

THE CITY OF LOOGOOTEE
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 8, 2024
MINUTES

The City of Loogootee City Council convened in regular session Monday, January 8, 2024, in the meeting room at the City Hall located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:46 pm.

Roll call was taken. Council members present were Mayor Brian T Ader, Councilman Mark McAtee, Councilman Mike Engleman, Councilman David Smith, Councilman Jeremy Holland, and Councilman Carroll Rayhill. Also present were Attorney David Smith and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico.

First order of business was the nomination of Council president. Councilman McAtee made a motion to nominate Councilman Mike Engleman as president. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. All in favor, motion passed. Councilman Engleman accepted.

The minutes from the regular meeting of December 11, 2023, and special meeting of common council of December 29, 2023 were approved with a motion made by Councilman Rayhill, seconded by Councilman Holland. All in favor, the motion passed.

Claims from December were discussed. Mayor Ader noted that the claims were unusually high due to the Water Bans renewal that happened at the very end of December 2023. Mayor Ader read an email from Clint Roos from Midwestern Engineers who could not attend which explained the history of the Water Bond/Bans project. The Claims were approved with the motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by President Engleman. All in favor, the motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UPDATE BUDGET/SPENDING/STATE OF THE CITY

Mayor Ader discussed that there are several items of unfinished business and let the public know that at this time he and the new city council are currently focusing on getting themselves updated on various projects that are ongoing within the city. More detailed updates will be given once there is more information to share. They are looking into infrastructure issues, fixes for the fountain, and cost savings for the green space/pavilion project. Mayor Ader stated that finding ways to save taxpayer money is one of the main focuses that he and the council are working on at this time.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Mayor Ader spoke on infrastructure. He stated that he and Bo Wilson had been out looking at roads in the city. He said that there are some roads that may need to be completely ripped up and repaired to correct current issues with those roads.

FOUNTAIN

Mayor Ader moved on to discuss the downtown fountain. The functionality of the fountain has been questioned since the fountain was originally installed. Several options were mentioned on how to fix the

fountain. No decisions can be made until spring when the weather is better. With the cold temperatures, the fountain cannot be turned on and properly evaluated.

GREENSPACE

The greenspace/pavilion project was the next topic discussed by Mayor Ader. At this time, the city is waiting to proceed until there are some issues worked out between the city and CSX. Mayor Ader is hoping to speed this project along and also find some cost-savings with possible alternative plans. President Engleman noted that the last phase of completion in the planning of the greenspace is these dealing with CSX. He stated that the objective is to get the project done this year. Mayor Ader announced that he and President Engleman would be having a meeting with a representative from CSX on January 16 and extended an invite to the meeting to Clerk Treasurer Carrico.

NEW BUSINESS

UPDATE ON ORDINANCES

Mayor Ader announced that he and the council are currently reviewing ordinances and policies to determine what updates need to be made.

SECOND POLICE CAR

Mayor Ader asked the council for a motion on how the city plans to pay for the second police car that was ordered in 2023 and is now ready to be picked up. The options would be either purchasing straight out or leasing for three years. President Engleman asked if the price was the same whether they lease or purchase. Mayor Ader stated that the purchase price is around \$44,500 while the lease amount would be around \$16,500/year. Mayor Ader noted that it was a little more if they lease rather than buy; however, the payments would be spread out over a longer time period so the impact of each years' budget would be less.

Councilman McAtee made a motion to lease the vehicle for three years. That first motion failed due to no second. Councilman McAtee made a second motion to buy the car outright, Second by Councilman Rayhill. All in favor, motion passed.

Mayor Ader also informed the council that he would be coming back to them to ask for the money to outfit the second police car in a future meeting. Councilman Rayhill inquired as to an approximated cost of that, and Mayor Ader estimated it would be around \$10,000 - \$15,000.

CELL FOR MAYOR'S OFFICE

Mayor Ader asked the council to approve adding himself and Bo Wilson to the City's cell phone plan and approving the purchase of new phones for each of those individuals. He stated that he doesn't feel like Mr. Wilson or himself should have to use their personal phones to conduct city business. Police Chief Long explained that the service that is used by the city for cell phones provided by AT&T and is a unique service for emergency personal and government entities and is offered at a discounted rate. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Councilman Rayhill to add those two additional lines of service and approve the purchase of two additional phones, second by Councilman Holland. All in favor, motion passed.

NOMINATIONS OF BOARDS & COMMITTEES

The following board appointments were made:

Board of Public Works and Safety: Mayor Ader, Brandon Carrico, Danny Clark, Mark McAtee, and Jason Greene

Administrative Assistant: Amber Gilbertson

Public Works Superintendent: Bo Wilson

City Utilities Clerk: Teresa George, Nicole Norrell

Chief of Police: Kyle Long

Assistant Chief: Kelly Rahill

Fire Chief: Eric Thomas

City Attorney: Dave Smith

Custodian: Denise Lannan

Stormwater Utility Board: Bo Wilson, Martin Tarrh, and Gianna Armstrong

Oversight Committee: Karen Hill

Martin County Solid Waste Board: Mayor Ader, Mike Engleman

Land Use Policy Council: Eric Thomas, Kyle Long, Monty Gregory, and Danny Clark

Land Use Council Appointments: Buck Holland and Mark McAtee

SIDC Council Appointment: Mayor Ader

Building commissioner: Justin Davis

Zoning Appeals Board: Mike Engleman, Judith Blackwell and Buck Holland

Indiana Alcoholic Beverage Board: Floyd Lonnie Hawkins

Park and Recreation Board: Karen Slaven, Bill Boyd, Brian Whitney, Gary and Lynette Arvin and Sherri Lawrence

Downtown Beautification Board: Mayor Ader, Amber Gilbertson, Brandi Seals, Jessica Potts, and Katie Kidwell

Festival and Special Events Committee: Mayor Ader, Amber Gilbertson, Jolene McAtee, Pam Loughmiller, Kay Summers, Brenda Coulter, and Karen Hill

White River Military Coordination Alliance: Mayor Ader

FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT

Mayor Ader informed the council that this item of business was handled by the Board of Works and no money was spent so it didn't need to be discussed even though it was on the council agenda.

M&M ELECTRIC BILL FOR SUMMERFEST ELECTRIC PANEL DAMAGE

Mayor Ader presented a quote from M&M Electric for repairs that need to be made to the electric panel that is used to supply electricity to the Summerfest activities in the amount of \$1625.30. The city inquired about whether our insurance would cover the repairs and with the deductible, insurance would not cover the cost. The panel is located by Big John's and was damaged extensively. Once the damage was discovered, there was no way to find out who had caused it. The council was asked to decide whether the city was going to pay for the repairs or whether they were going to have the Summerfest committee pay for those repairs. Mayor Ader pointed out that Summerfest is a city-sponsored event and that the city did not have to pay to have the panel installed originally because the Summerfest Committee paid that initial cost. Motion was made by Councilman McAtee to have the city pay for those repairs, second by Councilman Rayhill. All in favor, motion passed.

ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED AND REQUESTED BY BOARD OF WORKS

Mayor Ader asked for a motion on paying for the repair of 2 police car. Motion was made by Councilman Rayhill to pay for those repairs, second by Councilman Smith. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion to approve the purchase of pumps for the pool was made by Councilman Rayhill, seconded by Councilman Holland. All in favor, Motion passed.

A motion was made to approve the purchase of gear boxes for the waste station by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman McAtee. All in favor, motion passed.

