CITY OF LOOGOOTEE BOARD OF WORKS REGULAR MEETING January 8, 2024 MINUTES

The City of Loogootee Board of Works convened in regular session Monday, January 8, 2024 in the Council Room of the City Municipal Building located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:00 pm.

Roll call was taken. Board members present were Mayor Brian T Ader, Danny Clark, and Brandon Carrico. Also present were Bo Wilson, Police Chief Long, Fire Chief Thomas, Building Commissioner Davis, and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico.

The minutes from the regular meeting of December 11, 2023, were approved with a motion made by Danny Clark, seconded by Brandon Carrico. All in favor, the motion passed. The minutes were approved.

# **UNFINSHED BUSINESS**

#### SECOND POLICE CAR

Mayor Ader explained that two police cars were ordered in June of 2022. The first car was paid for by the prior administration. At this time, the second car is ready to be picked up and the city needs to make a decision on paying for the vehicle. Mayor Ader asked for a motion from the Board to allow for the purchase of this second vehicle. If approved, then the matter will be brought before the council for approval of the spending and how the purchase will happen. Danny made the motion to allow for the purchase of the vehicle, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion passed.

#### **GREENSPACE**

The next step in this project is moving the lines and remaining property of CSX. CSX has given the city a price of approximately \$200,000 to remove those items. Mayor Ader has reached out to CSX and has a meeting with a representative from CSX set up for next week. Multiple options are being considered. No action needed to be taken on this issue at this time.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

# **ASSISTANT CHIEF**

Chief Long informed the Board that the prior board had approved making Kelly Rayhill the new Assistant Chief. Chief Long wanted to make sure that the new Board was still in agreement with that decision. Danny made the motion to retain Kelly Rayhill as Assistant Chief, Brandon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

#### **RESOLUTION ON BOARD OF WORKS**

Mayor Ader announced that this resolution will be presented during the next meeting. He stated that he intends to change the Board of Public Works from a three member board to a five member board. He feels that will bring more diverse ideas and inputs. No action needed to be taken on this issue at this time.

# **GEAR BOX AT WASTEWATER PLANT**

Mayor Ader informed the Board that there have been some issues with the gear box at the pump station. Bo Willson presented the council with additional information about the problem and the quotes that he had received for the repairs. Danny made a motion to accept the quote for the repairs, Brandon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Mayor Ader also asked for a motion to go ahead with the repairs. Danny made a motion to allow for the repairs to be made, Brandon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. The issue will be brought before the Council for approval of spending the money.

# SIDC- JENNY DEARWESTER BID AWARD ON HOUSING

Jenny Dearwester from SIDC gave the Board a review of the progress that has been made with the housing grant that she has been involved with. She presented the Board with the bid awards for the 8 houses that are included in this housing project.

The bid awards are as follows:

Project	Bidder	Amount	
L-23-101	Brock Anderson Construction	\$36,300.00	
L-23-102	<b>Brock Anderson Construction</b>	\$18,100.00	
L-23-103	KD Mendenhall Carpentry	\$23,400.00	
L-23-104	<b>Brock Anderson Construction</b>	\$24,975.00	
L-23-105	<b>Brock Anderson Construction</b>	\$22,800.00	
L-23-106	Brock Anderson Construction	\$27,500.00	
L-23-107	KD Mendenhall Carpentry	\$33,140.00	
L-23-109	KD Mendenhall Carpentry	\$79,860.00	

Danny made a motion to accept the bids, Brandon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

# SIDC - MICHELLE CARRICO RECOVERY HOUSING GRANT

Michelle Carrico from SIDC spoke to the Board about the recovery housing grant that the city received grant funding for Behind the Wire Ministries. Since grant dollars are being used for the project, bids for grant administrator had to be requested. Those were due in November 2023. SIDC was the only proposal received. Michelle asked the board to note this in their meeting minutes and to take the proposal under advisement. She informed the Board that she would be presenting a contract for those services at either the February or March meeting possibly. Mayor Ader requested the minutes reflect that the city intends to use the services of SIDC based on theirs being the only bid received and also a long running history of working with SIDC on grant projects.

#### **ADDITIONAL METERS**

Mayor Ader had requested that Bo Wilson obtain a price on purchasing the remaining meters needed to complete the project that was started some time ago to make meter reading remotely possible. He noted that we still need 500+ meters. Bo first stated that he has the opportunity to purchase some meters for the Town of Shoals that they have left over from their recent upgrades at a discounted price. After purchasing those, the city would still need to purchase additional meters at full price. Bo discussed the time frame in which the city might receive the meters due to delays in supply chain. He suggested that the Board approve the purchase of all the meters and order those as soon as possible. Mayor Ader agreed with Bo Wilson's suggestion. Mayor Ader stated that the cost could be split between the water and sewer departments and that both of those departments currently have the funds to make this purchase. Danny made a motion to purchase the meters that are available from the Town of Shoals and then purchase four pallets of new meters, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion passed. The issue will be brought before the Council for approval of spending the money.

#### **GPS ON VEHICLES**

Mayor Ader informed the Board that he is looking into pricing for getting GPS on all city vehicles. He didn't have prices available for this meeting but wanted to give the Board a heads up.

#### DRUG TESTING IMPLEMENT

Mayor Ader stated that he wants to reinstate a policy for employee drug testing. He said that it is common practice in many places of employment and wants to see it happening in the city as well.

#### REHIRE JEFF SANDERS

Mayor Ader stated that Jeff Sanders has asked to come back to work for the city part time. He asked the Board to make a motion to approve the rehiring. Brandon made the motion, seconded by Danny. All in favor, motion passed.

# PROPERTY ON NORTH ST

Mayor Ader discussed the opportunity that the city has to possibly purchase a piece of property on North St. adjacent to another city owned property. He stated he has spoken with the current owner. He asked the Board to make a motion to approve purchasing the property and approve getting the required appraisals to move forward with this proposal. Motion made by Danny, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion passed.

# **PUMP FOR POOL**

Bo Wilson updated the Board on the status of the pumps at the city pool and the repairs that need to be made. He informed them that he had gotten quotes from two vendors. Bo stated that he had contacted the manufacturer of the pumps on which replacement parts they would suggest using and they had suggested the lower cost parts. Bo asked the Board to accept the lower quote. Motion made by Brandon, seconded by Danny. All in favor, motion passed. The issue will be brought before the Council for approval of spending the money.

# **POLICE CAR REPAIRS**

Mayor Ader informed the Board that the city has two police cars that need repairs. Both estimates are from Stemen Automotive. One was for \$545.45, the second was in the amount of \$530.68. Danny asked why the city had only gotten one quote for each repair. Mayor Ader stated that the estimates were fairly low and the vehicles were already at the shops so he believed the city's had unlimited choice with these repairs but plans to change how estimates are handled in the future. Mayor Ader asked for a motion to approve these repairs and to have to repairs completed by Stemen Automotive. Motion made by Danny, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion passed. The issue will be brought before the Council for approval of spending the money.

