

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

August 9, 2025

The Ladoga Town Council met on August 9, 2025, in the Ladoga Town Hall at 9:00 AM for a Regular Council meeting. Present were Council President; Mike Hubble; Councilmember; Ronald Brown; Councilmember; Tricia Garcia; Clerk Treasurer; Amy Holladay; Deputy Clerk; April Bradley; Town Employees; Donnie Long, Dwayne Scott and Justin Miller and Town Engineer; Ken Smith. Town Marshal; Michael Hunley and Town Attorney; Dave Peebles, were not present. Citizens present: Ashley Halstead, Kristin Paris, Austin Hord and EJ Dixon.

Mike Hubble called the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Mike asked for any corrections to the July 30th Regular Council meeting minutes as written. Hearing none, Mike called for a motion to approve the July 30th Regular Council meeting minutes. Tricia made a motion to approve the July 30th Regular Council meeting minutes as presented; motion was seconded by Mike motion passed. Ayes-2. Mike called for a motion to approve the Claim Docket; Mike made a motion to approve the Claim Docket; motion was seconded by Ronnie; motion passed. Ayes-3. Mike called for a motion to approve the June & July Payroll Docket; Mike made a motion to approve the June & July Payroll Docket; motion was seconded by Ronnie, motion passed. Ayes-3.

DEPT. REPORTS: UTILITIES: Don Long: Donnie noted UMAC will be boring on Elm Street in front of Judy Aliff's house to fix water line. Donnie also noted that he is going to have Emmingers take another look at the sidewalk in front of Fuzzy Bear on Washington St. He does not think the entire sidewalk needs to be replaced. **Dwayne:** Nothing **Justin:** Nothing **LEGAL:** Not present **LAW ENFORCEMENT:** Not present. Mike Hubble read an email from Mike Hunley asking the Council to approve the purchase and installation of "NO THROUGH TRUCK" signs for side streets in preparation for the upcoming construction on SR 234. Mike Hubble made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of the signs; motion was seconded by Ronnie; motion passed. Ayes-3. **KEN SMITH:** Ken noted that the Community Crossings Grant will be submitted in October. Bids should be done by December. Paving to start in spring of 2026. Ken noted that he had responded to IDEM about the no response letter. He will send the letter a second time. Ken will also be meeting with Busse Construction about moving the water line on Main St.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Kritsin Paris/ LES Principal: Kristin expressed her concerns about the playground being open to the public while school kids are at recess. She noted that she had been telling citizens they would have to vacate the park during recess. Mike Hubble read the agreement between the SMSC and the Town of Ladoga stating that the school would not have exclusive use of the park during recess. Discussion was held. Council will take this request under advisement and consult with the Town attorney and the Township Trustee. This item was tabled until the next meeting on August 27th.

OLD BUSINESS: QUOTES FOR GATES ON HICKORY AND TAYLOR STREETS: Discussion was held. Quotes from previous meetings were taken into consideration. After further discussion, Ronnie made a motion to hire Ezra Industrial Construction to install the gates for \$32,100.00; motion was seconded by Mike; motion passed. Ayes-3. **CRAWFORDSVILLE ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER AGREEMENT:** This item was tabled to allow Dave Peebles to look over the agreement. **TREE TRIMMING AROUND ELECTRIC LINES:**

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Discussion was held about the need for trees to be trimmed around electric lines. A quote for \$98,022.70 was obtained from Mint City Utility Services. It was noted that CEL&P uses Mint City for their tree trimming. The Town does not have the proper equipment or qualified personnel to do the trimming. Mike made a motion to hire Mint City Utility Services; motion was seconded by Ronnie; motion passed. Ayes-3.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business was discussed.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD:

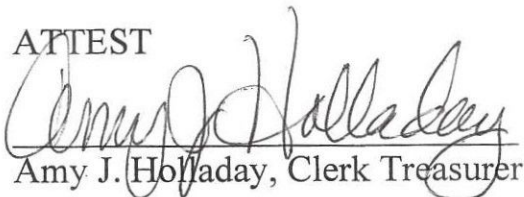
CLERK TREASURER: Amy asked if there had been a quote for the concrete for the drive between the small and large playgrounds. Donnie noted that he had spoken to Emmingers, and they are very busy at this time. Donnie will talk to Sean Hoffeditz about a quote.

DEPUTY CLERK: April noted that we should know by the end of August if the Town was awarded the water grant.

TOWN COUNCIL: Ronnie noted that the Fish Fry was a huge success and thanked everyone involved. Ronnie also noted that there were a few properties that may need to be served with an ordinance violation. Tricia noted that James Helvie's property at 418 N. Washington St. was in bad shape. EJ Dixon voiced his concern about his property value going down due to the condition Helvie's property. Ronnie will send Mike Hunley an email to send an ordinance violation notice. Council will drive around town to see if there are any others that need attention.

Ronnie made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Mike; motion passed; Ayes-2.

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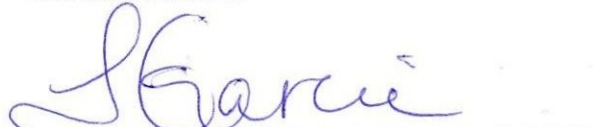

Amy J. Holladay, Clerk Treasurer

Date: 8-27-25

LADOGA TOWN COUNCIL


Mike Hubble Sr.

Ronald Brown


Tricia Garcia