

TOWN OF LOGANSPORT
MINUTES
January 11, 2011

The regular meeting of the Logansport Town Council was held Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber with Mayor Katherine Freeman presiding. Council members present: Norman Arbuckle, Douglas Guillotte, June Hooper, Deborah Roberts, and Edith Williams. Absent: None.

Mayor Freeman opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The December minutes were approved as written with a motion from Mr. Arbuckle and second from Mrs. Hooper. All ayes.

General fund bills were approved with a motion from Mr. Arbuckle and second from Mrs. Williams. All ayes.

Utility fund bills were approved with a motion from Mr. Arbuckle and second from Mrs. Hooper. All ayes.

Mary Thompson, Chairman of Planning and Zoning, introduced Elizabeth Widmer as the new Code Enforcement officer replacing Mike Parker who has resigned. P&Z is discussing recommending the adoption of the International Standard Housing Code, replacing the Southern Standard Housing Code ordinance. Planning and Zoning recommends proceeding with the legal process to demolish the Jennifer Scruggs Dowling property located on Elm Street due to the hazardous and dangerous state of the property. It is also recommended to grant Judge Cordray and exception to Ordinance #678;8 for privacy screening of his RV Park on Highway 5 due to the location of an oil and gas right of way (easement) along the property line where the privacy fence was to be located.

With a motion from Mr. Arbuckle and second from Mrs. Roberts it was approved to proceed with the legal process of demolishing the Jennifer Scruggs Dowling property located on Elm Street. All ayes.

With a motion from Mr. Arbuckle and second from Mr. Guillotte an exception to Ordinance #678;8 was granted to Judge Cordray, releasing him from having to provide a privacy fence for the recently constructed RV Park on Highway 5, due to and oil and gas easement along the property line where the fence was to be located. All ayes.

The Town of Logansport vs Foster Gamble court date has been set for January 31, 2011. Mr. Erwin is hoping to get the same court date for the A&P building suit, also.

With a motion from Mrs. Williams and second from Mr. Arbuckle, it was approved to lay a new gas line on Boykins Road, Park Street, and Wilson Street. All ayes.

With a motion from Mr. Arbuckle and second by Mrs. Hooper it was approved to advertise for bids the Town property located on 110 & 112 Third Street, with a minimum bid of no less than \$3,000 and Town property located at 301 Main Street with a minimum bid of no less than \$50,000, with all properties being commercial occupancy ready within one year. All ayes.

With a motion from Mrs. Hooper and second from Mr. Arbuckle Ordinance # 682—Adoption of the DeSoto Parish Animal Control ordinance was presented with a public hearing called for Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in council chamber. All ayes.

Questions regarding the demolition of the old boat dock located on the south end of Riverfront Park were referred to the Planning & Zoning Committee.

Mayor Freeman announced that the 1st Annual River City African American History Fest, “Lest We Forget”, will be held Saturday, February 19th. For more information Monica Williams can be contacted at 697-1454 or 318/751-6883.

The annual Mardi Gras Ball will be held Saturday, February 12th and the Mardi Gras Parade will be Saturday, February 26, 2011.

The annual Sand Bass Tournament will be held Saturday March 12, 2011.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned with a motion from Mr. Arbuckle and second from Mrs. Hooper. All ayes.

Sharon Stewart, Town Clerk

Katherine Freeman, Mayor