

MINUTES  
TOWN OF LOGANSPOUR  
May 9, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Logansport Town Council was held Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Logansport Town Hall with Mayor Judge Cordray presiding. Council members present: Norman Arbuckle, Katherine Freeman, Dwight Gatlin, Martha Guillotte, and Pam Thomas. Absent: None. Three guests were in attendance.

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

With a motion from Mr. Arbuckle and second from Mr. Gatlin the agenda was amended to have the Public Comments section moved to before the public hearing. All ayes.

Amanda Vidler invited the Council members to the upcoming community meeting and workshop to be held May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017, to generate new ideas for how to help encourage flood resilience for our community. The workshop is supported by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities program. The DeSoto Parish Police Jury and the Town of Logansport are one of 5 communities in 5 states that are receiving assistance this summer through the Building Blocks program.

Mark Armstrong informed the Council that the Tourist Bureau has contributed \$3,000 to the I-Tour USA project for the information signs that will be erected by the Sheriff's Department work crew.

With a motion from Mr. Gatlin and second from Mr. Arbuckle a public hearing to consider adopting resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Town of Logansport to authorize the RENEWAL of a sales & use tax was opened. There were no questions or comments and the meeting closed with a motion from Mr. Arbuckle and second from Mr. Gatlin. All ayes.

The minutes from 4/12/2017 were approved as written with a motion from Mr. Arbuckle and second from Mrs. Freeman. All ayes.

With a motion from Mr. Arbuckle and second by Mrs. Guillotte the monthly bills were approved. All ayes.

A resolution was adopted with a motion from Mrs. Freeman and second from Mr. Arbuckle calling an election to be held in the Town of Logansport authorizing the RENEWAL of a Sales & Use Tax, on Saturday, October 14, 2017. All ayes.

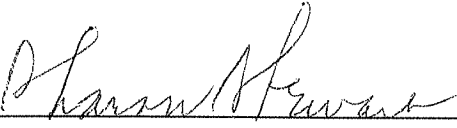
A resolution approving Coordinating & Development Corporation as the CDBG Administrative Consultant FY 2018/2019 was adopted with a motion from Mrs. Freeman and second from Mrs. Guillotte. All ayes.


With a motion from Mrs. Guillotte and second from Mrs. Thomas, a resolution was adopted approving BALAR & Associates, Inc. as the Engineer firm for the CDBG project FY 2018/2019. All ayes.

The 2017 millage rate of 7.49 was approved through the adoption of a resolution offered by Mr. Arbuckle and second from Mrs. Freeman. All ayes.

Mr. Arbuckle reported 6 fines were collected the month of April for a total of \$1662.00. Mrs. Thomas reported 7 gas cutoffs in April and Mrs. Guillotte reported 24 water disconnects for April due to non-payment.

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

  
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Sharon Stewart, Town Clerk

  
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Judge Cordray, Mayor

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The Town of Logansport is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.”

The following resolution was offered by Katherine Freeman and seconded by Norman Arbackle :

### RESOLUTION

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Town of Logansport, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a sales and use tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Logansport, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Town of Logansport, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Section 29 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Town on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017**, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

### PROPOSITION

(SALES AND USE TAX RENEWAL)

Shall the Town of Logansport, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), be authorized to continue to levy and collect a tax of one percent (1%) (the "Tax") (an estimated \$140,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the Town, all as defined by law, for a period of twenty (20) years from and after March 1, 2018, with the proceeds of the Tax (after paying the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the Tax) to be dedicated and used for any corporate purpose, authorized by the laws of the State of Louisiana, and shall the Town be authorized to fund the proceeds of the Tax into Bonds for the purpose of constructing, acquiring and improving capital improvements for the Town to the extent and in the manner permitted by the Laws of Louisiana, including Sub-Part F, Part III, Chapter 4, Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the *Mansfield Enterprise*, a newspaper of general circulation within the Town, published in Mansfield, Louisiana, and being the official journal of the Town, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the Mayor is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing proposition that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Town Hall Council Chamber, 309 Main Street, Logansport, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017**, at **SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioner-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Town will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Town Clerk of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the Mayor and/or Town Clerk of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of DeSoto Parish and the Registrar of Voters of DeSoto Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the sales and use tax provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Katherine Freeman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
Norman Arbuckle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
Dwight Gatlin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
Martha Guillotte	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
Pam Thomas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

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/s/ Sharon Stewart  
Town Clerk

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/s/ Judge Cordray  
Mayor

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE  
ON BEHALF AND IN THE NAME OF THE TOWN OF LOGANSPORT  
A CONTRACT FOR LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

WHEREAS, The Town of Logansport intends to apply for Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) funds in order to make public facility improvements; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Logansport is in need of the services of an experienced administrative consulting firm to develop the LCDBG application and to provide administrative services in connection with the grant if the application is selected for funding; and

WHEREAS, The Coordinating and Development Corporation, the regional planning and development district for Northwest Louisiana, has submitted documentation of its extensive experience in developing LCDBG applications and providing administrative services for LCDBG projects; and

WHEREAS, The Coordinating and Development Corporation has provided a summary of the direct and indirect charges for LCDBG administrative services, including the basis on which the charges were calculated, and these charges have been found to be reasonable and acceptable, and based upon the above, chosen through competitive negotiation; and

WHEREAS, The Coordinating and Development Corporation will be paid for LCDBG administrative services only if the LCDBG application is selected for funding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Logansport that the Mayor is authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Logansport, a contract for LCDBG application development and LCDBG administrative services with The Coordinating and Development Corporation.

CERTIFICATE

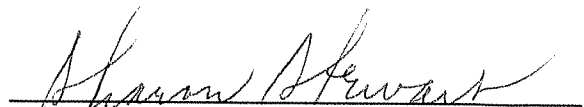
I, Sharon Stewart, Clerk for the Town of Logansport hereby certify that the above constitutes a true and accurate copy of a Resolution, which UPON MOTION of Katherine Freeman, and seconded by Martha Guillotte, was adopted by the following Yea and Nay vote:

YEA: 5

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

and the same was declared adopted by the Mayor this 9th day of May, 2017.

  
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Sharon Stewart, Clerk  
Logansport, Louisiana

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE  
ON BEHALF AND IN THE NAME OF THE TOWN OF LOGANSPORT  
A CONTRACT FOR LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT ENGINEERING SERVICES**

WHEREAS the Statement of Qualifications from the engineering firm of BALAR Associates, Inc ranked highest among the Statements of Qualifications received from firms desiring to perform engineering services for the Town of Logansport's FY 2018/2019 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Public Facility Improvements Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of Logansport, Louisiana, that following satisfactory negotiation and in accordance with the State's requirements concerning procurement of Engineering Services for LCDBG projects, the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute on behalf and in the name of the Town of Logansport, Louisiana, a contract for Community Development Block Grant project engineering with BALAR Associates, Inc.

**CERTIFICATE**

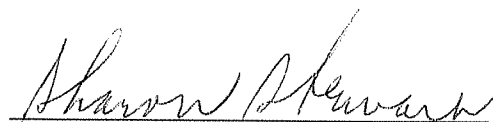
I, Sharon Stewart, Clerk of the Town of Logansport, hereby certify that the above constitutes a true and accurate copy of a Resolution, which UPON MOTION of Martha Guillotte, and seconded by Pam Thomas, was adopted by the following Yea and Nay vote:

YEA: 5

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

and the same was declared adopted by the Mayor this 9th day of May, 2017.



Sharon Stewart, Clerk  
Logansport, Louisiana



## TOWN OF LOGANSPORT

JUDGE CORDRAY  
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SHARON STEWART  
CLERK

### RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2017 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Town of Logansport:

### MILLAGE

<u>General Alimony Tax</u>	<u>7.490 mills</u>
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of DeSoto, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2017, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

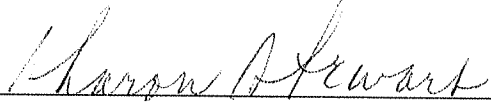
The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: 5  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0  
ABSENT: 0

### CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Logansport, Louisiana this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2017.

  
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Sharon Stewart, Town Clerk

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