

MINUTES
TOWN OF LOGANSPOURT
July 12, 2016

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

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

With a motion from Mrs. Hooper and second from Mr. Arbuckle, it was unanimously approved to amend the agenda allowing Attorney John Evans, candidate for District Judge, to introduce himself and speak to the Council regarding his candidacy. All ayes.

The June minutes were approved as written with a motion from Mrs. Williams and second from Mrs. Guillotte. All ayes.

The monthly bills were approved with a motion from Mr. Cordray and second from Mr. Arbuckle. All ayes.

During the public comment part of the meeting, Frank Thigpen asked if the maintenance crew was responsible for picking up limbs in the middle of the street. He stated that during the last hard rain, several big limbs fell on the street in front of his house and he was out there trying to clear the street when the maintenance crews came by, but did not bother to stop and inquire if Thigpen needed any help and did not assist in any way. Mr. Thigpen stated that the Town's maintenance crew needed to be more public oriented.

John Paul Moore addressed the Council regarding his continuing problem with sewer backup. He stated that his plumber had told him that the problem was due to a broken line between his property line and the main. The Town maintains that the problem is his responsibility to repair. Mr. Moore had previously been asked to have his certified plumber contact our public works director so they could discuss the problem and find a resolution. To date, the plumber has not contacted the Town, although Mr. Moore thought he had.

Jeannie Border complained about the house at 301 4th Street, stating the house was in a bad state of disrepair, not to mention clothes hanging all over the fence. She also stated she was concerned about health issues, because there were sewer problems that needed to be addressed. Her questions to the Council were, "What could be done about it? Didn't the Town have sewer codes that were being violated and what could be done to enforce these codes? Also, could the zoning ordinance be amended prohibiting hanging clothes on a fence in lieu of a clothes line."

There was no old business to discuss.

With a motion from Mrs. Williams and second from Mr. Arbuckle, it was approved to present a Water Purchase Contract to the City of Joaquin requiring a fee of \$1250 a month in addition to \$7.00 per thousand for all water purchased. This contract will be in effect for 6 months, beginning 7/01/16 thru 12/31/16, at which time will be renegotiated. All ayes.

Code Enforcement Officer, Kevin Bryant, informed the Council of the problem of dogs roaming the streets after dark. He also inquired as to whether or not the Council had given any more thought to promoting a "Clean-up Logansport" campaign. Mr. Bryant informed the Council that he was aware of the problem at 301 4th Street and had contacted the property owner. The Council asked Mr. Bryant to contact the Health Department inspector regarding the unsuitability of the property

Mrs. Guillotte reported that 20 fines totaling \$5,717 had been collected for the month of June.

Everyone in attendance agreed the 4th of July Fireworks show was a huge success. Fire Chief Rusty Canton of our local fire department, DeSoto Fire District #1, and his crew are to be congratulated for all their hard work.

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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