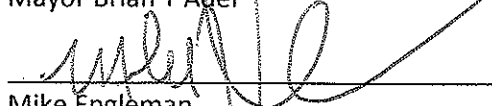
The final motion requested was to purchase the additional water meters needed to install remote readers for the remaining customers in the city and to include in that transaction the purchase of meters from the Town of Shoals. The cost will be split between the water and sewer departments. Councilman McAtee made the motion, Councilman Holland seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The City Offices will be closed on Monday January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

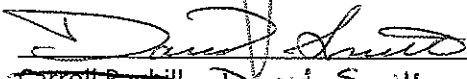
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm with a motion made by Councilman Rayhill and seconded by Councilman Engleman. All were in favor and the motion passed. The next City Council meeting will be held Monday, February 12, 2024 immediately following the Board of Works meeting that begins at 6:00 pm.



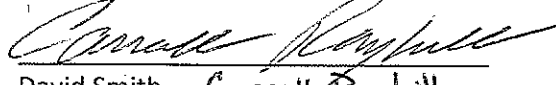
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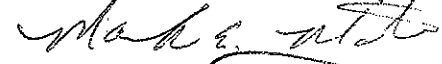
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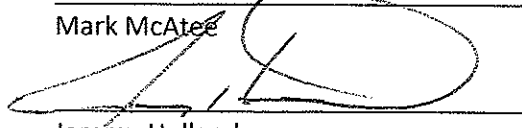
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Mark McAtee



Jeremy Holland

ATTEST: 

Lori D Carrico, Loogootee Clerk Treasurer

THE CITY OF LOOGOOTEE
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2024
MINUTES

The City of Loogootee City Council convened in regular session February 12, 2024, in the meeting room at the City Hall located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:45 pm.

Roll call was taken. Council members present were Mayor Brian T Ader, Councilman Mark McAtee, Councilman Mike Engleman, Councilman David Smith, Councilman Jeremy Holland, and Councilman Carroll Rayhill. Also present were Attorney David Smith and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico.

The minutes from the regular meeting of January 8, 2024, were approved with a motion made by Carroll, seconded by Mark. All in favor, the motion passed.

Claims from January were discussed. The Claims were approved with the motion by Carroll, seconded by Mike. All in favor, the motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COMMUNITY CROSSING GRANT

Mayor Ader gave an update saying that the city has submitted a grant application for the Community Crossings Grant. A decision won't be made until March or April.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PRODECURES TO PROTECT DECORUM AND FOSTER THE EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

Resolution was read by Attorney Davis Smith. Motion to adopt this resolution made by Jeremy, seconded by Mark. All in favor, the motion passed.

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE REGULATION AND COSTS AND USE OF CITY PROPERTY

Ordinance No 2024-1 was read by Attorney David Smith. Motion to suspend the rules and allow for the ordinance to be adopted as read that night was made by Mark, seconded by Jeremy. All in favor, the motion passed. The motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mark, seconded by Jeremy. All in favor, the motion passed.

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FIVE MEMBER BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Ordinance No 2024-2 was read by Attorney David Smith. Motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Carroll, seconded by Mike. All in favor, motion carried. Motion made to Mark to suspend the rules and moves to allow the ordinance by adopted as read, seconded by Jeremy. All in favor, motion passed.

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CITY OF LOOGOOTEE UNSAFE BUILDING LAW

Ordinance No 2024-3 was read by Attorney David Smith. Motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Dave, seconded by Mike. All in favor, motion passed. Motion to suspend the rules and allow for the ordinance to be adopted as read was made by Mark, seconded by Jeremy. All in favor, motion passed.

FOURTEEN FIRE ALARMS

Mayor Ader informed the council that fourteen fire alarms had been installed in the building. He stated he wants to keep the council updated as improvements are made.

MATRIX AGREEMENT/NEWGEN CYBER

Mayor Ader gave the board an update on the current situation as far as the IT for the city. Mike Meinhardt from Newgen Cyber spoke to the council about the benefits of allowing his company to take over the IT for the city. The quote for their services is \$15,860.55. Discussion was held over some of the specifics of the contract. Motion to proceed with the contract with Newgen made by Mark, seconded by Jeremy. All in favor, motion passed.

MARTIN COUNTY ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH

Mayor Ader spoke to the council about the program that the Martin County Alliance has just started. He stated that the City of Loogootee would like to make a one-time donation of \$2000 to this program. This will be the first donation that the city has made to the Alliance and would be for a one-year sponsorship. A motion to approve this donation was made by Mike, seconded by Carroll. All in favor, motion passed.

TWO ADDITIONAL CREDIT CARDS

Mayor Ader made a request to the council to approve adding two additional credit cards to the city. The city currently has two and adding two more would improve the logistics of using those credit cards for travel and training and such. A motion to add the two additional cards was made by Jeremy, seconded by Mike. All in favor, motion passed.

AMBER GILBERTSON NOTARY COURSE, EXAM, AND SUPPLIES

Mayor Ader asked for approval for the city to pay for Amber Gilbertson to become a notary. He stated that there are times when the city needs documents notarized and it would be easier if we have one onsite. The estimated cost would be between \$300-\$500. A motion was made to approve the purchase of her class, exam, and supplies by Dave, seconded by Carroll. All in favor, motion passed.

SUMMERFEST DISCUSSION

Mayor Ader gave an update on the Summerfest. He just wanted to remind everyone of this upcoming event and noted that donations are always welcome to help with the cost of that.

PLANNING GRANT

Mayor Ader informed the council that Joe Lannan had volunteered to write a grant for the city to submit to the Community Foundation asking for grant money to pay for a comprehensive plan for the city. The last plan was done in 2009. Mr. Lannan submitted the grant application by the deadline. The grant is for \$45,000 total, if which the city would have to match 10% of the amount.

SOLAR ECLIPSE DISCUSSION

Mayor Ader spoke about the upcoming eclipse event that the city is having at the city pool area.

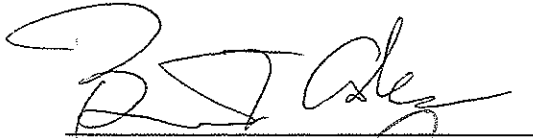
ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED AND REQUESTED BY BOARD OF WORKS

Mayor Ader asked for a motion on the purchase of the house on North St for \$38,000 plus closing cost. Dave asked about what the future plans for the building are. Mayor Ader stated that the plan right now is for the house and shed to be removed and then the basement must be filled in. He has received some verbal quotes for that work but nothing on paper yet. The long-range plan is to build a building to store our city equipment and

possibly office space. A motion was made to approve that purchase was made by Mark, seconded by Mike. All of favor, motion passed.

Mayor Ader informed that council that the city has an opportunity to purchase another piece of property. Adam Greene has three acres of land that adjoins the property where the city wastewater plant is located. He is willing to possibly sale the land to the city based on what an appraisal would say is the value of the land. He asked the city to pay for half of the appraisal cost. Mayor Ader asked the council for a motion to approve getting that appraisal. Motion was made by Mike, seconded by Jeremy. All in favor, motion passed.


With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm with a motion made by Carroll and seconded by Jeremy. All were in favor and the motion passed. The next City Council meeting will be held March 11, 2024, immediately following the Board of Works meeting that begins at 6:00 pm.



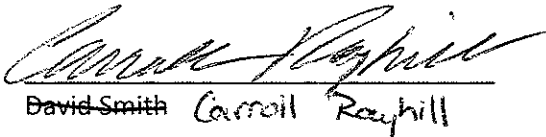
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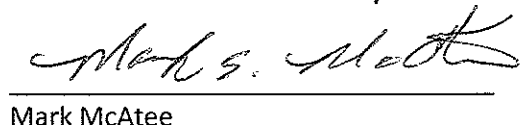
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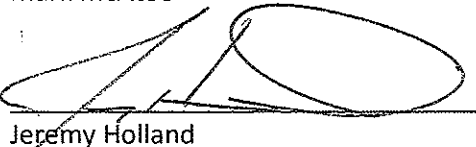
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Mark McAtee



Jeremy Holland

ATTEST: 

Lori D Carrico, Loogootee Clerk Treasurer

CITY OF LOOGOOTEE
COMMON COUNCIL
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 6:40 pm.

Roll call was taken. Council members present were Mayor Brian T Ader, Councilman Mark McAtee, Councilman Mike Engleman, Councilman David Smith, Councilman Jeremy Holland, and Councilman Carroll Rayhill. Also present were Attorney David Smith and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico.

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

Claims from February were discussed. The Claims were approved with the motion by Carroll, seconded by Jeremy. All in favor, the motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Ader informed the council that he had received the appraisal on the 3 acres the city is concerning buying adjacent to the wastewater facility. He will be getting a second appraisal with Adam Green paying half of each appraisal.

NEW BUSINESS

UNITED WAY – DAY OF CARING MAY 14, 2024 (ZELLA)

Mayor Ader announced that United Way is looking for volunteers who want to help with the Day of Caring which is May 14, 2024. Volunteers can contact the mayor's office.

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE (FOP)

Mayor Ader stated that this item will be discussed at the next meeting since it was tabled during the Board of Works meeting.

UTILITY OFFICE – DESTROY OBSOLETE RECORDS/DONATE OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT TO MUSEUM

Mayor Ader informed the council that the utility office has been cleaning out old records and wants to destroy those old records. The department also found old equipment that they would like to donate to the historical museum. Mark made a motion to allow for the records to be destroyed and equipment to be donated, seconded by Mike. All in favor, motion passed.

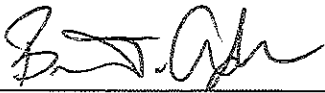
PUBLIC HEARING FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Ader reminded the council and the public that there will be a public hearing on Friday, March 22, 2024, in the City Council Chambers about the wastewater SRF loan program.

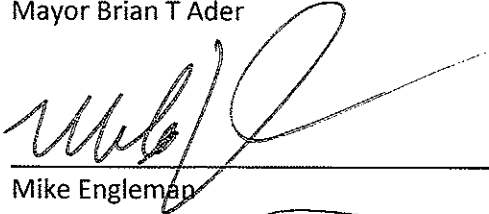
PUBLIC INPUT

Jason Tinkle addressed the council with his concerns about his property. He presented the council with a picture of his backyard and a letter from County Attorney David Lett. He stated that this has been an ongoing issue for several years and he is hoping the council will act on the situation quickly to find a resolution. Mayor Ader stated that the city has been working on a solution with Midwestern Engineering. Gary Arvin also addressed the council about the same issue.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm with a motion made by Mike and seconded by Jeremy. All were in favor and the motion passed.



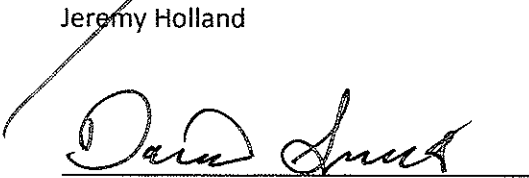
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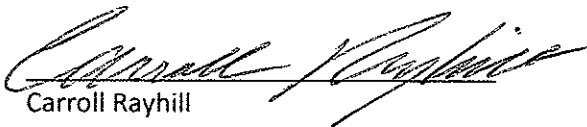


Jeremy Holland



David Smith

Mark McAtee



Carroll Rayhill

ATTEST: 
Lori D Carrico, Loogootee Clerk Treasurer

THE CITY OF LOOGOOTEE
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 21, 2024
MINUTES

The City of Loogootee City Council convened in special session March 21, 2024, in the meeting room at the City Hall located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:45 pm.

Roll call was taken. Council members present were Mayor Brian T Ader, Councilman Mark McAtee, Councilman Mike Engleman, Councilman David Smith, and Councilman Jeremy Holland. Councilman Carroll Rayhill was not in attendance. Also present were Attorney David Smith and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico.

NEW BUSINESS

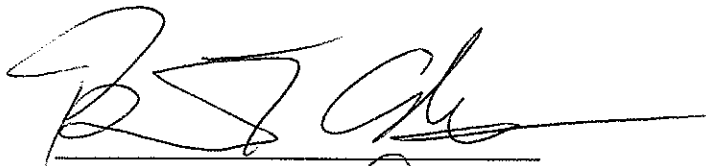
NEW SALARY ORDINANCE

Mayor Ader presented recommended changes to the current salary and wage ordinance that he is requesting. He is hoping these changes can help with attracting new hires and retaining current employees. He read a letter to the Council explaining his view and vision. David made a motion to table the issue until the April regular meeting. He stated that he felt the public needed more time to voice their opinions and concerns. Mark seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed.

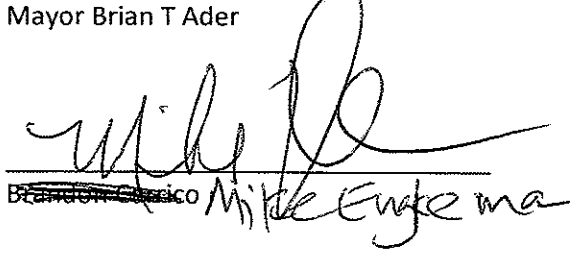
CERTIFICATIONS FOR UTILITY DEPARTMENT

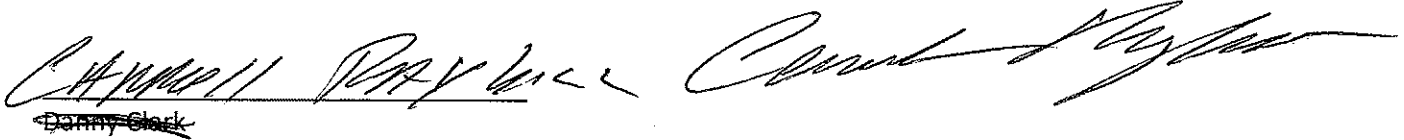
Bo Wilson addressed the Council about possible ideas on options for getting the additional certifications that will be needed in the utility department. He stated that he would be presenting more detailed information at a later meeting, but he wanted to make the council aware of some of his future ideas.

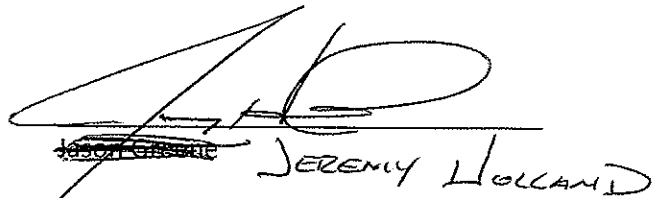
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm with a motion made by Mike and seconded by Dave. All were in favor and the motion passed.

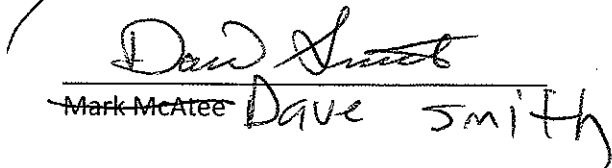



Mayor Brian T Ader


~~Brandon Carrico~~ Mike Engema


~~Danny Clark~~


~~Jeremy Holland~~ JEREMY HOLLAND


~~Mark McAtee~~ Dave Smith

ATTEST: 
Lori Carrico, Loogootee Clerk Treasurer

THE CITY OF LOOGOOTEE
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 27, 2024
MINUTES

The City of Loogootee City Council convened in special session on March 27, 2024, in the meeting room at the City Hall located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:06 pm.

Roll call was taken. Council members present were Mayor Brian T Ader, Councilman Mark McAtee, Councilman Mike Engleman, and Councilman David Smith. Also present was Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico. Councilman Jeremy Holland and Councilmen Carroll Rayhill were not present.

