



Meeting Minutes – October 7, 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, Ray Hoover, Juan Arroyo

**Also present:** Laurie Miller, Clerk; Cheryl Weimer, Attorney

**Absent:** N/A

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

Council Member Kenner made a motion to approve minutes from the September 16, 2013 meeting. Member B. Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney Cheryl Weimer opened sealed bids for the 300N Water line project (Fillmore Project).

Bidding were:

Miller Excavation	\$418,600.00
HRP:	\$408,714.00
Beer & Slabaugh	\$366,466.01
Selge	\$376,548.51
Niblock	\$471,309.90
Haskins Underg	\$466,300.00

Member Hoover made a motion for DLZ to take the bids and review them. Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Eagleson requested the meeting then open to the 2014 Budget Adoption Hearing. There were no comments or questions regarding the 2014 Budget. Member Hoover made a motion to sign and approve the proposed budget. Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**WASTEWATER:** Presented sampler quotes for new testing requirements per IDEM.

<b>USA Bluebook -</b>	<b>\$3077.37</b>
<b>USA Bluebook (demo unit)</b>	<b>\$2699.28</b>
<b>Pollard Water</b>	<b>\$3309.00</b>
<b>Gripp INC</b>	<b>\$3120.65</b>

Member Eagleson made a motion to purchase the demo unit from USA Bluebook, provided it is still available. Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Member Eagleson stated that Jeff Moore did a good job with the Church of God project and suggested the council let Severn Trent know.

Discussed Mark Yoder's new home being connected to the sewer line on 25N. The main line is a force main and will not be able to be connected to, making the closest available connection farther than required for hook up. The Yoders are asking for a letter from the town releasing them from connecting to the utility. The Council discussed several options for connection. Member Hoover made a motion to construct a letter to the County asking them to allow a septic system. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Water:** Fall hydrant flushing is well underway, lead and copper testing, disinfection and by product testing are all completed. Pavement patching will occur after Homer's Services have completed other sealing jobs. Asked if the council wanted the contractor to add the storm sewer cut in the alley of the new parking lot repaired while they are in town. Member Hoover

made a motion to have the cut repaired, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presented quotes for hydrants for the Fillmore water line project:

HD Supply	\$1950.00
Underground Pipe	\$1950.00
Utility Supply	\$1650.00

Member Hoover asked why the hydrants were quoted separately from the project. Leu explained that typically utilities can get a lower price and the type of hydrant that they require. This is a normal procedure for a project of this size.

Andy Lemberis of DLZ then recommended that the low bidder, Beer and Slabaugh be awarded the contract for the Fillmore water line project. The council asked if there was a reason that there was such a big span in the bids. DLZ explained that it could be multiple reasons, including availability of information and how busy the contractors are. Member Hoover then made a motion to approve awarding the contract to Beer & Slabaugh as recommended. Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**FIRE:** No report

**POLICE:** Mike Cole commended Officer Austin Bontrager on a job well done during a first responder call.

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

**Park-** Member Hoover asked about cameras and security at the Park. Weir stated that for the amount of damage vs. the amount the equipment would cost, he believes it would be too costly.

**Cemetery-** Adam Bollinger now has is CDL permit and will be working towards a regular CDL license. Vandalism at the Cemetery was reported. LaGrange Monument will be repairing the stones that were damaged. The Council suggested a press release for information on the vandals.

**Streets:** Two Corn School detour signs were damaged by a hit and run driver during a rain storm. Will be bringing quotes for Loader tires to the next meeting. Will be attending a safety training seminar in Auburn on the 17<sup>th</sup> with other depts.

**CLERK:** Attorney Eberhard requested the clerk ask the council to rescind the previous motion to change the billing practices and wages for fire department personnel approved at the September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. The attorney needs time to review the pay schedule.

Asked the council to approve closing Wayne Street for Farmer's State Bank to put a new Air Compressor on their roof with a crane on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Member Kenner made a motion to approve the closing. Member Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Asked the council if they would be interested in attending a round table meeting on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> in Grabill IN. Member Kenner, Hoover, and Eagleson would like to attend.

Presented a cemetery deed for signature.

**ATTORNEY:** Presented an ordinance to re-establish fire department charges for services. After reviewing the ordinance, Member Hoover made a motion to adopt and sign it. Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presented an ordinance limiting skateboard use in town. Member Hoover expressed concerns about it being too strict for residential areas. He would like to see it limit the use of skateboards only in town parking lots and in the downtown corridor. Attorney Weimer will see to the changes.

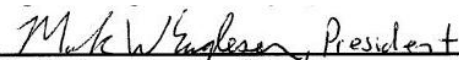
**OPEN DISCUSSION:** The next council meeting will be Monday, October 21, 2013.

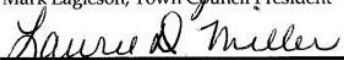
**ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS**

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

**ADJOURN**

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

  
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Mark Eagleson, Town Council President

  
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Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk-Treasurer