Jones stated that we expect to receive additional money due to this error.

Carpeting in city hall: The Mayor asked the council for permission to get quotes to replace the carpeting throughout city hall. It has been in place since 1990 or 1991. No objections were voiced.

Open burning law: Fred Dupps asked about open burning in the city. The law allows for burning yard waste. The City will also pick up large amounts.

Alley closing: Fred Dupps asked about the status of the request to close the alley between SE 2<sup>nd</sup> and SE 3<sup>rd</sup>. This matter is closed at present.

Other announcements:

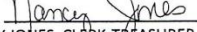
Public comment/citizen input:

Grass clippings in street: Don Greene asked if the City can do anything about citizens who blow their grass clippings out into the city streets. Attorney Jones says may fall under state littering statutes. The City would have to pass an ordinance if want to issue citations. Will discuss at next meeting.

Humane Society: Don Greene reported they hope to start later this week with construction on the new shelter. They are having a benefit this Saturday at the Methodist Church to raise funds for the shelter.

Adjournment: Motion made by Rich Taylor to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Gilbert, all voted in favor.

  
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