NEW BUSINESS

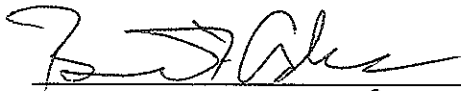
WWSRF LOAN PROGRAM SIGNATORY AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION

Mayor Ader told the council that this special meeting needed to be called to complete paperwork that must be completed by April 1, 2024. He stated that Clint Roos from Midwestern Engineers was in attendance to discuss the project in greater detail. Mr. Roos gave a detailed description of the plans for the wastewater project. He stated that the council would need to give approval for two attachments included in the WWSRF Loan Program to get the funding for the project. The first attachment which is referred to as Attachment A is an authorization agreement resolution. Mr. Roos read the attachment to the council. Mike made a motion to approve Attachment A, seconded by Dave. All in favor, motion carried. The second resolution which is referred to as Attachment B is the loan program acceptance resolution. Mr. Roos read the attachment to the council. A motion to approve Attachment B was made by Mike, seconded by Mark. All in favor, motion carried.

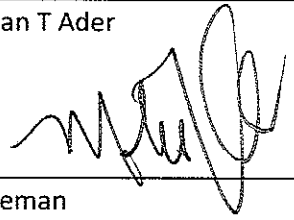
ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED AND REQUESTED BY BOARD OF WORKS

Mayor Ader asked the council to consider approving the purchase of the pavilion for the downtown greenspace. He stated that the current quote was outdated by a significant amount of time; however, the seller is willing to honor that price if the city orders before March 31, 2024. If the order was not made by March 31, then the price will increase by 3-5%. The motion to approve that purchase was made by Dave, seconded by Mark. All in favor, motion carried.

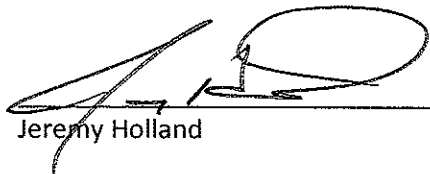
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm with a motion made by Mark and seconded by Dave. All were in favor and the motion passed.



Mayor Brian T Ader



Mike Engleman

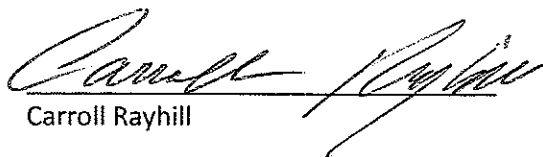


Jeremy Holland



David Smith

Mark McAtee



Carroll Rayhill

ATTEST: 

Lori D Carrico, Loogootee Clerk Treasurer

THE CITY OF LOOGOOTEE
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 9, 2024
MINUTES

The City of Loogootee City Council convened in special session on April 9, 2024, in the meeting room at the City Hall located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:51 pm.

Roll call was taken. Council members present were Mayor Brian T Ader, Councilman Mike Engleman, Councilman Jeremy Holland, Councilman Carroll Rayhill, and Councilman David Smith. Councilman Mark McAtee and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico were not present.

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

Claims from March 2024 were discussed. The Claims were approved with the motion by Carroll, seconded by Jeremy. All in favor, the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE (FOP)

Mayor Ader asked the council for a motion to allow the police department to purchase the FOP membership for the department. The motion was made by Carroll, seconded by Mike. All in favor, motion carried.

SALARY ORDINANCE

Mayor Ader asked the council to approve the new salary and wage ordinance for the city employees. A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Carroll, seconded by Jeremy. All in favor, motion passed. Mayor Ader addressed the audience about the reasons for the changes in the salary ordinance which included employee retention and gaining new hires.

APPRAISALS FOR PROPERTY BY WWTP

Mayor Ader requested that the council approve purchasing the 3 acres of ground adjoining the current city-owned property where the wastewater treatment plant is located. The purchase price would be \$79,000. Water and Wastewater departments would be paying for that purchase. Dave asked about potential uses for this land. Mayor Ader stated that the current property is currently land locked and this purchase would alleviate that situation. He also stated that the city is looking into some other uses such as a more controlled dumping site for the city residents to bring their yard waste and being able to use the land as a storage area for the city. A motion was made by Mike to purchase the ground, seconded by Carroll. All in favor, motion passed.

PAVILION

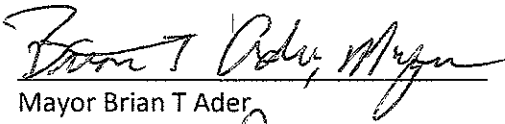
Mayor Ader gave an update on the pavilion purchase for the council members. No motion or action was needed.

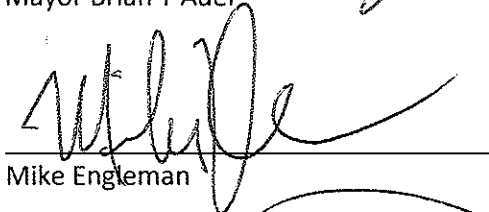
RESOLUTION – JOE LANNAN


Joe Lannan addressed the council about a grant that was received by the city to be used to update the city's comprehensive plan. He also presented a joint resolution with Martin County for a possible gift from Lily to

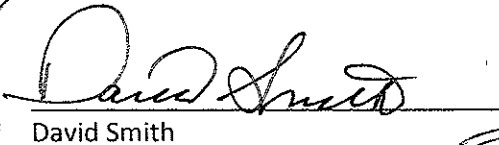
go toward improving housing options in the area. He explained the process involved. The resolution states that there is a demand for housing in Martin County, that there needs to be a plan to address housing and early childhood development and gives the City of Loogootee council the ability to appoint a representative to this planning taskforce. Mayor Ader read the resolution and asked for a motion to adopt the resolution. A motion to adopt was made by Dave, seconded by Jeremy. All in favor, motion carried.

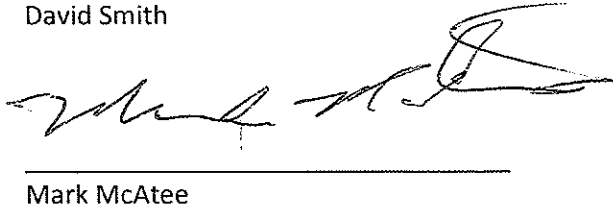
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm with a motion made by Carroll and seconded by Jeremy. All were in favor and the motion passed.

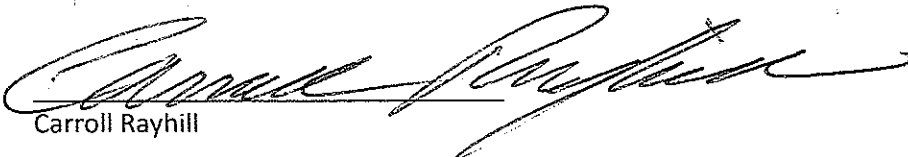

Mayor Brian T Ader


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ATTEST: 
Lori D Carrico, Loogootee Clerk Treasurer

THE CITY OF LOOGOOTEE
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 13, 2024
MINUTES

The City of Loogootee City Council convened in special session on May 13, 2024, in the meeting room at the City Hall located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 7:00 pm.

Roll call was taken. Council members present were Mayor Brian T Ader, Councilman Mike Engleman, Councilman Mark McAtee, Councilman Jeremy Holland, Councilman Carroll Rayhill, and Councilman David Smith. Attorney Steven Teverbaugh and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico were also present.

The minutes from the April meetings were approved with a motion made by Carroll, seconded by Jeremy. All in favor, the motion passed.

Claims from April 2024 were discussed. The Claims were approved with the motion by Mike, seconded by David. All in favor, the motion passed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Mayor Ader stated that there are several housing developers who have been in contact with him about possible future projects in Loogootee.

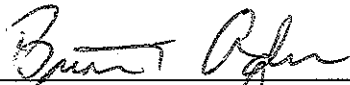
Mayor Ader also wanted to let the Council, Board of Works, and Departments heads know about future projects and how we are going to prioritize our future plans and goals for the city. He asked the members to keep some dates in mind to meet.

David Smith stated that he feels the council needs to be sure to make a plan for the future on how the city will handle issues that may arise in the future which could cost the city unnecessarily due to the actions of citizens. He feels that the city needs better ways to protect itself and its taxpayers.

Various audience members discussed some of their concerns.

At the end of the meeting, Mayor Ader recognized JD Greenwell for his many years of service to the city and congratulated him on his retirement.

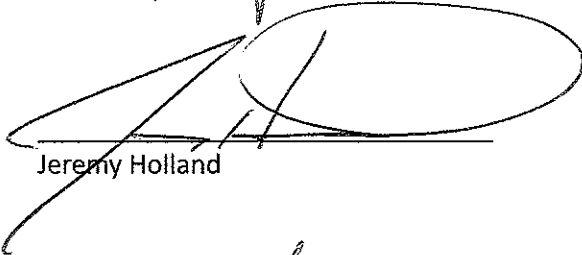
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm with a motion made by Jeremy and seconded by Carroll. All were in favor and the motion passed.




Mayor Brian T Ader



Mike Engleman



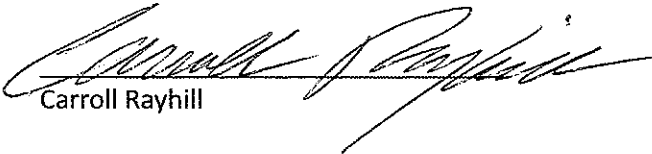
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ATTEST: 

Lori D Carrico, Loogootee Clerk Treasurer

THE CITY OF LOOGOOTEE
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 10, 2024
MINUTES

The City of Loogootee City Council convened in regular session June 10, 2024, in the meeting room at the City Hall located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:41 pm.

Roll call was taken. Council members present were Mayor Brian T Ader, Councilman Mike Engleman, Councilman David Smith, Councilman Jeremy Holland, and Councilman Carroll Rayhill. Also present was Attorney Steven Teverbaugh.

The minutes from the May meetings were approved with a motion made by Jeremy, seconded by David. All in favor, the motion passed.

Claims from May were discussed. The Claims were approved with the motion by Mike, seconded by Jeremy. All in favor, the motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

SPECIAL EVENTS ORDINANCE

The proposed ordinance was read by Attorney Teverbaugh. A motion was made to suspend the rules and allow for the ordinance to be passed immediately by Mark, seconded by Mike. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mark to adopt the new ordinance, seconded by Mike. All in favor, motion carried.

COUNTRY COURT 5

Updates were given. No motion at this time.

HOUSING PROJECT

Updates were given. No motion was made.

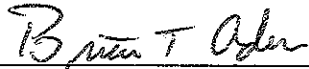
PURCHASE OF NEW RADIOS

Mark made a motion to approve the purchase of new radios for the police department, seconded by Carroll. All in favor, motion carried.

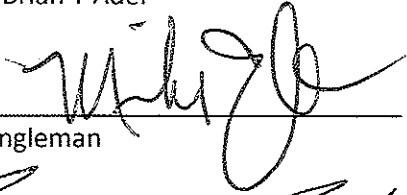
OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Carolyn McGuire was named as this year's Summerfest Grand Marshall. A motion was made by Mike to donation \$5000 from the city to Summerfest, seconded by Jeremy. All in favor, motion carried.

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



Mayor Brian T Ader



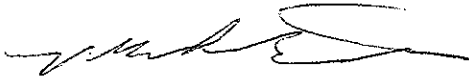
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ATTEST: 

Lori D Carrico, Loogootee Clerk Treasurer

THE CITY OF LOOGOOTEE
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 8, 2024
MINUTES

The City of Loogootee City Council convened in regular session July 8, 2024, in the meeting room at the City Hall located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 7:03 pm.

Roll call was taken. Council members present were Mayor Brian T Ader, Councilman Mike Engleman, Councilman David Smith, Councilman Jeremy Holland, and Councilman Carroll Rayhill. Also present was Attorney Steven Teverbaugh

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

Claims from June were discussed. The Claims were approved with the motion by Mike, seconded by Carroll. All in favor, the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS


HOUSING PROJECT and PROPERTY AGREEMENT

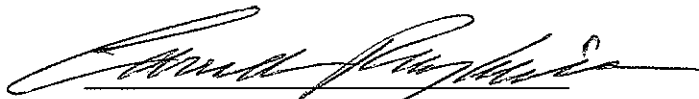
Mayor Ader asked the council if they had questions for the representatives from Sullivan Group about the possible housing project. Discussion followed. No motions were made.

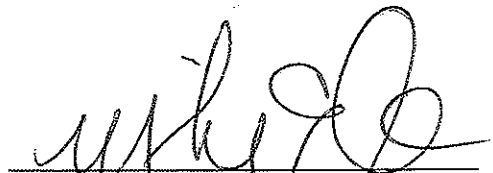
SPECIAL MEETING FOR LAND USE COMMITTEE ON JULY 18, 2024, AT 6:00 PM

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm with a motion made by Mike and seconded by Jeremy. All were in favor and the motion passed.



Mayor Brian T Ader



Mark McAtee


Carroll Rayhill


Mike Engleman


David Smith


Jeremy Holland

ATTEST: 
Lori D Carrico, Loogootee Clerk Treasurer

THE CITY OF LOOGOOTEE
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 24, 2024
MINUTES

The City of Loogootee City Council convened in regular session July 24, 2024, in the meeting room at the City Hall located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 7:30 pm.

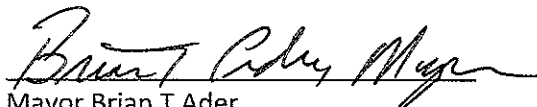
Roll call was taken. Council members present were Mayor Brian T Ader, Councilman Mark McAtee, Councilman David Smith, Councilman Jeremy Holland, and Councilman Carroll Rayhill. Also present were Attorney David Smith and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico.

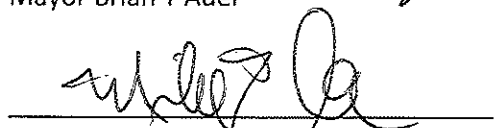
NEW BUSINESS

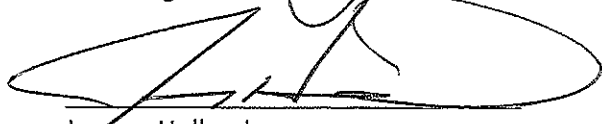
UPDATED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

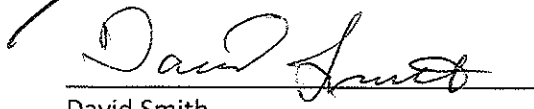
Joe White addressed the Council with information about the updates that need to happen with comprehensive plan in order to move forward with the possibility of a housing development on the industrial park ground that is owned by the city. David made the motion to adopt the resolution making the amendment to the comprehensive plan, Carroll seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed. Resolution was read by Attorney Teverbaugh. A motion was made to adopt the resolution allowing the transfer of property from the City of Loogootee to the Martin County Alliance by David, seconded by Carroll. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. White also spoke to the Council about the possibility of a PILOT (Payment in lieu of taxes) program and asked the Council to show their support for that program in order to move forward with the housing project. David made a motion saying that the council would consider the PILOT program if the project moves forward, Carroll seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

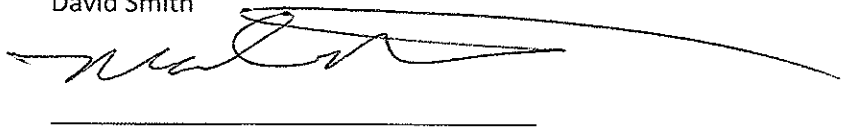
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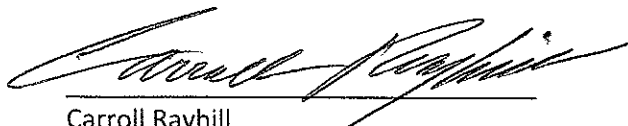

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ATTEST: 
Lori D Carrico, Loogootee Clerk Treasurer

THE CITY OF LOOGOOTEE
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2024
MINUTES

The City of Loogootee City Council convened in regular session August 12, 2024, in the meeting room at the City Hall located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:43 pm.