#### M&M ELECTRIC BILL FOR SUMMERFEST ELECTRIC PANEL DAMAGE

Mayor Ader provided the Board with a quote from M&M Electric for the repairs to the electric panel used for Summerfest that was damaged and needs to be replaced. He asked for a motion to approve the repairs be made. Motion made by Danny, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion passed. The issue will be brought before the Council for approval of spending the money.

#### PERRY TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT

Mayor Ader presented the Board with the Perry Township fire protection agreement given to the city by Perry Township Trustee Jason Hennette. Mayor Ader read the agreement. He asked for a motion to accept the agreement. Motion made by Danny, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion passed.

# **UTILITY ADJUSTMENTS**

Adjustment request were discussed. The board decided to approve the adjustments that were verified by Bol Wilson. Motion made by Danny to approve those adjustments, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion passed.

# **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Reports were given by Bo Wilson, Eric Thomas, Kyle Long, and Justin Davis

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 pm with a motion made by Danny and seconded by Brandon. All were in favor and the motion passed. The next City Council meeting will be held Monday, February 12, 2024 @ 6:00 pm.

Mayor Brian T Ader

Brandon Carrico

Danny Clark

ATTEST:

CITY OF LOOGOOTEE BOARD OF WORKS REGULAR MEETING February 12, 2024 MINUTES

The City of Loogootee Board of Works convened in regular session Monday, February 12, 2024, in the Council Room of the City Municipal Building located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:00 pm.

Roll call was taken. Board members present were Mayor Brian T Ader, Danny Clark, and Brandon Carrico. Also present were Bo Wilson, Police Chief Long, Fire Chief Thomas, Building Commissioner Davis, Attorney David Smith, and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico.

The minutes from the regular meeting of January 8, 2023, were approved with a motion made by Danny Clark, seconded by Brandon Carrico. All in favor, the motion passed. The minutes were approved.

# **UNFINSHED BUSINESS**

#### **HOUSE ON NORTH STREET**

Mayor Ader informed the board that the city had received the two appraisals. The first one was from Galloway Appraisal Service and came in at a value of \$40,000. The second one was from McAtee Appraisal Service and came in at a value of \$36,000. The city offered the homeowner a price of \$38,000 and the owner has agreed to that price. He asked the board of a motion to proceed with the purchase and ask the council to approve the funding. The motion was made by Danny and seconded by Brandon. All in favor and the motion passed.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

#### ADA UPGRADES - EXIT LIGHTS AT DOORS

Mayor Ader gave the board on ADA upgrades that need to be made to the city hall building to make the building ADA compliant and more accessible to the public. He stated that we need to add exit lights at the doors. He informed the board that 14 smoke alarms had been installed and that we need to install an accessible door to the front of the building.

# STREET LIGHT REQUEST AT 205 NORTH STREET (ALLEY)

Mayor Ader informed the board that a person has requested that the city install a streetlight at 205 North St. He noted that the location is in an alley and the city has not added streetlights to alley in the past. Brandon asked what the cost of adding a light at the location would be. It was estimated that the cost would be approximately \$15-\$18 per month.

# **WELL CLEANING QUOTES**

Bo informed the board that he had received two quotes for well cleaning. One from National Water Services in the amount of \$16,063 per well. The second one from Layne in the amount of \$15,800 per well. The board decided to accept the quote from Layne. The motion was made by Danny, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion carried.

#### LAND APPLICATION CONTRACT FOR WASTEWATER

Bo presented the board with a land application contract for wastewater by Hauswald Partners LLC. Discussion followed about the details of the contract. A motion was made by Danny to accept the contract, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion carried.

# **PUBLIC COMMENT ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Jason Tinkle asked for an update on where the city was currently on fixing the issue with his property. He noted that there is an obstruction that needs to be removed before the project can move forward and requested that the board require that obstruction to be removed. Another citizen in the audience, Gary Arvin, stated that there is a federal law that prohibits landowners from pushing water from their property into a neighboring property. He agrees that this obstruction is causing water to be pushed onto the Tinkle property. Mayor Ader said that the city is very aware of this issue and is still working on this issue.

# **UTILITY ADJUSTMENTS**

Adjustment requests were discussed. The motion was made by Danny to accept Bo's recommendations on all claims that were verified by Bo which also included a partial adjustment to one very large request, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion passed. The board had a request for a penalty adjustment which was denied. Motion made by Brandon, seconded by Danny. All in favor, motion passed.

# **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Reports were given by Bo Wilson, Eric Thomas, Kyle Long, and Justin Davis.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm with a motion made by Danny and seconded by Brandon. All were in favor and the motion passed. The next City Council meeting will be held Monday, February 12, 2024 @ 6:00 pm.

Mayor Brian T Ader

Brandon Garrico

Danny Clark

ATTEST:

CITY OF LOOGOOTEE BOARD OF WORKS SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 29, 2024 MINUTES

The City of Loogootee Board of Works convened in regular session February 29, 2024, in the Council Room of the City Municipal Building located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:35 pm.

Roll call was taken. Board members present were Mayor Ader, Danny Clark, Jason Greene, Brandon Carrico, & Mark McAtee. Also present were Police Chief Jim Hunt and Public Works Superintendent Bo Wilson and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

#### HIRING OF EMPLOYEES

Mayor Ader asked for a motion to hire an individual for the public works department. The motion to hire was made by Danny, seconded by Mark. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Ader requested a motion to hire a new part-time police officer. The motion was made by Jason, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion passed.

Mayor Ader and Chief Hunt asked the board to allow Chief Hunt to hire reserve officers and part-time officers as needed at the Chief's discretion. The motion to approve that request was made by Mark, seconded by Danny. All in favor, motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm with a motion made by Jason and seconded by Mark. All were in favor and the motion passed. The next Board of Works meeting will be held March 11, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

Mayor-Brian T Ader

Brandon Carrico

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ATTEST:

CITY OF LOOGOOTEE BOARD OF WORKS REGULAR MEETING March 11, 2024 MINUTES

The City of Loogootee Board of Works convened in regular session March 11, 2024, in the Council Room of the City Municipal Building located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:00 pm.

Roll call was taken. Board members present were Mayor Ader, Jason Greene, Brandon Carrico, & Mark McAtee. Danny Clark was not in attendance. Also present were Police Chief Jim Hunt, Fire Chief Eric Thomas, Building Commissioner Justin Davis, Public Works Superintendent Bo Wilson, Attorney David Smith, and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico.

