



Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2013

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

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

Also present: Laurie Miller, Interim Clerk & Bill Eberhard, Town Attorney

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

Council Member Kenner made a motion to approve minutes from the January 7, 2013 meeting. Member B. Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER: Presented a monthly report, highlights include 11.740 MG total treated, .379 MGD average, plant at 21% usage. No Call outs, 2 sewer work orders.

Water: Supt Leu requested permission for himself and Phil Elliott to attend the Annual AWWA Conference in Indianapolis for a cost of approximately \$100.00 each. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the request, Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Inspected the hydrant at Poplar and Central Ave after the fire incident on the 19th. Working with Dean Weir on parking lot plans.

FIRE: Chief McClish thanked the Town Depts for helping with the hay wagon fire on Saturday the 19th. US 20 was closed for 4 hours due to a non working hydrant. McClish stated that he would like to see the Water personnel do a better job of maintaining hydrants and listed several issues. The Water Dept noted that some of the issues noted have already been addressed. After several minutes of discussion, Atty Eberhard suggested a committee be formed to address hydrant issues and make a plan of repair and maintenance. Juan Arroyo, John Leu, Mark McClish and Ray Hoover were recommended for the committee. Member Kenner made a motion to go ahead with this plan, Member B. Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

It was also discussed who would be eligible to drive Town Vehicles. All firemen are on an approved driver list with the Town's insurance carrier. However, it was noted that not all firemen are approved to drive a vehicle that requires a CDL license.

It was also requested that Dean Weir be present during such emergencies as the hay fire.

Would like to have 6 members attend a Leadership Seminar in Angola for a cost of \$330.00. Member Kenner made a motion to approve the attendance, Member B. Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

POLICE: Presented a 2012 report of details for the officers. Accepted the resignation of Deputy Tony Clark. Would like to have approval to begin the application process. Member Eagleson made a motion to begin taking applications, Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attended a Fuel Efficiency seminar with Jeff Moore sponsored by North Central Co-op. After reviewing the materials and daily prices of fuel, the Co-op has presented the Town with an opportunity to 'lock in' the price of fuel from February 1, 2013 until December 31, 2013 at 3.11 for Gasoline and 3.59 for Diesel fuel. This could be a significant savings and help with

budgeting. However we have to commit to purchasing at least 6300 gallons of gasoline and 5100 gallons of Diesel during that period of time. It would be most cost efficient if all departments fueled at the Co-op unless it is not available. The acct at the BP station would remain available for those times. After discussing the issue, Member Kenner made a motion for all departments to fuel at the Co-op, and sign the contract. Member Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Also brought up that the police department has been picking up downed branches during storms in the evenings. Would like the Street Dept to be aware that during storms, they should consider sending someone out to check.

PUBLIC WORKS (STREET, CEMETERY, PARK):

Park- Completed 3 of the repair projects that the insurance company requested. The remaining 2 are cement work and will be complete in the spring. Also had the fence repaired on the west side of the one of the pavilions.

Cemetery- received the following quotes for computer equipment.

Ascend Computer -	\$1328.00
Best Buy -	\$1137.97
Office Depot	\$1276.98
Staples	\$1089.25
Office Max	\$ 925.87

After discussing the issue, Member Kenner made a motion to approve buying from Ascend Computer in Sturgis, stating that we have made purchases from them in the past, and they do most of the computer repairs for the Town already. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried. Also following up on software packages to track lots and burials.

Street: Picked up engineering plans for the parking lot. Receiving quotes for office renovations. It looks like the project will cost about \$7,000.00.

CLERK: Requested the Council make an appointment to the Alcohol Beverage Commission. Presented to applications, one from Keith Stanton, and one from Tom Tribbett. Keith Stanton has served as our appointment for several years. Member Hoover made a motion to appoint Keith Stanton, Member Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Asked the Council for approval to advertise 23 acres for land lease at the Cemetery. Member Hoover made a motion to do so, Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY: Working on handbook changes. Also making updates to several other ordinances that have been presented.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Discussed the status of the former Si' Senior building renovations.

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS

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

ADJOURN

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

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Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk-Treasurer