

THE CITY OF LOOGOOTEE
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 12, 2025
MINUTES

The City of Loogootee City Council convened in regular session May 12, 2025, 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 7:12 pm.

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

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

Claims from March were presented and approved with a motion by Carroll, seconded by Buck. All in favor, the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

WASTERWATER TREAATMENT PLANT - SCADA

Tabled

WATER TANKS PROJECT

Bids opened in Board of Works meeting and no further action needed at this time from the Council.

SUMMERFEST DONATION

Mayor Ader asked the Council to donate \$5000 to Summerfest, same as last year. A motion was made by Mike to approve that donation out of EDIT, seconded by Carroll. All in favor, motion carried.

SULLIVAN DEVELOPMENT – PILOT AGREEMENT/DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Joe White and Travis Vencel from Sullivan Development gave an updated on the apartment complex project. They presented the PILOT Agreement and Development Agreement to the Council for approval. A motion was made by Carroll to adopt the PILOT Agreement and also give Mayor Ader and Attorney Steven Teverbaugh the authority to correct the document with the proper dates, parcel numbers, etc, seconded by Mike. All in favor, motion carried. A second motion was made by Mike to approve the Development agreement and give Mayor Ader the authority to complete the quitclaim deeds needed to obtain the parcel numbers for the project, seconded by Carroll. All in favor, the motion carried.

2025 BOND ORDINANCE AND FAA FOR SRF PROGRAM

A bond ordinance and FAA was presented to the council for the upcoming bond process through the SRF program. These documents are necessary to participant in the SRF Bond Program. The 2025 Bond Ordinance was adopted with a motion by Dave, seconded by Jeremy. All in favor, motion passed. The FAA was adopted with a motion by Mike, seconded by Carroll. All in favor, the motion carried.

PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST

Clerk Treasurer Carrico informed the Council that her office has been receiving a large increase of public records request and will begin enforcing the policy of collecting fee for copies requested. She stated that she will no longer be providing records in electronic form and that all request would be available in her office for collection upon paying the fee. No motion was needed by the Council.

FIRE CONTRACT

Chief Thomas presented the council with an updated fire contract between the City of Loogootee and Perry Township. He stated that the agreement had not been updated in years and this contract just clarified some of the language in the original contract. No motion was needed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – SCBA

The Council had further questions about the SCBA purchase and the financing options available. No final decision was made about how the equipment would be purchased; however, a motion was made by Dave to commit to purchasing the equipment. The motion was seconded by Mike and everyone voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed. The council will look into financing options and make a decision on the payment at the June meeting.

SALARY WAGE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Clerk Treasurer Carrico presented the Council with an amended Salary and wage ordinance which now includes the mandatory raises for the utility department employees who are taking part in the internship program through the Alliance. A motion was made by Dave to adopt the change to the salary and wage ordinance effective Jan. 1, 2025, seconded by Carroll. All in favor, the motion carried.

PAY APPLICATION FOR COUNTRY COURT V

The Council was presented with the next pay application for the Country Court V for their approval. A motion was made by Mike to pay the application, seconded by Dave. All in favor, the motion carried.

WATER UTILITIES ORDINANCE

Mayor Ader read the water utility ordinance stating that any new water accounts must be in the property owners name and cannot be opened in a tenant's name. This change was made necessary due to new state legislation. A motion was made by Dave to adopt the new ordinance, seconded by Mike. All in favor, the motion carried.

ANIMAL ORDINANCE

Mayor Ader read the animal ordinance stating feeding animals is prohibited on city owned property. A motion was made by Carroll to adopt the animal ordinance, seconded by Jeremy. All in favor, the motion carried.

ESSENTIAL BUSINESS

Several items were added as essential business at the end of the meeting.

Mayor Ader asked the council to consider a stipend for Amber Gilbertson to reimburse her for use of her personal phone during hours outside of normal business hours. A motion was made by Jeremy to allow a \$40 per month stipend to be paid to Amber, seconded by Carroll. All in favor, the motion passed.

The utility office requested permission to destroy old public records that are older and eligible for destruction based on the retention schedule provided by the State of Indiana. A motion was made by Mike to allow the request, seconded by Jeremy. All in favor, the motion carried.

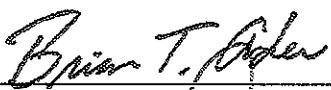
Mayor Ader gave an update on the fountain downtown. He stated that there is still a leak and that the city is looking into adding a silicone coating to the inside of the basin to possibly stop the leak

Mayor Ader gave an update on the park pavilion project. He stated that there have been several things holding up the project but it is back on track now. He stated that the completion date for the project is the beginning of June. He stated that the area will be ready for Summerfest in Mid-June.

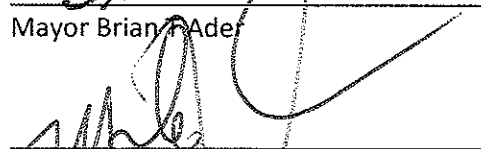
Mayor Ader informed the council that the city wide text message alert system has gone live and is ready for citizens to opt in for the service.

Mayor Ader Spoke to the Council about the need to repair the sand volleyball court at the city park. He stated that the court needs a very specific kind of sand and he has gotten a quote for new sand. The council discussed the price of the sand and tabled any decision regarding purchasing the sand until they did more research.

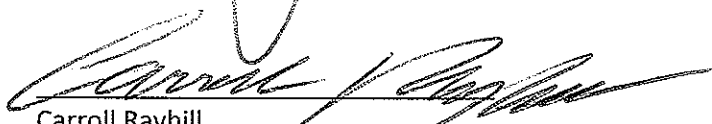
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm with a motion made by Carroll and seconded by Jeremy. All were in favor and the motion passed.



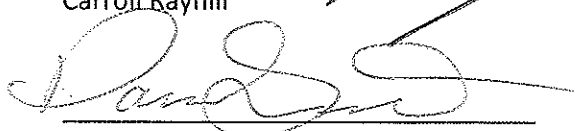
Mayor Brian T. Ader



Mike Engleman

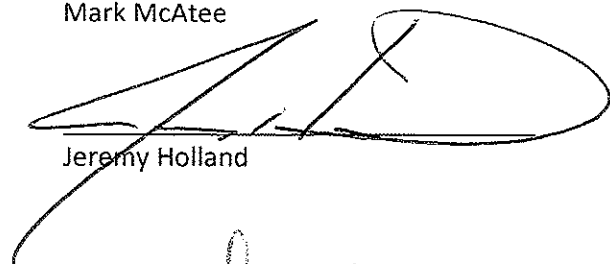


Carroll Rayhill



David Smith

Mark McAtee



Jeremy Holland

ATTEST: 

Lori D Carrico, Loogootee Clerk Treasurer

