

TOWN OF LOGANSPORT
MINUTES
November 8, 2011

The regular meeting of the Logansport Town Council was held Tuesday, November 8, 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. Eight guests were in attendance.

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

With a motion from Mrs. Williams and second from Mr. Arbuckle, the agenda was amended to allow Linda Vidler to speak on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and Christy Ballard to speak on behalf of the Festival Committee. All ayes.

With a motion from Mr. Arbuckle and second from Mrs. Williams a public hearing was opened for public comments regarding the sale of the industrial site on Highway 5 to David Graves. Jerry Lowe asked if the entire site was being sold because he was interested in obtaining a small tract of around 13 acres. He was instructed to speak to Mr. Graves because the Town was selling the entire site due to the fact that once the prime acreage was sold, it would be virtually impossible to sell the remaining low-lying tracts and Mr. Graves had agreed to develop the property for industrial/commercial use. With the public hearing was closed with a motion from Mr. Arbuckle and second from Mrs. Hooper. All ayes.

The October 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 Mrs. Williams and second from Mr. Arbuckle. All ayes.

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

A resolution for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held on 10/22/11 to incur debt and issue \$1,135,000 in sewer revenue bonds was adopted with a motion from Mr. Arbuckle and second from Mrs. Hooper. All ayes.

The proposed 2012 Budget for both the General and Utility funds was presented and a public hearing called for 12/13/11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber for public comments with a motion from Mr. Arbuckle and second from Mrs. Hooper. All ayes.

With a motion from Mr. Arbuckle and second from Mrs. Hooper, the Mayor was authorized to sign and accept the Act of Donation from A&P Services for the property located in Block 17, Town of Logansport. All ayes.

With a motion from Mr. Arbuckle and second from Mrs. Hooper, it was approved for the Mayor to negotiate a lease with J. Michael "Bucky" Slay for a Fireworks Stand on property owned by the

Town at the intersection of LA Highway 5 and U.S. Highway 84 for a total of \$300.00 per season. All ayes.

Elizabeth Widmer withdrew her bid for the option to purchase the buildings located at 110 & 112 Third Street, which was moot because the buildings would have to be advertised for bids and the Council decided not to advertise the buildings for sale at this time.

Mayor Freeman appointed a committee to formulate a “Fee Schedule” for events at the RiverStage, Pavilion, & Gazebo. The committee consists of June Hooper, Rex Clark, and Linda Vidler, with Deborah Roberts serving as Chairman.

Christy Ballard, Chairman of the Festival Committee, addressed the Council with questions concerning the decorating of the riverfront. She had been told that due to the Texaco Country Showdown the riverfront could not be decorated as planned. Mrs. Ballard was assured by the Mayor and Council that the “Showdown” event would not in any way interfere with the riverfront decorations.

Linda Vidler informed the Council that the Logansport Chamber of Commerce had approved pursuing another Beer and Wine Garden for the Texaco Country Showdown being held 12/10/11 and she was seeking permission from the Town Council. She explained the area would be fenced with only beer and wine served. Wristbands will be sold allowing a 4 beer/wine maximum per person. No minors will be allowed inside the fenced area which will be patrolled by the Sheriff’s department. With a motion from Mr. Arbuckle and second from Mrs. Roberts it was approved to allow a Beer and Wine Garden on the riverfront Saturday, 12/10/2011, subject to proper permits obtained from the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control, State of Louisiana, Department of Revenue which are to be furnished to the Town office prior to the event. The vote was as follows: Three Ayes—Norman Arbuckle, June Hooper, Deborah Roberts. One Nay—Douglas Guillotte. One Abstain—Edith Williams.

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

Sharon Stewart, Town Clerk

Katherine Freeman, Mayor