Roll call was taken. Council members present were Mayor Brian T Ader, Councilman Mike Engleman, Councilman David Smith, Councilman Jeremy Holland, Councilman Mark McAtee, and Councilman Carroll Rayhill. Also present were Attorney Steven Teverbaugh and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico.

A moment of silence was observed in honor of Donnie Grindstaff.

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

Claims from July were discussed. The claims were approved with the motion by Dave, seconded by Jeremy. All in favor, the motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ADOPT ORDINANCE FOR ONE WAY

Ordinance was read by Attorney Teverbaugh. A motion was made by Mike to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mark. All in favor, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

CARPET CLEANING QUOTE

A motion was made by Mike to move forward with the carpet cleaning quote that was received by Davis Cleaning Solutions for cleaning the city hall, seconded by Carroll. All in favor, motion carries.

INSURANCE RENEWAL-2% INCREASE

Kerns Insurance addressed the council about the insurance increase that the city would be getting on the employee health insurance plan. Discussion followed on the current insurance plan and options that the city could go with. A motion was made by Mark to continue with the same insurance plan and approve the 2% increase in premiums, seconded by Carroll. All in favor, the motion carried.

LEASH LAWS

Dave spoke about the ongoing problem of dogs running loose in the community. Discussion with the audience followed. Chief Hunt spoke about the challenges that the police department is facing with the issue.

SPECIAL USE OF EQUIPMENT FEES

Bo addressed the Council about creating a fee for the use of our city equipment when used by surrounding communities. He stated that the city needs to have fees and policies in place to protect the city and its equipment. Dave asked if Bo had an example of what other communities use. Bo stated he did not. No motion was made.

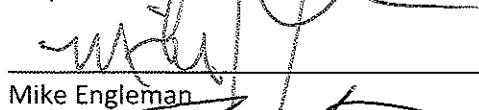
AUDIENCE INPUT

Mr. Brown-Salsman asked if the city had a social media policy or if one could be created in regards to what elected city officials are allowed to post on their personal social media. Attorney Teverbaugh stated that a policy could possibly be made for what could be posted using city equipment and on city time; however, a policy could not be made for what happens on personal social media using personal equipment.

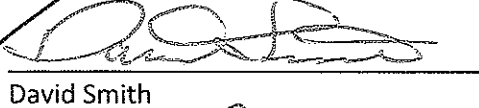
Kendra Hovis, Shoals School Superintendent, addressed the council. She wanted to show she appreciation and gratitude to the city of Loogootee and the Loogootee Police Department. She stated that without their assistance and support, the Shoals School would not have been able to have a school resource officer.

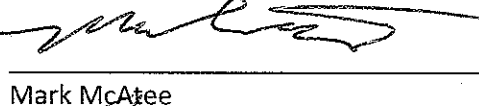
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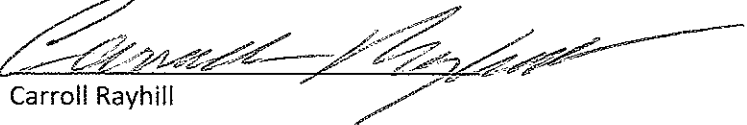

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ATTEST: 
Lori D Carrico, Loogootee Clerk Treasurer

THE CITY OF LOOGOOTEE
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2024
MINUTES

The City of Loogootee City Council convened in special session August 26, 2024, in the meeting room at the City Hall 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. Council members present were Mayor Brian T Ader, Councilman Mike Engleman, Councilman David Smith, Councilman Jeremy Holland, and Councilman Carroll Rayhill. Also present were Attorney Steven Teverbaugh and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW OF DOWNTOWN EVENT

Attorney Teverbaugh stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review the decision of the Board of Works regarding the special events application submitted by the Pridefest organizers. He stated that Attorney Douglas Hoffman is recommending that the city allow the event to be held downtown. The reasons he is making this recommendation are that the event was previously approved by the prior administration and historically what few events that have been held on city property have taken place on the city's downtown square area. The city has been given allowance as to which streets will be allowed to be shut down for the event. Mayor Ader confirmed with the event organizers that they did have insurance for the event. They confirmed that they did have insurance and that a copy had been sent to Clerk Treasurer Carrico. Mayor Ader also inquired as to how traffic control was going to be handled and stated that it is not the city's responsibility to provide barricades or traffic control for private events. Mr. Brown-Salsman stated that they would provide their own or use cars if necessary. Mayor Ader inquired about other details concerning the event and then made a recommendation about which streets he felt would need to be closed for the event. The proposed closures would include North Line St. from Main St. to Wood St., Public Square St., and North St. from North Line St. to NE First St. Discussion followed. Several members of the audience spoke to the board about their thoughts in support or opposition of the event. A motion was made by Carroll to allow the event in the downtown square area with the proposed road closures that Mayor Ader had proposed, seconded by Mike. All in favor, motion passed.

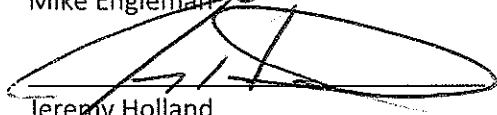
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 pm with a motion made by Mike and seconded by Carroll. All were in favor and the motion passed.




Mayor Brian T Ader



Mike Engleman



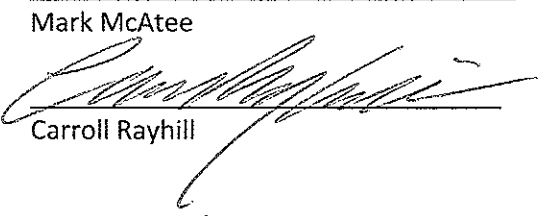
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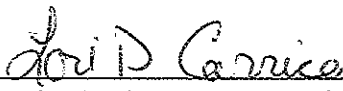
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ATTEST: 

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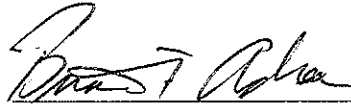
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-____

ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AND CREATE A DEPARTMENT OF REDEVELOPMENT

The city of Loogootee hereby establishes a Department of Redevelopment pursuant to Indiana Code 36-7-14-3.

Said department shall be controlled by a board of five (5) members to be known as the Loogootee Redevelopment Commission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOOGOOTEE,
INDIANA, THIS DAY OF September 9, 2024.



BRIAN ADER, MAYOR



COUNCIL MEMBER



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ATTEST:



CLERK-TREASURER

THE CITY OF LOOGOOTEE
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2024
MINUTES

The City of Loogootee City Council convened in regular session September 9, 2024, in the meeting room at the City Hall located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 7:07 pm.

Roll call was taken. Council members present were Mayor Brian T Ader, Councilman Mike Engleman, Councilman David Smith, Councilman Jeremy Holland, and Councilman Carroll Rayhill. Also present were Attorney David Smith and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico.

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

The Claims were approved with the motion by Mike, seconded by Dave. All in favor, the motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UPDATE ON PAVILION

Mayor Ader made an announcement that during the construction phase of the greenspace that the roads around the greenspace area will become one-way streets.

UPDATE ON STREET PAVING

Bo stated that road construction has begun and shared a list of roads that will be getting milled and new asphalt. Dave asked if there was a way for Jack Butcher Blvd construction to be done either on a weekend or during the upcoming fall break for the school due to the large volume of traffic that will be on the road during school hours. Bo stated that he would have a conversation with the contractor; however, the decision would be in the hands of the contractor.

NEW BUSINESS

MEI/MICHELLE CARRICO – READI PAY APPLICATIONS

Michelle spoke to the Council about the first pay applications for the READI projects. She stated that these needed to be submitted by the end of the month. A motion was made by Mike to submit the pay application for Don Gress, seconded by Carroll. All in favor, motion carried. A second motion for the second pay application for the park project was made by Jeremy, seconded by Dave. All in favor, motion carried.

