



Meeting Minutes – December 8, 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: N/A

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

Council Member Arroyo made a motion to approve minutes from the November 17, 2014 meeting. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER: Town Manager, Mark Eagleson brought the council up to date regarding a request from Dometic Corp to IDEM regarding their permit. Severn Trent has responded to the permit request on behalf of the Town.

Water: Supt Leu reported the following

- Treated 12.9 MG – average use of .430 MGD
- Finishing meter settings
- Assisted Dometic pump out a fire fault and find leaks
- Preparing to install a deeper water service on Maple Street

Fire: New fire truck needs a search light, Torg's will install and supply the light for \$460.00. The truck also needs a Little Giant Ladder. Quotes were as follows: Schlemmers \$359.00; WS Darley \$545.95; and Ace Hardware –No response; Member Arroyo made a motion to approve the purchases from Torgs and Schlemmer Hardware. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reminded the council of the "Breakfast with Santa" fund raiser on Saturday, December 6th from 8-11 am.

Stated that Chief McClish will be the President of Fire Fighters Inc for the fiscal year 2015.

POLICE: The dept's new pick up has arrived and is getting the blade on and ready for winter use. Asked the Council to set an executive session to discuss employee evaluations. Member Hoover made a motion to set the meeting for Monday, December 8, 2014 at 7:00 pm. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried. The clerk will notify the media.

Discussed the possibility of reinstating the K-9 program in 2015. Marshal Snyder stated that he would pursue grants and private funding for the project. Member Bowser made a motion to proceed with the program, Member Mickem seconded the motion, motion carried.

Town Manager:

- Cemetery & Park- Cleaning up from wind damages. Foundations are going in as planned; winterization and repairing graves. Rex Pranger working on developing roads in the newer additions of the cemetery.
- Street Dept – Would like to advertise for an employee. The qualified candidates would need to have a Class A or B CDL; snow plow experience;
- Discussed a request from the Food & Clothes Basket regarding parking

CLERK: Presented a transfer resolution- #2014-12-01A – Member Hoover made a motion to approve the transfers, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presented a Budget reduction resolution - #214-12-01B – reducing the 2014 Budget. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the resolution, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Asked the Council to clarify Employee Christmas bonuses & Volunteer Gift Cards for the 2014 Holiday season. Member Hoover made a motion to award \$125.00 holiday pay for Full time Employees, and \$75.00 for part time employees, including the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Regarding Police Reserves and the Wastewater Manager (Jeff Moore) – the council discussed gift cards from local businesses in the amount of \$25.00. “LaGrange Bucks” were also discussed. Member Hoover made a motion to proceed with the \$25.00 gift, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reminded the council of the Town Christmas party.

ATTORNEY: Presented the sidewalk ordinance #2104-9-2(a) – Council asked if the Town hall had received any comments from the public. It was noted that only a couple citizens expressed opposition. No one from the public was present at the meeting to discuss the ordinance. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the ordinance. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presented a letter to Cook Holdings LLC thanking them for the donation of the lot (currently a town parking lot). Member Hoover made a motion for the Clerk to sign and send the letter. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presented the Golf Cart/Off Road Vehicle Ordinance (2104-9-2(b) – Town Manager Eagleson stated that the office received only negative feedback from the public regarding this ordinance. President Kenner called for a vote on the ordinance. Members voting “Nay” – Suellyn Mickem; Edna Bowser, and Juan Arroyo. Member voting “Yay” – Ray Hoover.

Council then discussed removing “Off Road Vehicles” from the ordinance and retaining the fees, fines, and restrictions on golf carts. The Attorney stated that he would have the wording changes made. The Clerk requested that the Ordinance number be changed to 2014-12-01 C on the revised ordinance. Member Hoover made a motion to adopt the ordinance with the revisions stated, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Member Hoover made a motion to approve claims, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Member Arroyo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.



Gregory Kenner, Council President

Attest: 
Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer