



Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2014

The regular meeting of the LaGrange Town Council met at 7:00 pm, at the LaGrange Town Hall.

**Council Members Present:** Bruce Eagleson, Greg Kenner, Juan Arroyo, Ray Hoover

**Also present:** Bill Eberhard, Jr; Laurie Miller

**Absent:**

Council Member Kenner made a motion to open the regular meeting with flexibility, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Kenner made a motion to approve minutes from the January 8, 2014 meeting. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**WASTEWATER:** Presented a report for December 2013. Reported that one of the clarifiers needed repairs. IDEM has approved the latest Sewer Re-codification however, there could be amendments in the near future to section 22. Member Kenner made a motion to accept and sign the ordinance, Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Water:** Presented an adjustment application for M&N Bed & Breakfast. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the adjustment, Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Asked to attend the AWWA conference in Indianapolis February 12<sup>th</sup>, at a cost of \$100.00 each. Member Kenner made a motion to approve attending the meeting. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sent an 8" master meter to California for rehabilitation.

Attended Fillmore Equipment's open house and ribbon cutting.

Member Kenner asked Leu about getting quotes for a new truck.

**FIRE:** New pagers are needed for new firemen, the cost will be \$2250.00 for 5 pager. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the purchase, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried. Truck 18 needs some electrical work done, Torgs can do it for approximately \$500.00. Member Hoover made a motion, seconded by Member Kenner to approve the work. Motion carried.

Reported damage to one of the trucks at a cost of \$995.00. The truck hit a stump that was hidden in the snow. Also one fireman received frostbite during a fire call. Thanked the Street dept for their help during the last storm.

Fire Dept applied for FEMA funds reimbursement from the recent Snow emergency.

**POLICE:** Chief Deputy Sprunger thanked the Fire dept for the use of the pick up during the snow storm.

Gave the council a monthly report for December 2013, and a yearly report for 2013.

**PUBLIC WORKS (STREET, CEMETERY, PARK):** No Report

**CLERK:** Requested the council consider helping with the Veteran's Headstone Restoration project headed up by Jean McKibbon. The council discussed where the funds could be donated from. After the discussion, Member Hoover made a motion to donate \$1000.00 towards the project this year, and revisit the issue next year if further restoration is needed. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Stated that a few people have contacted the Town Hall regarding sidewalks not being cleaned during the snow storms.

Reminded everyone about Focus LaGrange's Chili Shuffle on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Town Manager:** Reported that he is working with the Water Dept on getting the back wash tanks tested and cleaned, the Street Dept on getting the dump truck back from WA Jones, and the Cemetery Dept truck repairs. Also met with INDOT regarding grants. Helped Dean with applying for FEMA funds for overtime and equipment use during the snow emergency. Reported that the council will need to work with him on a proxy for SWMD Executive meetings.

**ATTORNEY:** Contacted to Commercial Appraisers for a price for the Northwood lots. Discussed the establishment of Town Court. Will give an update at the February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

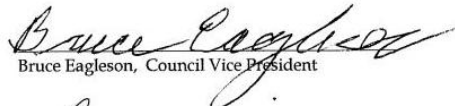
**OPEN DISCUSSION:** Bud Hopper was present to thank the St Dept for a job well done during the snow emergency. Also discussed Clean Earth Services trucks being parked on town streets. The County Zoning office is working on the issue. Also discussed the "Rex Fisher" building on Factory Street being a possible "unsafe structure".

**ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS**

Member Kenner made a motion, seconded by Member Arroyo to allow claims. Motion carried

**ADJOURN**

Member Kenner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Arroyo. Motion carried.

  
Bruce Eagleson, Council Vice President

  
Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer