

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

August 13, 2012

The Board of Public Works of the City of Loogootee met in regular session on Monday, August 13, 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 July, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. Ron Gilbert made a motion to approve, 2nd by Fred Dupps, all ayes.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Dispatch program: Mayor Harty recommended we continue with dispatch as is for 6 months. The amount paid to the County will remain \$5,000. Fred Dupps recommended we work toward turning all dispatching over to the county. Ron Gilbert made a motion to approve the Mayors’ recommendation, 2nd by Fred Dupps, all ayes.

Utility adjustments: adjustments presented for Arvin, Blackman, Blackwell, Huff, Jeffers, Jones, Ledgerwood, Loogootee Church of Christ, Mathews-Wagler LLC, Pennington, Poehelin, Audra Seals, John Seals, Shoultz, and Thompson. Pools Fraley, Gilmore, Huff, McPherson, Norris, Rayhill, Sims and Stuffle. Fred Dupps made a motion to approve the adjustments as presented, 2nd by Ron Gilbert, all ayes.

Citizen Input/comments: none

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

NOEL D. HARTY, MAYOR

Attest: _____
NANCY JONES, CLERK-TREASURER

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

August 13, 2012

The Common Council of the City of Loogootee met in regular session on Monday, August 13, 2012 at 6:15pm 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; Kelly Rayhill, Chief of Police, Morgan Huebner, Fire Chief, several firemen, media representatives and several citizens.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Rich Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes from the July, 2012 regular meeting, 2nd by Ron Gilbert, all ayes.

Building Permits: one presented for Brent McCloskey for residence improvements at corner of N. Kentucky and Queen Street and for Derek Sims at 606 SW 2nd Street for residence improvements. John Fraley made a motion to approve, 2nd by Rick Norris, all ayes.

Claims: Rick Norris made a motion to pay the claims as submitted, 2nd by John Fraley, all ayes, motion carried.

Transfer of appropriations: none

Under unfinished business:

Smoking Policy: CT Jones presented Resolution 2012-3 amending smoking polices as agreed upon at July meeting. Rick Norris made a motion to approve, 2nd by Rich Taylor, all ayes. All council members and the Mayor signed the Resolution.

New Business

Rate study and bond refinance: John Seever from Umbaugh was present to discuss the results of the rate study recently completed and the Rate Study Committee recommendations. He discussed the water first. The committee's recommendation is to leave the water rates as they are. Brenda DeVries representing the bond attorneys, Bingham Greenbaum Doll of Indianapolis, presented the first reading of Ordinance 2012-2 for consideration of refunding the water bonds of 1996, 2002 and 2003. She did not read the entire ordinance but only highlighted several parts. She asked for questions regarding the water bonds refunding. Seever then presented their findings and the committee's regarding the sewer funds. He stated in order to refund the sewer bond the rates would have to be increased to have bond coverage. The Rate Study Committee recommended a rate increase of 5% effective September 1, 2012 and 5% effective March 1, 2013 for sewer rates across the board. Seever emphasized that it has been ten years since a rate increase has been implemented. Rich Taylor asked what happens if the customer base shrinks? Seever stated the rates would go up to cover the bond debt. He also asked if the amount charged to the West Boggs Sewer District could be increased above the 10%. It was noted that a 50 year agreement was entered into during the Ader administration with the West Boggs Sewer District and they are a contract customer. The Mayor reported that we have asked the bond attorney Sue Beesley to look into this. Fred Dupps asked when the bonds would be offered for bid. DeVries stated on September 5 and the closing is scheduled for September 18, 2012. A public hearing is scheduled for Monday, August 27th, 2012 to give the public and opportunity to come before the council.

Carpet for City Hall: Mayor Harty presented a bid for Nolan Carpeting for \$9,839.47 for flooring for City hall. A discussion was held regarding obtaining more than one quote. Mayor Harty stated his intention was to use a carpet company in Loogootee and that Nolan is the only one. John Fraley made a motion to accept the bid from Nolan Carpeting, 2nd by Ron Gilbert, Taylor voted yes, Dupps and Norris voted no. Passed 3-2.

Purchase of property from CSX Railroad: The railroad property on JFK has had an appraisal thus far and another appraisal will be done soon. The Mayor asked the council to approve the purchase of the property from EDIT funds up to \$35,000. The actual purchase price will be determined based on the size of the lot which is about one-half of an acre. It will be approximately \$25,300. The railroad asked that the City build a fence on the railroad side. The anticipated use for the property will be a park and recreation project. Rich Taylor made a motion to accept the Mayor's recommendation, 2nd by John Fraley, all ayes.

Water Conservation Ordinance: Bo Wilson again asked the council to review the ordinance he gave to the council members last meeting. A discussion followed. The council tabled until the next meeting.

Senior Citizen renewal of lease: the lease was renewed for 25 years at the same rental cost.

Mural idea: The Mayor reported there has been some discussion on placing a mural on the side of the building next to the parking lot owned by the city on the corner of JFK and Wood Street. No definite plan at this time.

Citizen input/comment: Rich Taylor commented on the use of lawnmowers as recreational vehicles. There is no ordinance in place that addresses this issue.

Adjournment: Motion made by Rich Taylor to adjourn, 2nd by John Fraley, all voted in favor. 7:02pm.

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