The minutes from the regular meeting on February 12, 2024, were approved with a motion made by Brandon, seconded by Jason. All in favor, the motion passed. The minutes from the special meeting on February 29, 2024, were approved with a motion made by Mark, seconded by Jason. All in favor, the motion passed.

# **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### SOLAR ECLIPSE DISCUSSSION

Mayor Ader asked the Board of Works to approve road closures to ensure that emergency vehicles will be accessible if needed on April 8<sup>th</sup> due to the eclipse. The road closures are for Riley St. from the highway to the fire station and Heritage Hill St from the highway to past the southside fire station. Motion to approve the closures was made by Jason, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion carried.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

# SIDC – RECOVERY HOUSING PROJECT (BEHIND THE WIRE), ADMIN CONTRACT, SUBRECEIPIENT AGREEMENT & LIEN.

Michelle Carrico spoke to the board about the recovery housing project. She presented the board with the admin contract, the subrecipient agreement & the lien agreement for the grant that needs to be approved and signed by the City. Mayor Ader stated that Attorney Smith had reviewed the contract and stated everything is good from a legal standpoint. The motion to accept the contracts was made by Mark, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion carried.

# TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR LIFEGAURDS. POOL MANAGERS, UTILITY WORKERS, DISPATCHERS AND OFFICERS

Mayor Ader made an announcement that the city has several openings including pool staff, utility workers, and police department positions.

# FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE (FOP)

Mayor Ader stated that he had been made aware of the fact that Loogootee City Police Department is not a member of the FOP. Assistant Police Chief Kyle Long spoke to the board about the benefits of being a member of the FOP. He requested that the board allow the department to become a member of the FOP. He stated that he will need to get additional information on the total cost of becoming a member. A motion to table this issue until next meeting was made by Brandon, seconded by Jason. All in favor, motion carried.

# FIRE TRUCKS/TIRES

Fire Chief Eric Thomas requested approval to purchase new tires for the three fire trucks. He stated that this purchase is long overdue and needs to be made to maintain the public's safety. A motion was made to allow for the purchase pending council approval to spend the money. The motion was made by Mark, seconded by Brandon. Jason abstained from voting due to being a member of the fire department. All in favor, motion carried.

# POLICE DEPARTMENT - PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT WITH OPIOID FUNDS

Police Chief Jimmy Hunt requested the board approve the replacement of new firearms for the police department. He stated that the current firearms are older and are not as safe as the new firearms he would like to purchase for the department. He stated he would be trading in the current weapons for credit toward the purchase of the new ones. The purchase would be made from the Opioid Fund. A motion to allow the purchase pending council approving the money was made by Jason, seconded by Mark. All in favor, the motion carried.

# PUBLIC HEARINGS FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Ader announced that there would be a public hearing in the city council room on Friday, March 2, 2024, at 10:00 am about the wastewater SRF loan program.

#### NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Ader stated that the city had received a land use request. He asked that the board table the discussion on the request until some of the other departments have also had a chance to review the request. A motion to table was made by Jason, seconded by Mark. All in favor, motion passed.

Mayor Ader requested a road closure on Williams St. for the construction of a new entry into the new Dollar General Store on Monday, March 18, 2024, until Monday, March 25, 2024. A motion was made to approve that closure was made by Jason, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion passed.

# **UTILITY ADJUSTMENTS**

Adjustment requests were discussed. The motion was made by Mark to accept Bo's recommendations on all claims, seconded by Jason. All in favor, motion passed.

# **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Reports were given by Bo Wilson, Eric Thomas, Jimmy Hunt, and Justin Davis.

# **PRESENTATION**

On behalf of the City of Loogootee, Mayor Ader presented Mike Kirk with a plaque recognizing and honoring him for his 57 years to the fire service.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm with a motion made by Brandon and seconded by Jason. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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CITY OF LOOGOOTEE BOARD OF WORKS SPECIAL MEETING March 21, 2024 MINUTES

The City of Loogootee Board of Works convened in special session March 21, 2024, in the Council Room of the City Municipal Building located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:40 pm.

Roll call was taken. Board members present were Mayor Ader, Danny Clark, Jason Greene, Brandon Carrico, & Mark McAtee. Also present were Attorney David Smith and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

# **PERSONNEL**

The Board was presented with an updated salary and wage ordinance requesting pay raises of various amounts. A motion was made to accept those changes and send the ordinance to the Council for final approval made by Jason, seconded by Danny. All were in favor, motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm with a motion made by Jason and seconded by Danny. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mayor Brian T Ader

Brandon Carrico

Danny Clark

Jason Greene

Mark McAtee

CITY OF LOOGOOTEE BOARD OF WORKS SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 27, 2024 MINUTES

The City of Loogootee Board of Works convened in special session on March 27, 2024, in the Council Room of the City Municipal Building located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:00 pm.

Roll call was taken. Board members present were Mayor Ader, Danny Clark, Jason Greene, Brandon Carrico, & Mark McAtee. Also present was Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

# MYRON WITTMER - NEW SIDEWALK, WATERLINES, AND PARKING

Mayor Ader informed the board that Myron Wittmer has asked for the city to split the cost of replacing the sidewalks on his property in the downtown area. Mr. Wittmer is currently remodeling one of the downtown buildings in order to create living space and office space/store front options for the downtown area. A motion to split the cost 50/50 with Mr. Wittmer was made by Brandon, seconded by Danny. All in favor, motion carried.

# **GREENSPACE PAVILION PURCHASE**

Mayor Ader asked the board to approve ordering the pavilion for the downtown greenspace. He stated that the current quote was outdated by five months; however, the seller was willing to honor the quote price if ordered by March 31, 2024. If not ordered by that date, the price is expected to increase by 3-5%. A motion to order the pavilion was made by Danny, seconded by Mark. All in favor, motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm with a motion made by Mark and seconded by Brandon. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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CITY OF LOOGOOTEE BOARD OF WORKS REGULAR MEETING APRIL 9, 2024 MINUTES

The City of Loogootee Board of Works convened in regular session April 9, 2024, in the Council Room of the City Municipal Building located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:00 pm.

Roll call was taken. Board members present were Mayor Ader, Danny Clark, Jason Greene, & Brandon Carrico. Also present were Police Chief Jim Hunt, Fire Chief Eric Thomas, and Building Commissioner Justin Davis. Mark McAtee, Bo Wilson, and Lori Carrico were not in attendance.

The minutes from the March meetings were approved with a motion made by Jason, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, the motion passed.

