



Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2015

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

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

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

**Absent:**

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm.

The council opened the meeting with discussion on electing officers. Member Hoover made a motion to appoint Juan Arroyo as President of the council. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried. Member Hoover then made a motion to appoint Suellyn Mickem as Vice President. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Member Hoover made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2014 meeting. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council discussed appointments for departments, it was decided to delay the appointments until after the next council person is selected on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

The County has requested the council make an appointment to the Alcohol Beverage Commission. Keith Stanton has expressed interest in the appointment. Member Hoover requested that the Clerk to post the opening on the website and facebook page.

Lora Tormanen of the LaGrange County Economic Development office was present to introduce herself to the Council, she is the "Interim Director" until a replacement for Keith Gillenwater is found.

**WASTEWATER:** No Report

**Water:** Asked the council to consider a discounted price for connecting water to the Masonic Lodge.

**POLICE:** No Report

**FIRE:** Would like to purchase a 70" Smart tv for the training room from Walmart. The price, including a discount, will be \$1288.00. Firefighters Inc will be purchasing a 2<sup>nd</sup> one for an additional training room. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the purchase, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Town Manager:** Thanked all the departments for working together to get a leak fixed on N. Detroit Street.

In other business:

- o New tires are on the bigger yellow dump trucks
- o Discussed applicants for the street position. Verified with the council that a CDL is required.
- o Will be sending letters out to property owners on Grant Street regarding trees that need trimmed.

**CLERK:** Presented a resolution #2015-01-05A to encumber 2014 funds. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the resolution, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ATTORNEY:** Presented Ordinance #2015-01-05B – Restricting Parking by the Food & Clothes Basket. This ordinance was discussed at two previous meetings. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the ordinance, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presented a revised Personnel Policy to the Council. Council will review the ordinance and discuss it at the next meeting.


**OPEN DISCUSSION:** Member Hoover asked the status on Town wide trash pick up. Attorney Eberhard stated that he will contact someone at Serv All to speak about options.

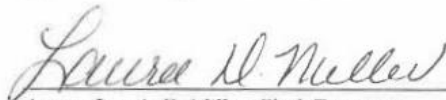
Hoover then asked about the status of a Utility Rates review, Eberhard will contact Umbaugh regarding this issue as well.

**ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:** Member Mickem made a motion to allow claims, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Member Hoover made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**ADJOURN**

  
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Juan C. Arroyo, Council President

  
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Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer