

THE CITY OF LOOGOOTEE
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2025
MINUTES

The City of Loogootee City Council convened in regular session September 8, 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 6:14 pm.

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

The minutes from the prior meeting were not available for approval due to technical issues by Clerk Treasurer Carrico. Those will be reviewed and voted on at the September 8 meeting.

Claims from the last meeting were presented and approved with a motion by Dave, seconded by Carroll. All in favor, the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Pay Applications – MEI

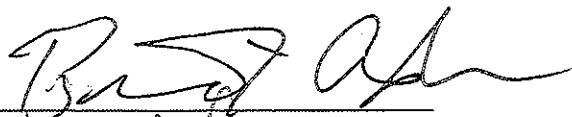
Trey Kidwell presented the council with a pay application for Country Court V. He also gave an update on the project. Mike asked Trey about the road conditions and the repairs. Discussion was had about this issue. A motion was made by Mark to approve the pay application, seconded by Mike. All in favor, motion carried.

ESSENTIAL BUSINESS

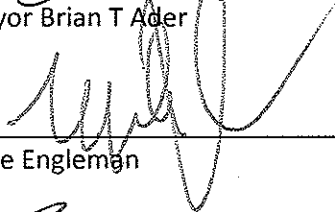
Dave asked about the issue that Gary Arvin had asked about in the BOW meeting involving a drainage issue behind his property. He asked if a tree is the only issue, then why is the city not removing the tree? Daniel stated that the issue is more involved than just removing a tree. Removal of the tree would also lead to the grade of the land needing to be changed. Dave asked what the cost of the grade work and tree removal would be. Daniel stated he wouldn't have that information at this time. Dave stated he would like to investigate possible solutions.

Attorney Teverbaugh provided more information about the election ordinance passed in 2022. He stated that he spoke with counsel from the Secretary of State Election Division. He informed the council that the counsel he spoke with agreed that the ordinance is invalid. Elections are governed by statute and do not fall under Home Rule. The council may pass an ordinance in 2026 moving their municipal elections; however, the city will not be able to hold an election in 2026 as the prior ordinance had directed. The next city election will need to happen in 2027.

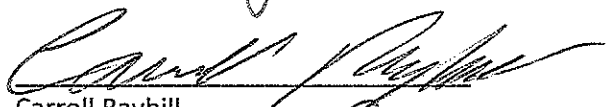
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm with a motion made by Carroll and seconded by Mike. All in favor, motion carried.



Mayor Brian T Ader



Mike Engleman

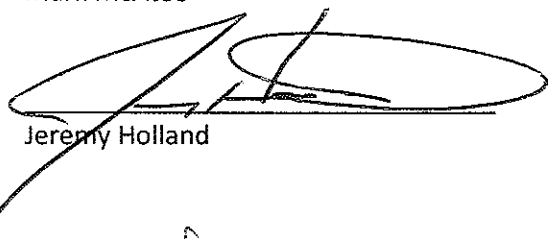


Carroll Rayhill



David Smith

Mark McAtee



Jeremy Holland

ATTEST:



Lori D Carrico, Loogootee Clerk Treasurer