



Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2014

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

**Council Members Present:** Gregory Kenner, Juan Arroyo, Raymond Hoover, Suellyn Mickem, Edna Bowser

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

**Absent:**

President Kenner opened the meeting at precisely 7:00 pm.

Council Member Arroyo made a motion to approve minutes from the October 6, 2014 meeting. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Kenner opened the 2015 Budget Adoption Hearing. There were no objections or comments made. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the 2015 Budget as proposed. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**WASTEWATER:** Gave a monthly report for September 2014. Highlights of the report are:

- 11.832 MG of treated wastewater
- Land Application Report submitted to IDEM
- Land Application Permit renewal submitted to IDEM
- No violations of the NPDES Permit
- No Sanitary Sewer Overflows
- 97 Work orders completed

Presented quotes for replacing the Culp Lift Station pump.

- Straeffer Pump & Supply Inc \$3585.00
- American Pump Repair & Service \$3493.75
- Flow-Technics Inc \$4222.50 + shipping (120-150)

Moore noted that he prefers to stay with the “Myers” brand pump, Straeffer and Flow Technics both quoted this brand. After discussing the issue, Member Hoover made a motion to purchase the pump from Straeffer Pump & Supply. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Water:** Noted that this would be the last certification class for Mark Miller, he will be touring the Ft Wayne Three River’s Water Treatment plant on Wednesday evening. Other discussion points are as follows:

- Presented a map showing our service area as it relates to the Town’s Corporation limits
- Will be connecting 2 new services at buildings at Heron Creek in the next few weeks.
- Scheduled to make two new taps on W. Wayne Street.
- Winterized parks, fountains and water only accounts.
- Discussed painting a few hydrants “pink” for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

**FIRE:** Presented a “The Disappearing Volunteer Firefighter” training handout. Viewed a webinar regarding Fire Marshal’s directives. Will be working with Town Manager Eagleson on grants.

**POLICE:** Gave the Council September’s details report:

- Agency assists 26
- Business checks 523

- Traffic Violations 18
- Traffic Warnings 125
- Criminal Arrests 13

**PUBLIC WORKS (STREET, CEMETERY, PARK):**

- **Cemetery:** Had a review with Public Risk Underwriters on workplace safety. A list of problem areas were provided and the department employees are working to resolve all issues. One item needed for compliance is a "Safety Storage Cabinet", Weir provided quotes as follows for the cabinet:
  - Fastenal \$815.00
  - Amazon \$499.00
  - Northern Tool \$740.00
  - Uline \$599.00
  - USA Safety \$565.00
 After verifying with the clerk that funds are available, Member Arroyo made a motion to approve purchasing from Amazon at \$499.00. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **Park:** The merry go round is here, the street and cemetery departments are working to get it installed. Member Hoover suggested looking into using calcium chloride for faster setting of the concrete base.
- **Street:** Preventative maintenance on sewer lines is nearly complete. The dept focused on the lines that give the most problems. Will be attending IPEP safety training in Auburn on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Leaf pick up has begun and will continue as needed. Will be getting out the new hot box to do street repairs next week.

**Town Manager:** Working with Public Works Director Dean Weir on bids for tires.

- Hostetler Tire - Bid #1 631.50 - Bid #2 746.46 (6 tires)
- Eagleson's Auto - \$729.50 (6 tires)
- LaGrange County Dodge - Bid #1 965.40; Bid #2 971.40

Eagleson recommended bid #1 from Hostetler Tire at \$631.50. Member Hoover made a motion to purchase the tires, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other discussion included:

- Shared webinar with Fire Chief McClish, and offered to email it to the other council members. The webinar had valuable information on Fire Departments.
- New aerial truck will be picked up November 10<sup>th</sup>. Council discussed what to do with the old truck. Eagleson will contact other local departments to see if there is any interest, if not, it will be offered on the Clerk's league and Managers league email lists.
- The 2010 Police car went to the 2<sup>nd</sup> bidder at \$7150.00 plus \$400.00 in other equipment purchased.
- Discussed the Police Department being short-handed, will be looking into options for part time help to cover shifts.

**CLERK:** Presented the annual RDA Budget report for the Wastewater Department. Also presented a cemetery deed transfer for Mike Helmkamp.

Discussed the plan for Christmas decorations purchased by downtown businesses. Member Hoover made a motion to require pre-payment of the items, Member Bowser. The Clerk will contact the company to get an estimate of shipping costs. Also discussed the possibility of ordering an animated "Santa & Mrs Claus." Member Hoover made motion to approve purchasing Santa and Mrs Claus, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ATTORNEY:** Attorney Eberhard reported that he is in contact with Andy Lemberis with DLZ regarding needs for annexation in Woodland Hills. They will work with Umbaugh on a rate study at a later date.

Presented an amended golf cart and off road vehicle ordinance for first reading and review. It was noted that the council previously discussed including a permit fee of \$25.00. The council then discussed what other types of "off road" vehicles they wanted to allow.

Presented a sidewalk construction ordinance for review and first reading. Changes were discussed, recommending wording to limit the "cost sharing" plan to residential/family dwellings. A mortgage and promissory note agreement will need to be signed prior to any contract being signed with property owners.


Working on completing quit claim deed for 214 Steuben Street. The property was heavily damaged during the summer 2014 tornado, the purchaser has agreed to forego ownership and responsibility, but is asking if the town would reimburse him the \$1700.00 in property tax that he paid at tax sale. Eberhard recommended approving the agreement as prepared. Member Hoover made a motion to allow Council President Kenner to approve the agreement, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussed the sale of the town owned lots in Northwood Addition. Lewis & Lambricht are suggesting a listing price of \$14,000.00. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the listing, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:** Member Bowser asked about a "Barking Dog" ordinance and enforcement.

#### **ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS**

#### **ADJOURN**

  
Gregory Kenner, Council President

Attest:   
Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer