



Meeting Minutes – October 6, 2014

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

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

Also present: Laurie Miller, Bill Eberhard

Absent: Gregory Kenner

Vice President Arroyo opened the meeting at precisely 7:00 pm.

Council Member Bowser made a motion to approve minutes from the September 15, 2014 meeting. Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney Bill Eberhard opened bids for the sale of the Dodge Charger as advertised:

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| Blake Baughman | \$2658.00 |
| City of North Manchester Indiana | \$4500.00 |
| Ralph Nelson | \$500.00 |
| Town of New Chicago | \$7150.00 |
| LaGrange Co Prosecutor's Office | \$9199.00 |
| - Contingent upon approval of Lag. Co. Officials approval | |
| Chicago Motors Inc | \$5007.00 |
| Jim Van Zant | \$6500.00 |
| Yousef Dabbah | \$5268.00 |
| LaGrange County Dodge Trade in Value | \$5500.00 |

Member Hoover made a motion to sell the car to the LaGrange County Prosecutor's office, pending the approval of the LaGrange County Council & Commissioners. Should the sale fall thru, the car will be sold to the 2nd highest bidder; the Town of New Chicago. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER: Not present

Water: Gave a report of water used; work performed; Mark Miller is almost finished with his Training. The Council congratulated Leu on receiving the "Prime Mover's Award" from the AWWA.

POLICE: Not Present

PUBLIC WORKS (STREET, CEMETERY, PARK): Not Present

Fire Dept: Reported that the Department has been giving Fire Safety demonstrations with the Safety House at the local schools and in Sturgis. Presented quotes for a pressure washer as follows: Ace Hardware - \$659.99; Hawpatch Engine - \$529.99; Sears - \$697.23. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the purchase from Hawpatch Engine, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

McClish requested permission to purchase a scanner radio for his personal vehicle that would belong to the Department. Quotes were from Torg's \$514.00; Scanner Master \$574.00; Direct \$349.00 (did not include programming) After discussing the matter, Member Hoover made the motion to purchase the scanner from Torg's, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried. McClish then discussed repairs on equipment, they received a proposal from Hoosir

Fire Equipment in the amount of \$1151.00. McClish stated that the department can do some of the work, to help defray the cost. Member Hoover made a motion to move forward with the repairs, not to exceed the estimate of \$1151.00. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reported that the floor grates are in and the cement work is finished.

Town Manager: Reported for Marshal Snyder that Corn School went well. Met with PWD Dean Weir and Chris Leupp to go over tires for the Town vehicles. Leupp has developed a program that is working well with the County. This includes balancing and reusing tires. Member Hoover asked if the departments are doing maintenance checks on tires and vehicles. Eagleson stated that they are, however we need more training on documentation. The Street Department has installed a new "One Way" alley sign at the Post office due to heavy traffic in the area.

Discussed Mark Miller's 180 day review. Eagleson stated that Miller is working out and would like to recommend approval of the .25 raise that was recommended at the time of hire. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the increase. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Egleson then discussed Niblock's change order on the Michigan Street paving project. The original quote was \$20693.01, due to unforeseen issues with the street, there was a change in cost, bringing the project cost to \$54,994.10. The Clerk needs approval for this large of an increase before payment can be made. Due to heavy equipment being driven on that particular street, the council may need to look at an ordinance restricting the weight of vehicles traveling that area of town. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the payment of \$54,994.10 to Niblock. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presented 3 county permit authorizations to the council.

1. Hofer's 414 W Spring St- addition of a mud room
2. Tovar's 3158 N Lakeland Dr - replacement of a shed
3. Dominguez 501 E Spring - overhang to cover the entry of exterior basement steps.

Member Hoover made a motion to approve all three permits. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Member Mickem then asked about the corner of Sherman & Central, stating that there are still issues with visibility. The Town Manager will ask the Street Dept to stencil "stop" on the street.

CLERK: Presented Resolution 2014-10-06 to transfer appropriations in the amount of \$20,060.00 to cover expenses. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the transfers, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Asked the council if they wanted to attend an IACT Roundtable meeting in Churubusco on October 14, 2015. Mark Eagleson, Juan Arroyo, Greg Kenner and Laurie Miller will attend.

Reminded the council that the next meeting will be our 2015 Budget Approval hearing.

ATTORNEY: Reported on Annexation of Woodland Hills, waiting on DLZ and Umbaugh to get back with him, code enforcement ordinances, and spoke to HIMCO about coming to a council meeting to discuss trash/recycling pick up in town. Both appraisals for the town lots (Northwood Addition) are now in, one at \$4000.00 the other at \$10,000.00. The Council then discussed options on selling the lots. Member Mickem made a motion to have Lewis & Lambright list them for sale, Member Bowser seconded the motion. The listing price should be within the appraisals. Motion carried.

Read and discussed Ordinance #2014-10-06 concerning Trash receptacles and the amount of time they are allowed to be left at the street for trash pick up. Council discussed this issue at the last meeting

(September 15, 2014) . Member Hoover made a motion to approve the ordinance. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hoover then discussed changes to the proposed sidewalk ordinance. Eberhard will revise it and bring it to the next meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Discussed the golf cart ordinance and whether to allow other types of vehicles regulated by the DNR on town streets. Eberhard stated he will look into what other towns allow and prohibit and report back.


Keith Neff asked if the Street department could cover the "Corn School Detour" signs better when they are put up early.

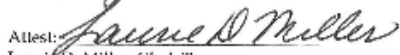
ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS

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

ADJOURN

Member Mickem made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Bowser. Motion carried.


Gregory Bauer, Council President

Attest: 
Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer