

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

July 9, 2012

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

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Utility adjustments: adjustments presented for Arvin, Burch, Burris, Carter, Hawkins, Hill, Huff, Kelso, Kidwell, Ledgerwood, Martin County Red Door, O'Connor, Riley, Simmons, Taylor, Tolbert, Toy, Trimble, Walker, and Wiscaver. Swimming pool adjustments Ader, Arvin, Baker, Burch, Burcham, Clark, Cooper, Drake, Fuhrman, Harder, Hudson, Jackson, Pielemeier, Powell, Rincker, Searl, Smith, Sterling, Taylor D., Taylor R., Tedrow, Thomas, Trinity Tabernacle, Wagoner, Weitkamp, Wood, Zins. 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. Adjourned at 6:01.

NOEL D. HARTY, MAYOR

Attest: _____

NANCY JONES, CLERK-TREASURER

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

July 9, 2012

The Common Council of the City of Loogootee met in regular session on Monday, July 9, 2012 at 6:03pm 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; Donald Grindstaff, Public Works Superintendent; Kelly Rayhill, Chief of Police, Morgan Huebner, Fire Chief, several firemen, media representatives and several citizens.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Rick Norris made a motion to approve the minutes from the June, 2012 regular meeting, 2nd by John Fraley, all ayes.

Building Permits: one presented for Kersteins Homes and Designs for an office building at corner of Broadway and SE 1st Street and for Jeremy Osborne at 203 SW 2nd Street for concrete pad for a mobile home. Ron Gilbert made a motion to approve, 2nd by Fred Dupps, all ayes.

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

Transfer of appropriations: none

Under unfinished business:

Fema grant for Fire Department: Chief Huebner reported on the SCBA units purchased with the grant money. He also reported on a fund raiser they are doing for Breast Cancer Awareness by selling T-shirts.

Salary Ordinance: The Salary Ordinance for 2013 was presented again for clarification. The Mayor and Clerk Treasurer will also receive a .50 per hour raise. The position of Building Inspector wages were set at \$3,000 per year. The Fire Department officers will receive \$200 additional to salaries and fire runs were set at \$35 per run and meetings at \$20 per meeting. Also the Building Inspector will be added to receive a monthly phone stipend. Ron Gilbert made a motion to approve the salary ordinance with the additions, 2nd by Rich Taylor, all ayes. The Salary Ordinance will be presented at next month's meeting for signatures.

New Business

Quotes for roof at Southside Fire Station: Hupp Construction quote was \$6,823.14 and Daviess County Metal submitted quote of \$7,500. Rich Taylor made a motion to hire Hupp Construction, 2nd by Rick Norris, all ayes.

Change to Personnel Policies regarding smoking: several changes were made to policies concerning smoking on city property. The state law has mandated no smoking within 8 feet of buildings owned by the City. Signs have been placed at all the doors to our buildings. This policy will replace the current policy. A discussion was held regarding the fines that could be issued for violations and smoking in city owned vehicles and on equipment. The Mayor proposed no smoking in city owned vehicles and equipment. A motion was made by Rich Taylor to prohibit smoking in city owned vehicles except those with an open cab, 2nd by Fred Dupps, all ayes. Disciplinary action will be written warning, 2nd suspension with no pay for one work week and 3rd violation, dismissal. The employee will also be responsible for the fine. The law will be enforced by Local Law Enforcement and the Martin County Health Department. The renters will be responsible for any fine issued for violations that occur on the property they lease from the City. This includes SIDC, Sheri's Studio for Dance, Senior Citizen Center, Fit for Life and the Martin County Group. The above will be included in the motion made Rich Taylor. These polices will be effective retroactive to July 1st, 2012. The council will sign off on new policy at August meeting.

During this discussion citizen Russ Hager interrupted to ask for a decision regarding riding his 4 wheeler in the City. He was told no and he left the meeting. Resumed discussion on smoking policy.

2013 budget: A special meeting will be held on Monday, July 16 at 5pm in the council chambers regarding the 2013 budget.

Bond for Utility Manager: CT Jones presented a bond for the utility manager. Ron Gilbert made a motion to approve, 2nd by Rick Norris, all ayes.

Tree Removal: Two property owners on John C Strange St. have asked the City to take down two trees. It is difficult to determine if the trees are on city property or private property without a survey. The council suggested Street Superintendent Grindstaff asks the property owners to pay half the cost. Rick Norris made that into a motion, 2nd by Ron Gilbert, all ayes. A quote has been obtained from Melton Tree Service for \$1,100 for taking down one tree and removing the dead wood from the 2nd tree.

Animal Control Ordinance: the Mayor asked for discussion. Fred Dupps stated Attorney Jones is looking at our ordinances and the County's and will make a recommendation. Will table till next meeting.

Other announcements: Water Conservation: Bo Wilson, Utility Superintendent presented a sample water conservation ordinance to the council prior to the meeting. He requested discussion on the issue. After discussion was held, the Mayor proposed a voluntary conservation to be announced through the media and further study of the proposed ordinance. Rich Taylor made a motion to approve the Mayor's proposal, 2nd by Ron Gilbert, all ayes.

Public comment/citizen input: Pat Street addressed the council regarding an alley that runs behind her place of business, the Bargain Shop. She asked if the alley could be closed or blocked off or made a one-way. Attorney Jones recommended that she and the other interested property owners start the process to have the alley vacated by the City. He explained the process.

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

NOEL D. HARTY, MAYOR

Attest: _____

NANCY JONES, CLERK-TREASURER