# **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

# FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE (FOP)

Police Chief Hunt spoke to the Board about the cost and benefits of being a member of the Fraternal Order of Police as a whole department. He informed the board that the total cost of the department when fully staffed would be \$4380.00 per year. Mayor Ader asked for a motion for the city to pay for the police department to join the FOP. The motion was made by Danny, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **DOWNTOWN USAGE FOR EVENTS**

Mayor Ader asked for a motion to table this agenda item so that the city can have more time to set up policies and procedures for all events that will be held on city-owned property. Mayor wants to be sure that the city can mediate any liability issues for the city, event coordinators, and event attendees. The motion was made by Jason, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, the motion carries.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

# APPRAISALS FOR PROPERTY BY WWTP

Mayor Ader informed the board that the city had received both appraisals for the property by the wastewater treatment plant. Mayor has spoken with the property owner, Adam Greene, who has agreed to sale the property for the lowest appraisal amount instead of the average of the bids. That price would be \$79,000. Mayor Ader asked for a motion to move ahead with purchasing that property. The motion was made by Danny, seconded by Jason. All in favor, motion carried.

# CITY PROPERTY FOR SALE

Mayor Ader announced that the city would be looking into selling a piece of city-owned property located by Greene's Body Shop. He stated that he needs to check into the process of selling that property. He also stated that Mr. Greene has expressed an interest in purchasing that property. A motion was made by Danny to proceed with selling the property, seconded by Jason. All in favor, motion carried. (See meeting minutes from May 13, 2024 meeting for additional information)

# DISCUSSION FOR FENCING AT PICKLE BALL COURT

Mr. Bill Boyd gave the board an update on the progress with the pickle ball court. He asked the board for permission to install necessary fencing. There was discussion about the placement of the fencing. Danny made

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#### **PAVILION**

Mayor Ader gave an update on the pavilion for the greenspace downtown. He informed the board about the steps the city is taking to cut costs on the project overall. No motion was needed.

# **OPENING OF BIDS FOR COUNTRY COURT 5**

Mayor Ader asked Clint Roos from Midwestern Engineer to open the bids for the new Country Court 5 subdivision. Mr. Roos confirmed the necessary documentation was submitted with each bid and then read the bid amount for each bid. Mayor Ader asked for a motion to take the bids under advisement to allow Midwestern Engineer to review the bids. The motion was made by Danny, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, the motion passed.

#### **BID PROJECT ON GREENSPACE**

Mayor Ader asked Clint Roos to explain a little more about the details on the bids for the greenspace. Bid advertisement will run in the Herald on Thursday, April 11, 2024, and bids will be opened on May 13, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

#### POLICE - NEW HIRE

Police Chief Hunt addressed the board about a potential new hire.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT UPDATE

Fire Chief Thomas addressed the board with an update on the fire department.

# BREAK DOWN AT WASTEWATER PLANT

Mayor Ader presented the board with quotes for repairs at the wastewater plant. Mayor Ader asked for a motion to move ahead with the repair if the funds are approved by the council. The motion was made by Danny, seconded by Jason. All in favor, motion passed.

# **UTILITY ADJUSTMENTS**

Adjustment requests were discussed. The motion was made by Brandon to accept Bo's recommendations on all claims that were verified by Bo, seconded by Jason. All in favor, motion passed.

# **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Reports were given by Mayor Ader for Bo Wilson.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm with a motion made by Brandon and seconded by Jason. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mayor Brian Ader random Carrico

Mark McAtee

CITY OF LOOGOOTEE BOARD OF WORKS REGULAR MEETING MAY 13, 2024 MINUTES

The City of Loogootee Board of Works convened in regular session May 13, 2024, in the Council Room of the City Municipal Building located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:00 pm.

Roll call was taken. Board members present were Mayor Ader, Danny Clark, Jason Greene, Brandon Carrico, & Mark McAtee. Department heads present were Police Chief Jim Hunt, Fire Chief Eric Thomas, and Public Works Superintendent Bo Wilson. Also present were Attorney Steven Teverbaugh and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico.

Danny requested that there be clarification regarding the minutes for the April meeting. The minutes state that he supported the possible selling of the city owned property located next to Greene's Body shop. He stated that he must have been mistaken about which property they were discussing because he is not in favor of selling that property. Mayor Ader stated that clarification will be added to the minutes. The minutes from the April meetings were approved pending corrections requested by Danny with a motion made by Brandon, seconded by Danny. All in favor, the motion passed.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business on the agenda.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

# HOUSE ON NORTH STREET AND 231 SOUTH

Mayor Ader gave an update on plans that the city is planning that made the purchase of these properties important. He plans for the North Street property to be the future site for a new building for the Public Utilities department. The 231 South property will allow for expansion of the waste water plant if that is ever an issue. Some members in the audience commented on whether the purchases were needed. Discussion followed. No motion was needed.

#### ANIMAL CONTROL

Police Chief Jim Hunt addressed the Board about the animal control issue the city is facing. He stated that his department receives multiple complaints about dogs that are not restrained by their owners. He stated that the city is trying to find a solution and asked the public to please be patient while they work through this very serious issue. No motion was needed

# PUBLIC SQUARE STREET REF: ONE WAY STREET

Mayor Ader requested that the board approve changing Public Square Street into a one-way street going west only. It will become a "do not enter" off the highway. Brandon made the motion for Attorney Teverbaugh to draft an ordinance to make that street a one-way, seconded by Mark. All in favor, motion carried.

# BID OPENING FOR SMITH/TINKLE PROJECT

Mayor Ader opened the bids for the work to be done on the Smith/Tinkle properties to fix the drainage issue. Bids were received by Walker and Son Excavating (\$41,632.18) and Logan Dant (\$37,200.00). Discussion followed. A motion was made by Jason to accept the bid from Logan Dant, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion carried.

# WTP-WELL #4 REPAIRS and WWTP-UV DISINFECTION SYSTEM

Bo spoke to the Board about repairs that had been made to well #4 and the UV disinfection system. No motion was needed.

#### DISPATCHER FULL TIME

Chief Hunt addressed the Board about the dispatcher position. He informed the board that the position is currently a part-time position with two openings for dispatchers. He stated that he has only one of those positions filled at this time and has been having issues finding anyone to fill the vacancy. He requested that the board consider making the position a single full-time position instead of remaining a part-time position with two available positions. Mayor Ader stated that the board would take the issue into consideration, but no decision was made at this time.

# BID OPENING ON THE GREEN SPACE/PAVILION

Trey Kidwell from Midwestern Engineering spoke to the board about the bids for the green space/pavilion. Mayor Ader stated that the city had only received one bid. The Board discussed options available to them since only one bid was received. Mayor Ader asked for a motion tabling the bid until next month. The motion was made by Brandon, seconded by Mark. All in favor, motion carried.

#### MISC ITEMS

Mayor Ader stated that the city is working on adding and/or upgrading the weather warning sirens. He also spoke about the need within the city to have an ordinance to protect our waterways and monitor leaves and clippings from getting into our stormwater system.

Jason Greene stated that he believed that the board still had open applications for use of city property and asked for a status update on those applications. Mayor Ader replied that the city is still working on setting the policies and fees involved with these requests. He stated that the process has not been completed yet due to the loss of the city's previous attorney. The new city attorney has only been with the city for a few weeks and needs time to review what has been put into place and to get familiar with the city's business. The attorney asked the board to table the issue to give him the necessary time to properly prepare. Mr. Brown-Salsman addressed the board with his concerns as one of the applicants. No decision was made.

# **UTILITY ADJUSTMENTS**

Adjustment requests were discussed. The board decided to approve the adjustments that were verified by Bo Wilson. Motion made by Jason to approve those adjustments, seconded by Danny. All in favor, motion passed.

# **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Reports were given by Bo Wilson, Eric Thomas, and Jimmy Hunt.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm with a motion made by Danny and seconded by Brandon. All were in favor and the motion passed

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# CITY OF LOOGOOTEE BOARD OF WORKS SPECIAL MEETING MAY 16, 2024 MINUTES

The City of Loogootee Board of Works convened in special session on May 16, 2024, in the Council Room of the City Municipal Building located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 5:30 pm.

Roll call was taken. Board members present were Mayor Ader, Danny Clark, Jason Greene, Brandon Carrico, & Mark McAtee. Also present were Attorney Steven Teverbaugh and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **OPENING OF BIDS**

Trey Kidwell from Midwestern Engineering was present to open the single bid that was received for work to be done on the new city greenspace/ pavilion area. He verified that all the necessary documents were included with the bid. Discussion followed about what the bid included. The one bid received was from Love Excavating in the amount of \$498,675. A motion was made by Danny to take the bid under advisement, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm with a motion made by Danny and seconded by Mark. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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CITY OF LOOGOOTEE
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The City of Loogootee Board of Works convened in special session on May 24, 2024, in the Council Room of the City Municipal Building located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll call was taken. Board members present were Mayor Ader, Jason Greene, and Brandon Carrico. Mark McAtee and Danny Clark were not present.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

# New Hire - Police Department

Mayor Ader stated that the Board had conducted interviews for a new police officer. Motion made by Jason to approve the Hiring of the new officer, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion carries.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a motion made by Brandon and seconded by Jason. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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CITY OF LOOGOOTEE BOARD OF WORKS REGULAR MEETING JUNE 10, 2024 MINUTES

The City of Loogootee Board of Works convened in regular session June 10, 2024, in the Council Room of the City Municipal Building located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:00 pm.

Roll call was taken. Board members present were Mayor Ader, Danny Clark, Jason Greene, Brandon Carrico, & Mark McAtee. Also present were Attorney Steve Teverbaugh, Police Chief Jim Hunt, Fire Chief Eric Thomas, Building Commissioner Justin Davis and Public Works Superintendent Bo Wilson.

# **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

# **NEW BUSINESS**

#### REQUEST ON PROPERTY USE

Mayor Ader stated that the city has been working on a new ordinance for requesting the use of city property and special events. That ordinance will be presented during the city council meeting. Attorney Teverbaugh informed the board that the purpose of the new ordinance is to protect the city and to correct shortfalls in the prior ordinance. No motion was needed. Mayor Ader informed the board that there would be a special meeting later in the week to approve the pending applications.

# POLICE - 3 RADIOS FOR APPROVAL

Chief Hunt asked the Board to purchase three new police radios. Two of those will be used by the two new full-time officers and the third one will be used by the reserve officer while working. Motion made by Mark to approve the purchase, seconded by Danny. All in favor, motion carried.

# POLICE - JAKE BRAKE ISSUE

Chief Hunt addressed the board regarding the issue of jake brakes being used in the city limits. He stated that he has been informed by the Indiana Department of Transportation that it is illegal for a city to prohibit the use of jake brakes along state-controlled roadways due to those systems being a safety measure. He stated that the city could limit the noise level of those brakes with approval from the state. Discussion followed. No motion was needed.

# **PAVILION BID**

Mayor Ader informed the board that we received one bid last month during the bidding process. He is asking the board to reject that bid so they can reopen the bidding process to accommodate changes to the bid. Danny made the motion to reject the bid and to reopen the bidding process, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion carried.

# STREET BIDDING

Mayor Ader asked the board for a motion to start the bidding for the street work connected to the Community Crossing Grant the city received earlier in the year. The motion to approve the street bidding was made by Brandon, seconded by Jason. All in favor, motion carried.

# WEST MAIN STREET HANDICAP PARKING FOR SUMMERFEST

Mayor Ader asked the board for a motion making West Main St. handicap parking during the Summerfest. He requested the parking be available from 2 pm to 11 pm daily. The motion was made by Brandon, seconded by Mark. All in favor, motion passed.

# FRONT DOOR OF CITY HALL - HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

Mayor Ader shared that the city received a bid of \$5985 to make the front door of city hall handicap accessible. The motion to approve the bid for that work was made by Danny, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion carried. Mark abstained from voting.

# **UTILITY ADJUSTMENTS**

Adjustment requests were discussed. The motion was made by Danny to accept Bo's recommendations on all claims, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion passed.

# **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Reports were given by Bo Wilson, Eric Thomas, Jimmy Hunt, and Justin Davis.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm with a motion made by Brandon and seconded by Mark. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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# CITY OF LOOGOOTEE BOARD OF WORKS SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 14, 2024 MINUTES

The City of Loogootee Board of Works convened in special session June 14, 2024, in the Council Room of the City Municipal Building located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 5:30 pm.

Roll call was taken. Board members present were Mayor Ader, Danny Clark, & Brandon Carrico. Also present were Attorney Steven Teverbaugh and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

# SPECIAL EVENTS APPLICATION APPROVAL

A motion was made by Danny to approve the Summerfest Special Event application, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion passed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 pm with a motion made by Brandon and seconded by Danny. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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CITY OF LOOGOOTEE BOARD OF WORKS REGULAR MEETING JULY 8, 2024 MINUTES

The City of Loogootee Board of Works convened in regular session July 8, 2024, in the Council Room of the City Municipal Building located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:01 pm.

Roll call was taken. Board members present were Mayor Ader, Danny Clark, Jason Greene, Brandon Carrico, Mark McAtee, and Attorney Steven Teverbaugh. Also present were Police Chief Jim Hunt, Fire Chief Eric Thomas, and Public Works Superintendent Bo Wilson.

The minutes from the previous meetings were approved with a motion made by Danny, seconded by Jason. All in favor, the motion passed. The minutes were approved.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### ADOPT ORDINANCE FOR ONE WAY

Ordinance to make Public Square St a one-way street was presented to the board for approve. All board members in favor. The ordinance was adopted.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

# **BID OPENINGS FOR STREETS**

Trey Kidwell from Midwestern Engineers opened the bids and confirmed all the necessary documentation was included. The city received 4 bids. A motion was made to take the bids under advisement by Jason, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion passed.

