



Meeting Minutes – December 2, 2013

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

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

Also present: Laurie Miller, Bill Eberhard, Jr

Absent: Bruce Eagleson

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

Council Member Kenner made a motion to approve minutes from November 18th, November 11th Executive meeting, November 25th special session & November 25th executive session. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER: Discussed an upgrade to the Wastewater plants' computer software. The cost would be \$12,565.00 to upgrade the system to Windows 7 with the software, or \$10,230.00 to stay with XP. With XP the software will no longer be supported next year. Member Hoover made a motion to do the complete upgrade to Windows 7, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Water: Presented sewer adjustments for Gwen Hershberger and Hometown Restaurant. Both users are back to normal after having large leaks. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the adjustments, Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Working on a price quote for cleaning out the backwash tanks. (sludge removal) and new testing equipment. Will bring quotes to the next meeting.

Beer and Slabaugh are ahead of schedule with the water line installation. Supt Leu explained the process for flushing a new line and bringing on the new service.

Member Hoover asked Leu if he had specs for a new truck available. Leu stated that although he does, he is opting to wait until the next meeting. The old truck has been repaired and is now in workable order.

President Eagleson discussed a reimbursement letter for Fillmore Equipment's water line. They would like to have an agreement that would last 15 years. After discussing the issue, the council stated that they would like to wait and see how much the project actually costs and then work on the agreement.

FIRE: Breakfast with Santa went well. The Department took three large boxes of food items to the Food and Clothes basket along with the cash donations.

POLICE: Asked about the code enforcement ordinances. Dustin Glick is working updating an ordinance book.

PUBLIC WORKS (STREET, CEMETERY, PARK):

Street: Received about 25 applications for the open position. The council will interview the final 3 candidates with CDL licenses in executive session on December 16th, beginning at 7:45.

CLERK: Presented a 2013 Budget Reduction Resolution, #2013-12-04A, reducing unspent appropriations in the 2013 Budget by \$1,222,000.00. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the resolution, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presented the 2014 Wage and Salary ordinance, #2013-12-04B, Member Hoover made a motion to approve the document, Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presented an amendment to the 2013 Wage and Salary ordinance to address holiday pay for employees and reserve police officers. Member Kenner made a motion to approve the amendment, #2013-12-04C. Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Clerk then reminded everyone that the Town Christmas party would be Saturday, December 7th at Grossmans.

ATTORNEY: Attended a meeting on "Stellar Communities" that discussed grant options for towns. Asked the council if they were interested in more information on this program. Member Kenner made a motion for the attorney to move forward with the idea, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried. Eberhard will be discussing the program with DLZ and report back.

Still working on combining the TIF districts.

Discussed the "Off Premise Furnace/Burning" ordinance as requested by Rob West. Member Hoover would like the ordinance revised to include industrial areas to protect the air quality in town. Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Member Hoover discussed the issue of fire department pay increases. It was noted that at an earlier meeting the pay increase vote was rescinded. After consideration of the budget and other issues, Member Hoover made the motion to have the Fire Dept pay for volunteers remain the same as in 2013. Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS

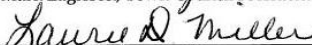
Member Kenner made a motion, seconded by Member Arroyo to allow claims. Motion carried

ADJOURN

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



Mark Eagleson, Town Council President



Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk-Treasurer