



Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2015

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

Council Members Present:

Also present: Laurie Miller, Bill Eberhard

Absent:

President Arroyo opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Member Hoover made a motion to adopt the agenda, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Hoover made a motion to approve minutes from the January 5, 2015 meeting. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- ❖ Treated 10.114 MG of treated water
- ❖ Land application report submitted to IDEM

Water:

- ❖ Requested approval for training at the AWWA conference on 2/11/15 for Mark Miller & John Leu. Will be applying for a grant for Miller to attend for the first time. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the training, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ❖ Also asked for approval to travel to local towns to gather information regarding automatic meter reading equipment. Member Hoover made a motion to allow up to a 60 mile radius. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ❖ Assisted 4 homeowners with frost related issues
- ❖ Will be shipping an 8" master meter for rehabilitation soon.

POLICE:

- ❖ 37 agency assists
- ❖ 4944 Full time officer miles driven and 716 Reserve officer miles
- ❖ 128 Traffic warnings
- ❖ 64 training hours
- ❖ Presented a plaque for outstanding service to Gerard Smith. Smith has resigned his position as Town Reserve officer to take a position with the LaGrange County Sheriff's department. The Council thanked him for his service and wished him well.

FIRE:

- ❖ Requested approval for 4 firefighters to attend training in Angola on February 7th for a cost of \$220.00. Member Mickem made a motion to approve the training, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ❖ Invited Council President Arroyo to a meeting on February 5th in the fire station.
- ❖ Assistant Chief Neff presented quotes for tires for various trucks.
Ladder 14; Squad 15; and Rescue 10 - Hostetler Tire quote #1 \$5578.52
Ladder 14; Squad 15; and Rescue 10 - Hostetler Tire quote #2 6104.44
Requested quotes from Goodyear Tire - no written response.
Member Hoover made a motion to approve the purchase from Hostetler tires, quote #1 (\$5578.52). Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Neff then asked the council to approve a repair to a 16" bullet chain saw with Crystal Valley Power Equipment. Member Hoover asked if a repair quote could be obtained from another source. Neff stated that he would look into it and bring it to the next meeting.

Town Manager: Requested the council approve a proposal to do a Utility Rate study with Umbaugh & Associates. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the study, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- ❖ Asked if the council wanted to attend an IACT Round table meeting in Middlebury on February 10th.
- ❖ Presented a suggested "Town Logo" Member Hoover made a motion to approve the logo, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ❖ Reported that the cemetery is working with Rex Pranger to lay out lots in the new addition. Member Hoover asked if we had considered having different options for burial, such as a "cremation wall" and flat headstones in a section.
- ❖ Requested the council set a meeting for the Redevelopment Commission. The meeting was set for Tuesday, February 17th at 6:30 pm.
- ❖ Reminded the council of the 4th Annual Chili Shuffle, sponsored by Focus LaGrange, January 31, 2015
- ❖ Council still needs to appoint someone to the Alcohol Beverage Commission.

CLERK: Presented a permit authorization for Lowell Hostetler to install an additional restroom at 301 N Detroit Street. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the request. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

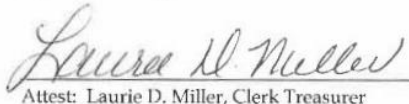
ATTORNEY: Discussed annexation and notification of residents west of town. Suggested the council set a public hearing for input on the matter for February 17th. Reported that there will be a representative of HIMCO to give a report on Town wide trash pick up at the next meeting. The attorney's office is still working on the employee handbook. The Clerk will send council's email addresses to the office for distribution and review of the handbook.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

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

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


Joan C. Arroyo, Council President


Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer