

TOWN OF LOGANSFORT
MINUTES
July 12, 2011

The regular meeting of the Logansport Town Council was held Tuesday, July 12, 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. Thirteen guests were in attendance.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Edith Williams and the Pledge of Allegiance.

With a motion from Mr. Arbuckle and second from Mrs. Williams the meeting was opened for public comments on the following:

Ordinance #683—Amendment to Zoning Ordinance #641, relating to the storage and occupancy of camper-trailers and recreational vehicles within all zoning districts within the boundaries of the Town of Logansport. No public comments.

Ordinance #684—Amendment to Zoning Ordinance #641, relating to the clarification of the minimum residential standards defined by “supplementary regulations & non-conforming uses” (pages 26-28 of ordinance #641) and the application of the permitted uses defined by zoning district LR-2 to zoning districts LG-O and LC/I. No comments

Ordinance #687—Closing and abandoning the street referred to as Foreman/Chestnut Street in the Town of Logansport. No Comments.

The public hearing closed with a motion from Mr. Arbuckle and second from Mrs. Hooper. All ayes.

With a motion from Mrs. Williams and second from Mrs. Hooper, the agenda was amended to allow Jeremy Evans, candidate for DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court, to introduce himself and speak a little about his candidacy and the upcoming election. All ayes.

The 6//14/2011 minutes were approved with a motion from Mrs. Williams and second from Mr. Arbuckle. All ayes.

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

Utility fund bills were approved with a motion from Mrs. Williams and second from Mrs. Roberts. All ayes.

Ordinance #683—Amendment to Zoning Ordinance #641, relating to the storage & occupancy of camper-trailers and recreational vehicle, was adopted with a motion from Mr. Arbuckle and second from Mrs. Hooper. All ayes.

Ordinance #684—Amendment to Zoning Ordinance #641, relating to the clarification of the minimum residential standards defined by “supplementary regulations non-conforming uses” (pages 26-28 or ordinance #641) and the application of the permitted uses defined by zoning districts LR-2

to zoning districts LG-O and LC/I, was adopted with a motion from Mrs. Hooper and second from Mr. Arbuckle. All ayes.

Ordinance #687—Closing & abandoning Foreman/Chestnut Street was adopted with a motion from Mrs. Williams and second from Mr. Arbuckle. All ayes.

A petition with 244 signatures, of which 184 were certified as Town of Logansport registered voters by the DeSoto Parish Registrar of Voters Office, was presented respectfully requesting that the following proposition be placed on the ballot of the next election: “Shall the property inside the incorporated limits of the Town of Logansport be restricted by zoning ordinances currently in force or any future zoning. The petition was taken under consideration, but with no official action.

The 2010 audit performed by Marsha O. Millican, CPA was presented. There were no significant findings or violations other than the segregation of duties being inadequate. No action was recommended by the auditor due to economic and space limitations and none was taken. The Clerk and her staff were commended by the Mayor and Council for their outstanding performance.

Tameka Mays addressed the council with concerns regarding the water and whether or not it passed testing guidelines. She was assured the water was tested regularly with no problems. She, also, asked what the rules were regarding lots with tall grass that needed mowing and if something could be done about all the cigarette butts thrown on the ground.

Mable Jean McMillan asked the council to work toward getting a grocery store in town.

Both Ms. Mays and Ms. McMillan expressed a desire for a children’s community center.

Elizabeth Boyter inquired about the leash law. She stated she was afraid to let her small dog outside because of the larger dogs with collars roaming the neighborhoods. She was told by the DeSoto Animal Control that they had been instructed not to bother the “collared” animals inside Logansport. Mayor Freeman stated she would contact DeSoto Animal Control regarding the leash law.

Linda Vidler apprised the Council of the upcoming event of October 15th, 2011, the Texaco Country Showdown, that is to be held on the new Riverstage. This is America’s largest country music talent show and should bring a lot of publicity and recognition to the Town.

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