## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING August 27, 2025

The Ladoga Town Council met on August 27, 2025, in the Ladoga Town Hall at 3:00 PM for a Regular Council meeting. Present were Council President; Mike Hubble; Councilmember; Tricia Garcia; Clerk Treasurer; Amy Holladay; Deputy Clerk; April Bradley; Town Employees; Donnie Long, Dwayne Scott and Justin Miller; Town Attorney; Dave Peebles; Councilmember; Ronald Brown was present via phone. Town Marshal; Mike Hunley and Town Engineer Ken Smith were not present. Citizens present: Jay Prosser, Tod Powers, Chris Barsotti, Ray Perry and Megan Noggle.

Mike Hubble called the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Mike asked for any corrections to the August 9th Regular Council meeting minutes as written. Hearing none, Mike called for a motion to approve the August 9th Regular Council meeting minutes. Tricia made a motion to approve the August 9th Regular Council meeting minutes as presented; motion was seconded by Mike motion passed. Ayes-3. Mike called for a motion to approve the Claim Docket; Mike made a motion to approve the Claim Docket; motion passed. Ayes-3.

**DEPT. REPORTS: UTILITIES: Don Long:** Donnie noted the "No Thru Trucks" signs have been delivered, and he will meet with Mike Hunley to determine where the signs will be installed. Donnie also noted that since the Town did not get the water grant, he and Dwayne have been installing water meters. **Dwayne:** Nothing **Justin:** Nothing **LEGAL:** Nothing **LAW ENFORCEMENT:** Not present. **KEN SMITH:** Not present.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Jay Prosser expressed his concern about the copper ground wires missing from several poles in town. Donnie noted that he was told that any pole that does not have a transformer is not a safety issue. Donnie will check the poles and replace the missing ground wires. Jay also asked the Council to put up a sign at the fenced in play area to prohibit dogs from being inside the fence. Mike made a motion to put up no dogs allowed signs at the fenced in play area at the park; motion was seconded by Tricia; motion passed. Ayes-3. Tod Powers noted that he had heard on social media that a father and daughter were told they couldn't use the ball diamonds. Ray Perry, Ladoga Youth Baseball League President, noted that he told them that the bases had been taken out and it was a safety issue for them to be on the field at this time. He noted that the caution tape had been taken down. Ray Perry, Ladoga Youth Baseball League President, presented renovation plans for the ball diamonds. The renovation will include, resurfacing both ball fields, a permanent pitcher's mound on the large ball diamond, repair of the fencing around the small diamond, and painting the dugouts. Ray noted that the work will be done by volunteers and any funds needed would come from the donation made to the Town. Tricia noted she would like to see the quotes obtained for the work to be done. Ray is still waiting for quotes currently. Tricia made a motion to allow the start of construction on the ball fields; motion was seconded by Mike; motion passed. Ayes-3. Tricia will post on social media to ask the public to refrain from using the fields while under construction. She also suggested a reach alert be sent out. Ray also asked about the repairs on the concession stand and if the Town was moving forward with that. Tricia noted that the Town should get new quotes on the repairs. Chris Barsotti noted that the ball season went well. He presented a copy of the financial report from Ladoga Youth Baseball to the Council. He thanked the Council for their support.

OLD BUSINESS: CRAWFORDSVILLE ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER AGREEMENT: Discussion was held. Mike Hubble noted that the agreement to be signed was only to lock in the cost of time and materials. Mike made a motion to accept the agreement with CEL&P; motion was seconded by Tricia; motion passed. Ayes-3. PAVING THE DRIVE BETWEEN THE PLAYGROUNDS: Discussion was held. Mike Hubble will get a new quote for the paving from Gary Conkright. Tricia will ask Kristin, LES Principle, about the ADA compliance rules. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** CAMPERS ATTACHED TO TOWN UTILITIES: Mike noted that Town Marshall Mike Hunley had sent him pictures of campers hooked on to Town utilities. Discussion was held. Mike noted that Ordinance 2024-2 regulates the occupancy of recreational vehicles within the Town limits. Mike made a motion to have Mike Hunley send out a copy of the ordinance to each of the citizens; motion was seconded by Tricia; motion passed. Ayes-3.

## ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD:

<u>CLERK TREASURER:</u> Amy noted that the 2026 budget was complete. Council members were given a copy of the form 1 and form 4b. The pre budget hearing is scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> and the budget adoption hearing will be September 24<sup>th</sup>. Amy also noted that the office needed a new drop box. The current one is in disrepair. She asked the Council if she could get quotes for a new front door with a drop box slot. Council agreed to getting quotes for a new door.

**<u>DEPUTY CLERK:</u>** April noted that the Town was not awarded the grant for water improvements. Jerry White with OCRA will be setting up a follow-up meeting. The Council can then decide if they would like to try again for the grant.

TOWN COUNCIL: Mike Hubble read two letters from Angel Clayburn - Holley at 617 N. Sycamore St. and James Russell at 786 Northen Acres Dr asking for an adjustment to their water bill due to water leaks. Mike made motion to adjust the maximum of \$300.00 off both customers' bills; motion was seconded by Trica; motion passed. Ayes-3. Mike Hubble also noted that the Council needed to hold an executive session. The executive session was scheduled for Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 pm. Dave Peebles will prepare the notice.

Tricia made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Mike; motion passed; Ayes-3.

ATTEST

Amy J. Holladay, Clerk Treasure

Date: 9-13-25

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Mike Hubble Sr.

Ronald Brown

Tricia Garcia

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