CITY OF LOOGOOTEE BOARD OF WORKS REGULAR MEETING JUNE 9, 2025 MINUTES

The City of Loogootee Board of Works convened in regular session June 9, 2025, 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 Mayor Brian Ader, Brandon Carrico, Danny Clark, & Dana Strange. Also present were Attorney Steven Teverbaugh and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico. Department heads present were Interim Police Chief John Wagoner, Building Commissioner Justin Davis, and Fire Chief Eric Thomas. Mark McAtee was present via video call.

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

OLD BUSINESS

*** Attorney Teverbaugh stated that voting would need to happen verbally with roll call during this meeting due to Mark McAtee attending virtually. ***

Water tank project recommendation

Trey Kidwell presented the Board with MEI's recommendation for the bid to be awarded to L&T. The motion was made by Brandon to accept MEI's recommendation, seconded by Danny. Roll call vote was taken:

Brandon Carrico - aye

Danny Clark - aye

Mark McAtee – aye

Dana Strange - aye

Mayor Ader - aye

All in favor, motion carried.

Wastewater Treatment Plant - SCADA

Tabled

Fire Department - SCBA

The Board was presented with a quote. Mike Foley from MacQueen spoke to the Board about the purchase of the SCBA equipment for the fire department. A motion was made by Dana to approve the purchase of the equipment, seconded by Mark. Roll call vote was taken:

Brandon Carrico - aye

Danny Clark - aye

Mark McAtee - aye

Dana Strange - ave

Mayor Ader - aye

All in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

High Grass

Justin Davis addressed the Board about the process for ordinance violations on high grass, mistreated properties, vehicles, etc. He stated that he can't move forward in many of the cases because a signature is required from the homeowner on the certified letter that his office sends it out and many homeowners don't sign their letter. Justin asked the Board to change the ordinance and allow him to proceed without an owner's signature. Attorney Teverbaugh told Justin he would investigate the current ordinance and see what kind of changes that they could make to improve the process. No motion was needed.

GPS for Police Vehicles

Mayor Ader spoke with the Board about adding GPS to all city vehicles. He stated he is starting to gather information on the cost of this and wanted the Board to be aware. No motion was needed.

Upgraded Cameras

Mayor Ader informed the Board that the City's security cameras need to be upgraded. He presented the Board with a quote. Mayor Ader asked for a motion to allow the issue to be presented to the council for further approval. A motion was made by Danny to approve moving ahead and sending this to the council for financial approval, seconded by Brandon. Roll call vote was taken:

Brandon Carrico - aye

Danny Clark - aye

Mark McAtee - ave

Dana Strange - aye

Mayor Ader – aye

All in favor, motion carried.

Policies for new pavilion area

Attorney Teverbaugh stated that he has prepared an ordinance that will be presented to the Council for approval at the following meeting. No motion was needed

Summerfest street closures

Mayor Ader presented the Board with a map of the requested street closures. Those streets include: Railroad St

North Line Street from JFK Ave to North Street

Public Square Street

NE 1st Street from North St to Church Street

E Main St form JFK Ave to NE 2nd Street

North Street from North Line Street to NE 2nd Street

CLOSED ON SATURDAY ONLY:

Church St from JFK Ave to NW 1st Street

NW 1st Street from Church Street to Railroad St

A motion was made by Danny to approve the requested street closures for Summerfest, seconded by Brandon. Roll call vote was taken:

Brandon Carrico - aye

Danny Clark - aye

Mark McAtee - aye

Dana Strange - aye

Mayor Ader – aye

All in favor, motion carried.

Street Department position

Mayor Ader requested that the Board create a new street department supervisor position to help lighten the load to the public utility supervisor. A motion was made by Dana to create the street department supervisor position, seconded by Brandon. Roll call vote was taken:

Brandon Carrico - aye Danny Clark - aye

Mark McAtee - aye

Dana Strange - aye

Mayor Ader - aye

All in favor, motion carried.

Public input - speeding on city streets

Don Greene addressed the Board about the speeding on Bloomfield Road. Chief Wagoner informed the public that law enforcement is aware of the problem and they are watching the area; however, resource constraints limit their response. No motion was needed.

UTILITY ADJUSTMENTS

Adjustment requests were discussed. The board decided to approve the adjustments that were verified by Bo Wilson. Motion made by Dana to approve those adjustments, seconded by Danny. Roll call vote was taken:

Brandon Carrico - aye

Danny Clark - aye

Mark McAtee – aye

Dana Strange – aye

Mayor Ader - aye

All in favor, motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Eric, John, and Justin gave their reports.

ESSENTIAL BUSINESS

Mayor Ader gave an update on the SRO agreement with the school. Loogootee Community School will be taking over the SRO program themselves. The City has agreed to sell the SRO police car to the school for \$1. Kelly Rayhill will be retiring from the City Police Department to work full-time for the school as their SRO.

Mayor Ader wanted to thank the Martin County Economic Development Board for their donation of half the cost of the sand for the volleyball court upgrade.

Change order for Pavilion project was presented to the Board. A motion was made by Dana to approve the change order, seconded by Danny . Roll call vote was taken:

Brandon Carrico - aye

Danny Clark - aye

Mark McAtee - ave

Dana Strange - aye

Mayor Ader – aye

All in favor, motion carried

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm with a motion made by Dana and seconded by Danny. Roll call vote was taken:

Brandon Carrico - aye

Danny Clark - aye

Mark McAtee - aye

Dana Strange - aye

Mayor Ader – aye

All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mayor Brian T Ader

Brandon Carrico

Danny Clark

Dana Strange

Mark McAtee

ATTEST: Jori D Carrico

Lori Carrico, Loogootee Clerk Treasurer