CITY OF LOOGOOTEE BOARD OF WORKS SPECIAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 MINUTES

The City of Loogootee Board of Works convened in special session September 23, 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 5:30 pm.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## Special Events Request

The City had two special events to consider. The first event, Praise on the Square, was requested by New Beginnings Community Church. The application that was given to the city was for Friday, September 26, 2025, on the public square with road closures for the road surrounding the public square. Dana asked if the location could be moved to the pavilion. Pastor Canell stated that he would be agreeable with that change. Dana inquired about the process for special events now. Attorney Teverbaugh noted that the ordinance that the city had been using for special events was determined to be void by a judge; therefore, the city was in the process of creating and adopting a new ordinance and policy for special events. As of this point in time, the city doesn't have a valid ordinance. A motion was made by Dana to allow the event to take place as long as the event was held at the pavilion, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion passed

The second event, PrideFest 2026, was requested by Patoka Valley AIDS Community Action Group, Inc. The request was for Saturday, September 5, 2026 to be held on the public square. They also requested the same road closures as this year's PrideFest and a schedule of fees for use of electricity and barricades for the road closures. Dana stated that this event still had some time before it would be taking place and would like to table the application to give the city time to get a ordinance in place. A motion was made by Dana to table the application, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, the motion carried. The organizers of the PrideFest stated that the Board had just approved an application without an ordinance. Dana stated that the first request was to happen this week and couldn't be put off. More discussion and debate was had between the parties. The mayor then asked for a motion to adjourn. That motion was made by Dana, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 pm

Lori Carrico, Loogootee Clerk Treasurer

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