#### **BID OPENINGS FOR GREENSPACE**

The city received 3 bids for the work to be done on the greenspace. The bids were opened, and it was confirmed all the documentation was included. A motion was made to take the bids under advisement by Brandon, seconded by Danny. All in favor, motion passed.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION

Chief Eric Thomas addressed the board about upgrading equipment for the fire department and the importance of making these upgrades. The plan currently is to investigate funding options for the upgrades and proceed from there. Mayor Ader stated that he feels that the improvements need to be made.

#### HOUSING PROJECT and PROPERTY AGREEMENT

Representatives from Sullivan Group spoke to the board about the possible housing development they would like to develop on the industrial park property that the city owns. They presented information on the history of the project and what future elements will be happening.

# SPECIAL MEETING FOR LAND USE COMMITTEE ON JULY 18, 2024, AT 6:00 PM

Mayor Ader announced a special meeting for the land use committee on the rezoning.

# **UTILITY ADJUSTMENTS**

Adjustment requests were discussed. The board decided to approve the adjustments that were verified by Bo Wilson. Motion made by Danny to approve those adjustments, seconded by Mark. All in favor, motion passed.

# **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Report was given by Bo Wilson.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm with a motion made by Brandon and seconded by Danny. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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# CITY OF LOOGOOTEE BOARD OF WORKS SPECIAL MEETING JULY 30, 2024 MINUTES

The City of Loogootee Board of Works convened in regular session July 30, 2024, in the Council Room of the City Municipal Building located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:00 pm.

Roll call was taken. Board members present were Mayor Ader, Danny Clark, & Brandon Carrico. Also present was Police Chief Jim Hunt and Attorney Steven Teverbaugh.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **NEW HIRE**

Motion was made by Brandon to hire a new police officer who was interviewed, seconded by Danny. All in favor, motion passed

# SHOALS SCHOOL MOU FOR SRO

Mayor Ader spoke to the board about a request that has been brought to the city. Shoals school needs a sponsor for the school resource officer and has asked the city of Loogootee if they would be willing to be that sponsor. Attorney Teverbaugh provided additional information on school resource officers. A motion to adopt the MOU was made by Danny, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion carries.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:19 pm with a motion made by Brandon, seconded by Danny. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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CITY OF LOOGOOTEE BOARD OF WORKS REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 12, 2024 MINUTES

The City of Loogootee Board of Works convened in regular session August 12,2024, in the Council Room of the City Municipal Building located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:00 pm.

Roll call was taken. The board members present were Mayor Ader, Danny Clark, Jason Greene, & Mark McAtee. Also present were Attorney Steven Teverbaugh, Police Chief Jim Hunt, Fire Chief Eric Thomas, Public Works Superintendent Bo Wilson, and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico. Board member Brandon Carrico was not present.

The minutes from the previous month's meeting were approved with a motion made by Danny, seconded by Jason. All in favor, the motion passed. The minutes were approved.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

# FIRE - EXTRICATION EQUIPMENT AND PPE

Fire Chief Thomas spoke to the board about PPE that the fire department needs to purchase in order to protect the firefighters. He also presented the board with a quote for extrication equipment that the fire department would like to purchase in order to upgrade their equipment and make them more effective and ability to provide better service for the community. Board member Greene stated that he had got a quote for similar equipment from a different company. Discussion was had between Jason and Eric about the two different quotes. Danny made a motion to table the request until the quotes can be looked at closer, Mark seconded. All in favor, the request was tabled.

# **EVENT DOWNTOWN**

Mayor Ader asked Attorney Teverbaugh if he had reviewed the application. Attorney Teverbaugh stated that he had reviewed it and recommended that the board take a vote in regard to the application even though the application lacked a signature on the indemnification statement portion. Mayor Ader stated that he feels like the indemnification statement is very important and needs to be in place to protect the public. Jason made a motion to approve the permit and allow the event downtown. The motion died for lack of a second. Mark made a motion that the application be approved if held in the city park, Danny seconded. Mark and Danny voted aye, Jason voted nay. The motion carried.

#### BRUSH PILE POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Mayor Ader asked Bo to address the board about our current brush pile situation. Bo stated that we currently have nowhere for the citizens to bring their yard waste for disposal. He stated that the city needs a policy and procedures in place moving forward. The city has purchased a woodchipper and plans to make a new site for the community to use on the property on Hwy 231 South. No motion was made.

#### WWTP SCADA SYSTEM PLAN

Bo spoke to the board about a new system for the wastewater treatment plant that would modernize the operation. Some board members stated that they did not see the quote before the meeting; therefore, Bo stated that he would table the request until the next meeting. He explained the system to the board and why the WWTP needs to be upgraded. No motion was made.

# **UTILITY ADJUSTMENTS AND WRITE-OFFS**

Adjustment requests were discussed. The board decided to approve the adjustments that were verified by Bo Wilson. Motion made by Mark to approve those adjustments, seconded by Danny. All in favor, motion passed. Write-offs were discussed. A motion was made by Jason to approve the write-off, seconded by Mark. All in favor, motion carried.

# **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Reports were given by Bo, Eric, and Jimmy.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm with a motion made by Danny and seconded by Jason. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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CITY OF LOOGOOTEE BOARD OF WORKS REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 MINUTES

The City of Loogootee Board of Works convened in regular session September 9, 2024, in the Council Room of the City Municipal Building located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:01 pm.

Roll call was taken. Board members present were Mayor Ader, Danny Clark, Jason Greene, Brandon Carrico, & Mark McAtee. Also present were Attorney Steven Teverbaugh and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico. Department heads present were Police Chief Jim Hunt, Fire Chief Eric Thomas, Building Commissioner Justin Davis, and Public Works Superintendent Bo Wilson.

The minutes from the prior meeting were approved with a motion made by Jason, seconded by Mark. All in favor, the motion passed. The minutes were approved.

# **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### WESSLER PROPOSAL TO DEVELOPMENT TO DEVELOP SCADA SYSTEM MASTER PLAN

Bo spoke to the Board about the SCADA system at the wastewater plant. A representative from Wessler provided details about the proposal for improvements to the SCADA system. The proposals stated that the price is not to exceed \$17,000. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Jason to accept the proposal, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion carried.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

#### BENCH FOR DONNIE GRINDSTAFF

Mayor Ader spoke to the Board about adding a bench in honor of Donnie Grindstaff to the city park. Mayor asked for a motion to allow that bench to be placed at the park. The motion was made by Brandon, seconded by Danny. All in favor, motion carried.