ASBESTOS TESTING/REMOVAL AT 107 NORTH STREET

Nothing discussed.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ORDINANCE

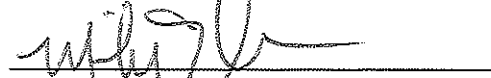
Attorney Teverbaugh read the ordinance establishing a redevelopment commission. A motion was made by Mike to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Jeremy. All in favor, motion carried. Council will appoint 2 members, and Mayor will appoint 3 members.

Dave gave an update on some work he has been doing toward get the humane society started back up. He stated that he has been in contact with some individuals who are interested in helping with this project. He will update the Council as things start to happen.

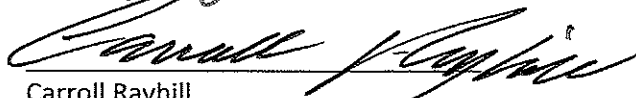
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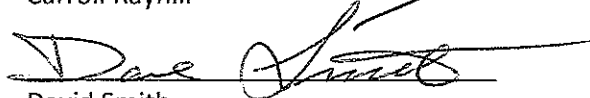
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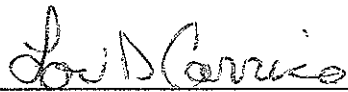
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ATTEST:



Lori D Carrico, Loogootee Clerk Treasurer

THE CITY OF LOOGOOTEE
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2024
MINUTES

The City of Loogootee City Council convened in regular session October 7, 2024, in the meeting room at the City Hall located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:17 pm.

Roll call was taken. Council members present were Mayor Brian T Ader, Councilman Mike Engleman, Councilman David Smith, Councilman Jeremy Holland, and Councilman Carroll Rayhill. Also present were Attorney David Smith and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved with a motion made by Mike, seconded by Carroll. All in favor, the motion passed.

Claims were discussed. The Claims were approved with the motion by Carroll, seconded by Mike. All in favor, the motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jason Tinkle asked about the progress on fixing the drainage issue on his property. Mayor Ader and Attorney Teverbaugh stated that work has been put on hold for now due to legal issues that have arisen. Mayor Ader stated that they are still working on the issue.

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR CREDIT CARD LIMIT INCREASE AND ADDITIONAL CARDS

Clerk Treasurer Lori spoke to the council and requested some changes be allowed to be made to the city credit cards. The city currently only has 4 cards and those have very low limits and issues arise with online purchasing among the departments. Motion was made by Mike to allow the changes to the city credit cards, seconded by Carroll. All in favor the motion passed.

MID STATE CORRIDOR

Mayor Ader discussed issues involving the Mid State Corridor. No motion was made.

BUDGET ADOPTION

The council discussed the current budget proposal. It was made clear that the budget adoption this evening does not have any effect on salary increases for the next year. They were informed that the salary and wage ordinance will be discussed at the next meeting. A motion was made by Jeremy to approve the 2025 budget, seconded by Carroll. All in favor, the motion passed.

UPDATE ON WATER FOUNTAIN


Mayor Ader informed that Council that he had been given one quote for repairs to fix the fountain. He stated that the quote was for \$40,000 to repair and move the fountain to the new park area that is being developed. Discussion followed. The council stated that they would like the Mayor to get more quotes and look into alternative solutions before they make a final decision. No motion was made.

AUDIENCE INPUT


Members of the audience addressed the council with questions and concerns about the new proposed housing development that the city is looking into supporting. Discussion followed. A public meeting was announced and is scheduled for October 24 from 5-6:30 at the Loogootee City Hall for discussion with the public about the possible new housing development coming to the area.

Don Greene also presented the council with a copy of an email that his brother had asked Don to share with them.


With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm with a motion made by Carroll and seconded by Dave. All were in favor and the motion passed.



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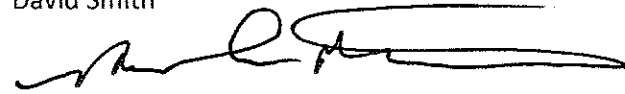
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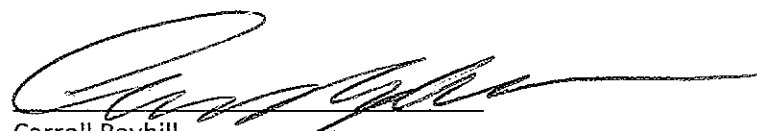
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Lori D Carrico, Loogootee Clerk Treasurer

THE CITY OF LOOGOOTEE
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2024
MINUTES

The City of Loogootee City Council convened in regular session November 12, 2024, in the meeting room at the City Hall located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:23 pm.

Roll call was taken. Council members present were Mayor Brian T Ader, Councilman Mark McAtee, Councilman Mike Engleman, Councilman David Smith, Councilman Jeremy Holland, and Councilman Carroll Rayhill. Also present were Attorney David Smith and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico.

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

Claims from October were discussed. All claims were approved except for #23545 with a motion by Dave, seconded by Mike. All in favor, the motion passed. Dave made a motion that no additional money from the EDIT fund can be spent without council approval, seconded by Mike. All in favor, motion carried. Mayor Ader vetoed the motion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

POLICE – GYM MEMBERSHIPS

Item was tabled during the Board of Works meeting. Will address at a future meeting.

SIDC – READI PROJECT PAY APPLICATIONS

Michelle Carrico from SIDC presented the Council with two pay applications for READI projects she is handling. The first pay application was for Country Court V. A motion was made by Mike to approve the payment, seconded by Carroll. All in favor, motion carried. The second pay application was for the park project. A motion was made by Carroll to approve the payment, seconded by Mark. All in favor, motion carried.

SIDC – GREG JONES – FREE INTERNET AT PARK/POOL FOR 3 YEARS

Greg Jones addressed the council with an update on a grant that provides free internet at several locations in the city of Loogootee for three years. After the three years, the city will be responsible for the cost of keeping that service going.

SALARY ORDINANCE

The salary and wage ordinance was presented to the council for review and approval. The ordinance included a 4% increase for all positions except Board of Works and Common Council. A motion was made by Mike to approve the increase as presented on the ordinance, seconded by Dave. All in favor, motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm with a motion made by Mike and seconded by Dave. All were in favor and the motion passed

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Lori D Carrico, Loogootee Clerk Treasurer

THE CITY OF LOOGOOTEE
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 25, 2024
MINUTES

The City of Loogootee City Council convened in special session November 25, 2024, in the meeting room at the City Hall 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. Council members present were Mayor Brian T Ader, Councilman Mike Engleman, Councilman David Smith, Councilman Jeremy Holland, and Councilman Carroll Rayhill. Also present was Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico. Councilman Mark McAtee and Attorney Steven Teverbaugh were not present.

Claim for Flynn and Sons was discussed. The Claims were approved with the motion by Mike, seconded by Dave. All in favor, the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

FURNACE FOR UTILITY DEPARTMENT

Bo Wilson presented quotes for a new furnace for the annex building due to the current one breaking down. Mayor Ader stated that the furnace needs to be replaced immediately with the weather becoming cold soon. Bo's recommendation was to go with the M&M Electric quote for the 80% unit. A motion was made by Carroll to accept that recommendation, seconded by Jeremy. All in favor, motion carried.

