

MINUTES
TOWN OF LOGANSPORT
August 9, 2016

The regular meeting of the Logansport Town Council was held Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Logansport Town Hall with Mayor Katherine Freeman presiding. Council members present: Norman Arbuckle, Judge Cordray, Martha Guillotte, and June Hooper. Absent: Edith Williams. Nine guests were in attendance.

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

The July minutes were approved as written with a motion from Mrs. Hooper and second from Mr. Arbuckle. All ayes, one absent.

With a motion from Mr. Cordray and second from Mrs. Guillotte both General and Utility Fund bills were approved. All ayes, one absent.

Wanda Ray Strong invited the Mayor and Council to the 1st Annual LCF Open 5D Barrel Racing Event to be held Saturday, September 17th at the Logansport Rodeo Arena. Proceeds will go to help pay for Christmas lights along the Logansport Riverfront.

Frank Thigpen reported the street behind the funeral home has washed out and needs a barricade or cones.

Debbie Amox reported the archway entering Candy Cane Lane on the riverfront is broken and needs to be repaired. She would like to have another one placed at the top of the hill entering the park area and indicated if approved, there would be no expense to the Town.

Ben Brittain and Mike Atkinson, representing the City of Joaquin, addressed the Council regarding the recent change in water rates and asked could the terms be renegotiated.. It was approved at the June 14th, 2016 Council Meeting to charge Joaquin a flat fee of \$1250.00 a month with no maximum or minimum requirement, plus \$7.00 per thousand for any and all water purchased. With a motion from Mr. Cordray and second from Mr. Arbuckle it was approved to lower the monthly flat fee from \$1250 to \$1000 plus \$7.00 per thousand, with the terms renegotiated in one year. All ayes, one absent.

Kevin Bryant reported the flags at the Veterans' Wall were in terrible condition. He stated the Logansport American Legion Post is a non-profit organization and would like to have sponsors to help with replacement costs of the flags. Mayor Freeman suggested the Town enter into a Cooperative Endeavor with the American Legion Post making the Town of Logansport responsible for the upkeep of the American flag at the Veterans' Wall. All Council members agreed.

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With a motion from Mr. Cordray and second from Mr. Arbuckle, the Louisiana Municipal Gas Association pricing plan for December 2016 through March 2017 was approved. All ayes, one absent.

Culvert Installations was tabled until Mr. Cordray meets with Public Works Director Rex Clark.

Mayor Freeman reported on the recently complete audit for 2015.

Code Enforcement Officer, Kevin Bryant, inquired about the community clean-up and if any action had been taken. Mayor Freeman suggested waiting until the weather was a little cooler. Mr. Bryant would also like to see more clean-up on the new highway behind the main part of Town. He suggested signs letting people know what is on downtown Main Street. Also, Mr. Bryant requested warning sign on the riverfront about leaving children unattended and/or swimming without supervision.

Mrs. Hooper reported on the recent annual LMA convention, stating it was great.

Mr. Cordray reported the west side of the pavilion needed some repairs. Also, the slope for the new handicap ramp was discussed with a reminder of the ADA regulations that need to be followed. It was brought to the attention of the Council by Mrs. Amox of some needed repairs at the Gazebo. Garrett Park repairs were also discussed, specifically, the rocks at the boat launch.

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

Sharon Stewart, Town Clerk

Katherine Freeman, Mayor

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