# TRAINING AT NORTH STREET WITH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Thomas informed the Board that the fire department along with state fire marshal will be conducting training at the house on North Street that the city owns. The training will mostly happen in October/November.

# WWTP-DISINFECTION SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

Bo addressed the Board about replacing the disinfection system at the wastewater treatment plant. He explained the system and the issues that the city has been having. Discussion followed. He had presented a quote for the replacement of the system. A motion was made by Mark to accept the quote and move forward with the replacement, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, the motion carried.

# JOHN WAGONER - ASSISTANT CHIEF

Police Chief Hunt discussed with the Board of a couple of issues that the department has faced recently that were not on the agenda. First, he spoke on a new program to help school aged children who have been involved in traumatic events. Second, he addressed an issue his department has had with communication radios. He stated that they need to purchase three new radios as soon as possible and asked the board to approve this purchase. A motion was made by Mark to purchase the three additional radios, seconded by Brandon. All in

favor, motion carried. Lastly, he told the Board that the department needs to purchase one more firearm. He asked the Board to approve the purchase of an additional firearm. A motion was made to approve the purchase by Mark, seconded by Danny. All in favor, motion carried.

Chief Hunt requested that the Board approve promoting John Wagoner to assistant chief. A motion was made by Mark to promote John to the position of assistant chief, seconded by Danny. All in favor, motion carried.

#### NORTH STREET HOUSE UPDATE

Mayor Ader wanted to clear up some misinformation that was stated at a prior meeting. He stated that the asbestos testing and removal will be a total cost as of right now \$2,841.00, not the \$150,000 that was previously stated at a previous meeting by an audience member.

# **UTILITY ADJUSTMENTS**

Adjustment requests were discussed. The board decided to approve the adjustments that were verified by Bo Wilson. Motion made by Jason to approve those adjustments, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion passed.

# **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Reports were given by Bo Wilson, Eric Thomas, Jimmy Hunt, and Justin Davis.

Mayor Ader announced that the City will not be making any decision or taking any action on events for 2025 until they have time to get clearer guidance from the City's legal counsel.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm with a motion made by Danny and seconded by Brandon. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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CITY OF LOOGOOTEE BOARD OF WORKS SPECIAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 MINUTES

The City of Loogootee Board of Works convened in special session September 30, 2024, in the Council Room of the City Municipal Building located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:02 pm.

Roll call was taken. Board members present were Mayor Ader, Danny Clark, Jason Greene, Brandon Carrico, & Mark McAtee. Also present were Attorney Steven Teverbaugh and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

# SPECIAL EVENTS REQUEST

Mayor Ader stated that the city had received two special event requests that needed acted upon. Jason and Mark both asked for additional information about the applications and whether they fell within the guidelines of the city ordinance on special events. Attorney Teverbaugh addressed the Board and stated that because the PrideFest application was approved by ignoring the city guidelines, then the city is to treat all groups as they did PrideFest. Due to the legal issues the city is currently still dealing with, the city is no longer enforcing the ordinance until those issues are resolved. A motion was made by Brandon to approve the "Praise in the Park" application, seconded by Danny. Brandon, Danny, and Mark voted in favor; Jason abstained from the vote. Motion carried. A motion was made to approve the "Festival for Kids" by Danny, seconded by Brandon. Brandon, Danny, and Mark voted in favor; Jason abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm with a motion made by Brandon and seconded by Danny. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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Loi D Corrico ATTEST: Doi Carrico, Loogootee Clerk Treasurer The City of Loogootee Board of Works convened in regular session October 7, 2024, in the Council Room of the City Municipal Building located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:03 pm.

Roll call was taken. Board members present were Mayor Ader, Danny Clark, Jason Greene, & Brandon Carrico. Also present were Attorney Steven Teverbaugh, Fire Chief Eric Thomas, and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico.

The minutes from the prior meeting were approved with a motion made by Brandon, seconded by Jason. All in favor, the motion passed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

# ROAD CLOSURE ON NORTH STREET FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING ON NOVEMBER 9, 2024

Mayor Ader stated that a portion of North St. will need to be closed on November 9, 2024, for the fire department to conduct training.

# ROAD CLOSURE ON PUBLIC SQUARE STREET FOR EVENT ON OCTOBER 12, 2024

Mayor Ader reminded the public that Public Square St will be closed on October 12, 2024, for a special event.

# DEBRIS DUMPING IN CITY LIMITS

Mayor Ader reported that the city is still working on a permanent for yard waste debris disposal. As of now, the city's dump site is not available and no dumping is allowed. The Mayor told the public to contact the city if they have waste that needs disposed of and the city would schedule a pick up for those items if possible.

# SRO OFFICER AGREEMENT WITH LOOGOOTEE SCHOOL

Mayor Ader stated that the city is currently looking into their SRO agreement with the Loogootee School and is looking into making some changes to that agreement; however, those changes cannot be made at this time. The city will address those changes at a later date. He stated that the Board needs to approve the current agreement for services to continue for the rest of this school year. A motion was made by Brandon to continue with the current agreement, seconded by Jason. All in favor, the motion passed.

# FIRE DEPARTMENT CONCERNS

Fire Chief Eric informed the Board that there had been a recent issue with communications that will need a more permanent solution in the future. He also stated that the department will need turn out gear purchased in 2025.

# **UTILITY ADJUSTMENTS**

Adjustment requests were discussed. The board decided to approve the adjustments that were verified by Bo Wilson. Motion made by Jason to approve those adjustments, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion passed.

# **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Report was given by Eric Thomas.

Mayor Ader asked the Board to observe a moment of silence in honor of Gerald Shoultz, who had dedicated much of his life to serving the city and who recently passed away.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm with a motion made by Brandon and seconded by Danny. All were in favor and the motion passed

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CITY OF LOOGOOTEE BOARD OF WORKS REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 2024 MINUTES

The City of Loogootee Board of Works convened in regular session November 12, 2024, in the Council Room of the City Municipal Building located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:02 pm.

Roll call was taken. Board members present were Mayor Ader, Jason Greene, Brandon Carrico, & Mark McAtee. Also present were Police Chief Jim Hunt, Fire Chief Eric Thomas, Building Commissioner Justin Davis, Attorney Steven Teverbaugh and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico. Danny Clark was not present.

The minutes from the prior meeting were approved with a motion made by Brandon, seconded by Jason. All in favor, the motion passed. The minutes were approved. Jason inquired about the meeting minutes from the September 30, 2024 special meeting. Clerk Treasurer Lori stated that she had forgotten to get those ready for the meeting and would have those minutes ready for review at the next meeting.

# **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### POLICE - GYM MEMBERSHIPS

Chief Hunt addressed the Board with a request to have the city provide gym memberships to his full officers. He stated that The Body Shop had given him a price of \$1300 yearly for 5 officers. After some discussion, a motion was made by Brandon to table the request, seconded by Jason. All in favor, request was tabled.