MAYOR'S STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC

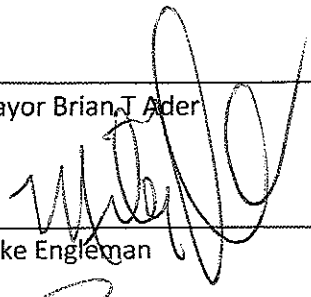
Mayor Ader addressed the public to present some information to clear up some misinformation that has been shared online. He shared details about the purchase of the Christmas tree and the cost of his trip to get the tree. He also shared that his personal sealcoating business has no connection to city road construction. He highlighted the improvements that the current administration has made since they have been in office. Dave addressed the public with his thoughts on current events and stressed that he is always available for the public to contact him about any city business. Bo shared his opinion about the improvements being made with the Christmas deco and stated that until this year, the city was mostly working with old and hand-me-down type items. He stated that he sees purchases being made that are an improvement over what the city had to work with. Discussion was open to the public and various members of the audience spoke with the Mayor and the Council. Many concerns of the audience members were heard and addressed and the council will be looking into solutions for those.

EDIT FUND

A motion was made by Mike that on the remaining EDIT funds for this year, nothing is spent without prior council approval, seconded by Dave. All in favor, motion carried. Mayor Ader vetoed the motion.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm with a motion made by Carroll and seconded by Jeremy. All were in favor and the motion passed.


Mayor Brian T Ader




Mike Engleman



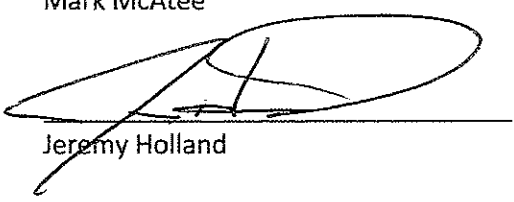
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THE CITY OF LOOGOOTEE
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2024
MINUTES

The City of Loogootee City Council convened in regular session December 9, 2024, in the meeting room at the City Hall located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:33 pm.

Roll call was taken. Council members present were Councilman Mark McAtee, Councilman Mike Engleman, Councilman David Smith, Councilman Jeremy Holland, and Councilman Carroll Rayhill. Also present were Attorney David Smith and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico. Mayor Ader was not present.

The minutes from the prior meeting were reviewed. Dave asked about the veto that was noted in the minutes after one of the council's motions. Clerk Treasurer Carrico stated that she had included it because the mayor had made the statement and she was uncertain about the procedure of a veto in regards to motions. Dave made a motion to override the mayor's veto, seconded by Carroll. The minutes were approved with a motion made by Dave, seconded by Mark. All in favor, the motion passed.

Claims from November were presented. Clerk Treasurer Carrico stated that the council was given two claims dockets for approval. One is for regular city business. The second is for the grant payout for the pay applications that will be presented by Michelle Carrico during the meeting. Carrico asked for a motion approving only the first claims docket now and ask for the council to wait on approving the second docket until after Michelle has spoken to the council. The first docket of claims was approved claims with a motion by Dave, seconded by Mike. All in favor, the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Clerk Treasurer Carrico addressed the council about her office taking over the duties of the agenda and meeting notifications. She asked the council to contact her with agenda items that they might need added. Dave asked if there was a deadline for when agenda items need to be given to her office. She stated that a couple of days ahead of time would be great; however, agendas can be changed at anytime. Discussion followed about whether or not the agenda will be posted on Facebook. Carrico informed the council that the agendas would be posted on the city website but she will not be posting those to the city Facebook page. There was public comment asking for those to be posted to Facebook. Carrico said she would not be doing that but she could speak with the mayor or Amber to continue posting those to Facebook.

SIDC – PUBLIC HEARING FOR OOR PROJECT

Jenny Dearwester from SIDC conducted her final public hearing for the OOR Project. She adjourned her public hearing at 6:51 pm.

Jenny also asked where the city was on the booster station for Scenic Hills subdivision. Bo stated that the booster station was part of the projects that are to be included in the bond that city is still in the process of getting and that is where the hold up is to his knowledge.

SIDC – UPDATES ON BUILDING


Michelle Carrico from SIDC informed the council about the building improvements that SIDC has made to the annex building.

balance for the purchase of the equipment with ARPA funds. A motion was made by Jeremy to approve the use of the ARPA funds for that equipment purchase, seconded by Mark. All in favor, motion carried.

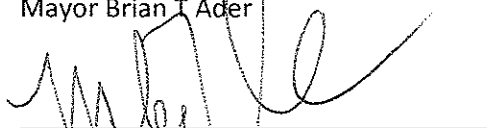
- **\$33,000 FOR MINI EXCAVATOR**

Bo addressed the council about a quote he had received for a new mini excavator that would replace the smaller the department currently has. Discussion followed about options for the \$33,000. A motion was made by Carroll to purchase the mini excavator but using funds from the water and wastewater funds instead of ARPA funds, seconded by Mark. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Dave to use the \$33,000 that is still available in ARPA to go toward the purchase of one new police car, seconded by Carroll. All in favor, motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm with a motion made by Jeremy and seconded by Carroll. All were in favor and the motion passed.



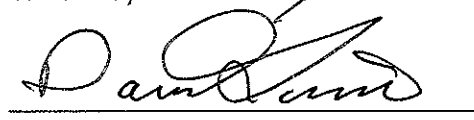
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THE CITY OF LOOGOOTEE
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 30, 2024
MINUTES

The City of Loogootee City Council convened in special session December 30, 2024, in the meeting room at the City Hall located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 10:00 am.

Roll call was taken. Council members present were Mayor Brian T Ader, Councilman Mike Engleman, Councilman David Smith, and Councilman Mark McAtee. Also present were Attorney Steven Teverbaugh and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico. Councilmen Carroll Rayhill and Jeremy Holland were not present.

The claims that were presented were approved with the motion by Mike, seconded by Dave. All in favor, the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

DISPATCHER POSITION

Clerk Treasurer Carrico addressed the council for clarification on the dispatcher position. She stated that while preparing budgets this year, the city budgeted the position as a full-time position. She also stated that the council had not yet made a formal motion stating that change, so her office and the police department need clarification as to whether the position is moving to full-time status or not. Discussion was had about what the council's intention was. A motion was made by Dave to make the dispatch position full time, seconded by Mark. All in favor, motion passed.

GYM MEMBERSHIPS

Mayor Ader asked the council for additional information about the gym memberships that were passed last month. Mike stated that the city pays 50% and the employee pays 50% but it is only for individual membership. Employees cannot get family plan memberships paid for.

NEW BUSINESS

PARK PAVILION PAY APPLICATION #4

Michelle Carrico from SIDC presented the council with the park pavilion pay application #4. The pay application was approved with a motion made by Mike, seconded by Dave. All in favor, motion carried.

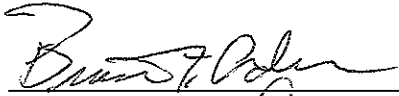
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Clerk Treasurer Carrico presented the council with a request for appropriation transfers and for additional appropriations. She explained that the transfers were for appropriations already in the budget but needed to be moved to other areas in the budget. Those were approved with a motion from Mike, seconded by Mark. All in favor, the motion passed. Carrico explained that the additional appropriations were request that need to go through the council and then through the State and were for appropriations that the city had not already gotten approval through the State. Those were approved with a motion by Mike, seconded by Dave. All in favor, motion carried.


ARPA

Mayor Ader presented the council with a list of purchases and expenditures that he would like the council to consider for the additional ARPA funds that the city has available to them. The list was approved with a motion by Mike, seconded by Dave. All in favor, motion carried.

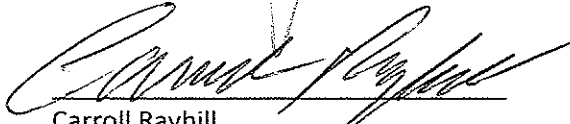
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 am with a motion made by Dave and seconded by Mike. All were in favor and the motion passed.



Mayor Brian T. Ader



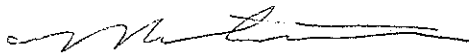
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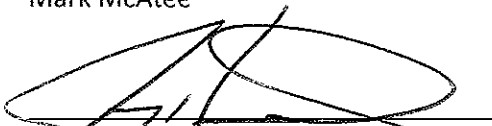
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