

MINUTES
TOWN OF LOGANSPOUR
February 9, 2016

The regular meeting of the Logansport Town Council was held Tuesday, February 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, June Hooper, and Edith Williams. Absent: None. Three guests were in attendance.

Mayor Freeman opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

With a motion from Mrs. Williams and second from Mrs. Guillotte the January minutes were approved as written. All ayes.

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

There were no public comments or old business to discuss.

The condition of the Boardwalk since the heavy rain and flooding was discussed. Council members felt that a meeting with BALAR should be set up to inspect it and make recommendations as to what could be done to correct any structural problems.

Mr. Cordray stated, in his opinion, due to the lack of activities and sponsorship of the rodeo arena, the Town should consider taking bids to sell everything with the exception of the bleachers. He feels the bleachers could be used for other Town sponsored events.

With a motion from Mr. Cordray and second from Mrs. Williams, it was approved to pay the DeSoto Parish Police Jury \$4850 for the Town's pro-rated share to be included in the 2016 mosquito spraying project. All ayes.

Mayor Freeman stated that she has had several requests to purchase the bridge railing that has been torn down, so we need to decide on a price. With a motion from Mr. Arbuckle and second from Mrs. Hooper, it was approved to sell the bridge railing for \$100.00 per section. All ayes.

A report was given on water production and sales. From 2010 to 2015, total production has decreased 113,544,420 gallons and total water revenue has decreased \$483, 426.67 for the same time period. Water revenue decreased approximately \$110,000 just from 2014 and 2015. At this point, it is costing more to produce than we are charging the customer. Steps will need to be taken to cut costs. After much discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Arbuckle and second by Mr. Cordray to reduce the workforce at the water plant by three employees effective 2/25/2016, with 2 weeks of vacation and health insurance paid through 3/31/2016. All ayes.

With a motion from Mr. Arbuckle and second from Mrs. Hooper, Ordinance #698—Authorizing Utility Rate Increase was introduced with a public hearing called for 3/8/2016 at 6:00 p.m. for public comments. All ayes.

Discussion of introducing a fireworks ordinance was tabled.

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Mrs. Guillotte stated she had not received any information from the sub-station regarding the number of calls and citations for the month. However, only one fine was paid in the amount of \$319.50. With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned with a motion from Mr. Cordray and second from Mrs. Hooper. All ayes.

Sharon Stewart, Town Clerk

Katherine Freeman, Mayor

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