

TOWN OF LOGANSPORT  
MINUTES  
April 12, 2011

The regular meeting of the Logansport Town Council was held Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber with Mayor Katherine Freeman presiding. Council members present: Norman Arbuckle, June Hooper, Deborah Roberts, and Edith Williams. Absent: Douglas Guillotte.

The meeting was opened with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

With a motion from Mr. Arbuckle and second from Mrs. Roberts, the March minutes were approved as written. All ayes, one absent.

General fund bills were approved with a motion from Mr. Arbuckle and second from Mrs. Hooper. All ayes, one absent.

Utility fund bills were approved with a motion from Mrs. Williams and second from Mr. Arbuckle. All ayes, one absent.

The Planning & Zoning Report was presented by Mrs. Mary Thompson recommending that P&Z establish some rules, policies, and procedures to be presented for ordinance adoption regarding the new Riverstage and a committee be appointed to manage and administer these new rules, policies and procedures. Also, it was recommended that the Council deny Mark Odom a variance to Ordinance #678 for an RV Park on less than 1 acre when the minimum size is 3 acres should he appeal the same decision made by Planning & Zoning.

Kenneth Favrot of El Paso Gas addressed the Council requesting a pipeline right-of-way at the Town's industrial site. With a motion from Mrs. Hooper and second from Mr. Arbuckle, the request was referred to the Economic Development Committee. All ayes, one absent.

Mark Odom addressed the Council concerning his property rights and read an article written by Rick Lynch entitled "Property Rights, Freedom, and the Constitution". He requested the article to be placed in the minutes and is hereto attached. He also made a formal appeal to the denial of his variance for an RV Park and requested that the Planning & Zoning Commission be disbanded and Code Enforcement Officer, Elizabeth Widmer, fired. With a motion from Mrs. Williams and second from Mr. Arbuckle the appeal was postponed until the Council could review the facts. All ayes, one absent.

With a motion from Mr. Arbuckle and second from Mrs. Williams, Ordinance #685 was presented authorizing the issuance of \$1,185,000 of Sewer Revenue Bonds and the issuance, sale and delivery, not exceeding \$1,185,000 Sewer Revenue Bonds and to call for a public hearing to be held Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. All ayes, one absent.

With a motion from Mrs. Hooper and second from Mr. Arbuckle a resolution was adopted to make application to the State Bond Commission for consent and approval of the issuance, sale and delivery of not exceeding \$1,135,000 of its Sewer Revenue Bonds, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, and installing improvements, extensions and additions to the sewerage system of the Town including equipment and furnishings. All ayes, one absent.

Ordinance #686 –Abandoning an unopened municipally owned portion of Chestnut Street and call for a public hearing on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 for discussion was presented by Mr. Arbuckle and second from Mrs. Hooper. All ayes, one absent.

With a motion from Mrs. Williams and second from Mr. Arbuckle, a resolution recognizing April 25<sup>th</sup> thru April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 as National Community Development Week was adopted. All ayes, one absent.

Mr. Arbuckle informed the Council that the DeSoto Parish Tourist Bureau was contributing \$2,000 toward the Riverstage project. The official Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for the new Riverstage will be Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

Mrs. Williams who is a member of the Advisory Board of the Council on Aging informed the Council of the plans for the Council on Aging at the Logansport Chamber office and told them that the organization was in the process of purchasing a van to be used in the distribution of meals to the elderly and transporting them to various locations when applicable.

Mayor Freeman encouraged all the Council members to attend the dedication of the walkway through the Logansport City Cemetery in honor of Glen Price and “Glen Price Day” at the pavilion on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

With a motion from Mr. Arbuckle and second from Mrs. Hooper, the meeting adjourned.

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Sharon Stewart, Town Clerk

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Katherine Freeman, Mayor