#### **BO-WELL FIELD TESTING REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mayor Ader stated that Bo would be at the next meeting to address this item of business.

# BRIDGEWATER AND JACKSON ST. - PUT IN STOP SIGN AT BRIDGEWATER ST.

Mayor Ader requested a stop sign be added to Bridgewater St where it intersects with Jackson St. A motion was made by Jason to add that stop sign, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion carried.

# SE 1<sup>st</sup> ST AND PINE ST. – CHANGE FROM YIELD TO STOP SIGN AT SE 1<sup>st</sup> ST

Mayor Ader also requested that the yield sign at the intersection of SE 1st and Pine St be changed to a stop sign. A motion was made by Brandon to allow that change, seconded by Mark. All in favor, motion carried.

# STREET CLOSURE FOR CHRISTMAS EVENTS - TREE LIGHTING/CHRISTMAS STROLL

Mayor Ader announced that the city would be holding two different Christmas events. The tree lighting and vendor event will happen on December 1, 2024, from 4pm – 8pm. The Annual Christmas Stroll is scheduled for December 8, 2024, from 4pm – 8pm. Mayor Ader requested the streets around the event areas by closed on those days from 2pm – 10pm for setup, event, and tear down. A motion was made by Jason to allow those road closures, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT**

Mayor Ader announced that the City of Loogootee had been awarded additional Community Crossings Grant funds.

# **UTILITY ADJUSTMENTS**

Adjustment requests were discussed. The board decided to approve the adjustments that were verified by Bo Wilson. Motion made by Jason to approve those adjustments, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion passed.

# **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Reports were given by Eric Thomas, Jimmy Hunt, and Justin Davis.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:19 pm with a motion made by Jason and seconded by Brandon. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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CITY OF LOOGOOTEE BOARD OF WORKS REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 9, 2024 MINUTES

The City of Loogootee Board of Works convened in regular session December 9, 2024, in the Council Room of the City Municipal Building located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:00 pm.

Roll call was taken. Board of Works members present were Danny Clark, Jason Greene, Brandon Carrico, & Mark McAtee. Also present were Attorney Steven Teverbaugh and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico. Department heads present were Police Chief Jim Hunt, Fire Chief Eric Thomas, and Public Works Superintendent Bo Wilson. Mayor Ader was not in attendance, Councilman Mike Engleman conducted the meeting in his place.

The minutes from the prior meeting were discussed. Jason requested additional specific information be included in the Sept special meeting of the Board of Works pertaining to a specific question he asked at the special meeting. He stated that he asked if any special event applications had been turned in that might also need to be discussed. The mayor stated no other applications were accepted. Clerk Treasurer Carrico noted that when the Pridefest application was turned into her office for 2025, she informed the organizers that applications were on hold and not being accepted. The minutes from the regular November meeting were approved with a motion made by Danny, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, the motion passed. The minutes were approved.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

# **GYM MEMBERSHIPS**

Police Chief Hunt spoke to the Board and asked for approval for gym memberships for his officers. He stated that he had had a discussion with Brandon and it was suggested that the city pay half of the gym membership and the employee would be responsible for the other half of the membership. A motion was made by Jason for the city to pay half toward a gym membership for any city employee who would like to take advantage of the benefit, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion carried.

# WELL FIELD TESTING REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS

Bo reviewed the field testing report with the Board and shared recommended actions. A motion was made by Mark to follow the recommendations, seconded by Danny. All in favor, motion carried. Bo addressed the issue of poor water quality that some people had contacted Board members about. He stated that the discoloration was caused by freezing and thawing due to the weather that the city has been experiencing. He said that there is nothing wrong with the water and that the quality was not affected by the discoloration. Bo also informed the Board that Eagle Place Apartments has requested handicapped parking spaces along the curb in front of their building. He stated that no action needed to be taken at this time but wanted the board to be aware and have time to consider it before the next meeting.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

# **NEW MEETING PROCEDURE (IC CODE 36-4-10-4.5)**

Clerk Treasurer Carrico announced that her office would be taking over some of the duties involved in preparing for the meetings. She will be taking over making the agendas and meeting notifications. Historically, the mayor's office has performed those duties; however, IC Code stated that those are duties of the clerk treasurer's office.

#### STREET CLOSING FOR ICE SKATING RINK

Mike announced that the ice skating rink will be set up in front of New Beginnings Church on Public Square St from December 19 to December 23. He requested a motion to close the street for those dates. That motion was made by Jason, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, the motion passed.

#### **NEW VEHICLES**

Police Chief Hunt addressed the Board stating that the police department needs two new vehicles. He stated that now, with his department being fully staffed, the need for the additional vehicles has become crucial. He presented a couple of quotes for those new vehicles to the board. He also stated he would like to get cages in all the police cars. Mark stated he would like to see the police, fire, and utility departments present a rotation plan for their vehicles. Bo stated that his department has needed new vehicles for a very long time and has been turned down for those purchases several times.

#### PARKING VOLATIONS

A public citizen addressed the Police Chief about vehicles being parked on the wrong side of the street. She stated that she had been involved in a near miss accident when a vehicle pulled out from being parked on the wrong side of Mill Street. Chief Hunt informed her that officers are ticketing people for those infractions when they are seeing them. He advised the public to contact the police department when they see those events happen and to report them.

#### **UTILITY ADJUSTMENTS**

Adjustment requests were discussed. The board decided to approve the adjustments that were verified by Bo Wilson. Motion made by Brandon to approve those adjustments, seconded by Mark. All in favor, motion passed.

# **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Reports were given by Bo Wilson, Eric Thomas, Jimmy Hunt, and Justin Davis.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 pm with a motion made by Jason and seconded by Danny. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mayor Brian T Ader

Danny Clark

Jason Greene

Mark McAtee

CITY OF LOOGOOTEE BOARD OF WORKS SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 16, 2024 MINUTES

The City of Loogootee Board of Works convened in special session December 16, 2024, in the Council Room of the City Municipal Building located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:30 pm.

Roll call was taken. Board members present were Mayor Ader, Danny Clark, Brandon Carrico, & Mark McAtee. Also present were Attorney Steven Teverbaugh and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico. Jason Greene was not present.

The amended minutes from the September 30, 2024, special meeting were approved with a motion from Danny, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion carried.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

# **PERSONEL**

Mayor Ader asked for a motion to hire Rosston Droke as a Loogootee police officer effective November 1, 2024. The motion was made by Mark, seconded by Danny. All in favor, motion passed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm with a motion made by Brandon and seconded by Danny. All were in favor and the motion passed

Mayor Brian T Age

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Mark McAtee

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