



TOWN OF  
*LaGrange*  
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Meeting Minutes – March 16, 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 precisely 7:00 pm.

President Arroyo began the meeting as a “Public Hearing” to discuss the re-establishment of the Town of LaGrange Cumulative Capital Development Fund. After asking the public present at the meeting for comments, Member Hoover made a motion to approve the ordinance to re-establish the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried. Member Hoover then made a motion to proceed with the regularly scheduled Council meeting. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Council Member Hoover made a motion to approve minutes from the March 2, 2015 meeting. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Town Marshal Rich Snyder spoke on behalf of the County Emergency Management Manager, Stewart Bender. Bender has requested the Town make an appointment to the District Planning Council. Snyder indicated that he was willing to be the appointee. It was noted that the appointee currently is Jeff Campos. Member Hoover made a motion to appoint Marshall Snyder, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nancy Block was present to discuss Farmer’s Market matters. She asked if the market could remain at the location it was in the previous year. (On W. Spring Street, in front of the Library) Discussion of the vendor that set up at St Rd 9 & U.S 20, traffic flow issues, vendor meetings, and other topic ensued. It was noted that no significant problems occurred at the location in 2014. Member Hoover made a motion to allow the market to continue on Spring Street. Member Shanahan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**WASTEWATER:** Jeff Moore presented the Monthly report for February as follows:

- Received & Discharged 15.527 million gallons of treated wastewater
- Effluent flows of 0.555 MGD
- No Sanitary Sewer Overflows
- No Violations of the NPDES permit

Discussed generator maintenance at the plant.

**Water:** Gave a report of work completed in the last couple of weeks.

**POLICE:** Gave an update on Officer Sprunger’s worker’s comp injury. Will be working on new photo IDS for newer employees & volunteers. Presented a monthly details report for February 2015.

**FIRE:** Requested authority to spend \$1185.00 on conference registration and Hotels for FDIC 2015 in Indianapolis in April. Member Mickem made a motion to approve the expenses, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reported that the Township Trustees (Bloomfield & Clay) have agreed to purchase approximately \$10,000.00 worth of new turn out gear for the department.

Also noted that they have applied for a DNR grant for radios. Announced that the Department will be having a Fish/Chicken dinner fundraiser on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm.

**Town Manager:** Would like to send Mike Rosendaul to Peru Indiana for training on Maintenance of Mechanical & Vacuum Sweepers April 7 & 8<sup>th</sup>. The seminar is free, there will be one night in a hotel. Member Mickem made a motion to approve the training, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Also discussed rehab of one Street Department truck for a cost \$16985.00. Rehab includes:

- New Tipper body, hoist (Stainless steel body)
- Manual Tailgate; Cab shield
- New Electric Over hydraulic hoist, reflective tape
- Under cab shield; amber led strobe lights
- LED Stop Tail Turn Reverse combination lights at the rear
- 2 LED amber strobes off the cab shield
- Repair existing underbody
- Chassis Frame Cleaned, blasted and painted
- Underarmour chassis frame and body floor

The process should take the truck out of service about 2-3 weeks. Council discussed benefits to rehabbing the truck. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the work, waving the 3 bid requirement due to a lack of vendors in the area that can do the work. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presented a printout on the legal uses of Major Moves Funds.

Reported that he is working on tax abatements renewals.

Had a resident ask about closing an alley, there is not a procedure policy for such requests. Would like the attorney to work on a policy to present to the council.

**CLERK:** Asked the council to approve closing Michigan & Spring Street around the courthouse on June 20<sup>th</sup> for the Annual Courthouse Classic 5K and Fun run. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the request, Member Bowser seconded the motion. It was noted that the council would appreciate it if the group would use paint to mark the route that would fade quicker.

Member Hoover then made a motion to pause the regular meeting to meet as the LaGrange Redevelopment Commission. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ATTORNEY:** No report

**OPEN DISCUSSION:** None

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

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

  
John C. Arroyo, Council President

  
Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer