



Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2015

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, Robert Shanahan

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 19, 2015 regular meeting and the Executive session held on the same date. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER: No Report

Water: Supt Leu presented the council with a report, highlights were:

- ❖ Gathering cost to rehab Well #3 and High Service #2
- ❖ Working with Lightning Hills to find leaks
- ❖ New meter at the County Jail
- ❖ Assisting Atwood Mobile building with fire suppression repairs
- ❖ Drainage issues in Hunter's Trace

Council discussed the hydrant issues at the Atwood Mobile building.

POLICE: Discussed an abandoned home, marking parked/snowed in cars, and what to do about sidewalks not being cleared from the recent snowfall.

FIRE: Requested permission to proceed with a 911 wrap for a fire truck. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the request, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Town Manager: Discussed the letter sent out to Grant Street residents regarding tree trimming. Residents were present to ask questions about the requirement. Council stated that they did not intend to cut the trees down, they would just like to see them trimmed to avoid damages to town vehicles. It was noted that most of the trees have been trimmed.

Leaf pick up and snow removal were also discussed.

Town Manager Mark Eagleson also reported:

- ❖ Rex Pranger has been working with cemetery employees on plotting a new section
- ❖ There is a Wastewater Treatment Plant Annual Report available in the Town Hall
- ❖ Council needs to move forward with an appointment to the Alcohol Beverage Commission. Member Hoover made a motion to appoint Mark Eagleson, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ❖ Personnel Policy is complete. Member Hoover made a motion to approve and sign Ordinance 2015.02.02 (B) also known as the Town of LaGrange Personnel Policy. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried with Member Robert Shanahan abstaining from the vote. Shanahan stated that he had not read the policy.

CLERK: Presented Resolution 2015.02.02 (A) Reducing the 2015 Budget by \$267,110.00 per the Department of Local Government Finance. Member Bowser made a motion to accept the reductions, Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussed having a policy and contract that would allow employees to borrow paid time off. The Clerk will keep the policy presented on hand and will handle on a case by case basis.

ATTORNEY: Gave an update on the property damaged during the 2014 Tornado at the Town park. The Town will be filing a lawsuit against the banks that own the property.

Presented a Town Code Ordinance book for the council to review. The final version will be in digital format for editing.

Chris Himes from HIMCO will be at the March 2, 2015 meeting to discuss options for Town wide trash pick up.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Member Hoover asked the other council members to consider a written policy to clear up any confusion with department supervisors on purchases. It was determined that the council wants to set the limit at anything over \$500.00 will need to have 3 quotes. Also discussed whether or not to include repairs in this policy.

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

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



Juan C. Arroyo, Council President



Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer