



TOWN OF  
*LaGrange*  
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Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2015

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

**Council Members Present:** Juan Arroyo, Ray Hoover, Edna Bowser, Bob Shanahan, Suellyn Mickem

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

**Absent:**

The meeting was opened the meeting at precisely 7:00 pm.

Council Member Ray Hoover made a motion to approve minutes from the April 6, 2015 meeting. Member Shanahan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**WASTEWATER:** Severn Trent Manager Jeff Moore presented a Monthly Report of activities in March 2015:

- Received & discharged 13.774 million gallons of treated wastewater
- Monthly reports submitted to IDEM
- No land application in March of 2015
- Also discussed storage problem of treated sludge at the wastewater plant

**Water:** Supt Leu presented a report with the following points:

- Delinquents up to date
- Met all safe drinking-water act requirements
- Consumer Confidence report is complete and will be distributed door to door
- Landscaping done from fall projects.
- Still looking at different styles/models of auto read meters

Member Hoover expressed concern over wording in the report. He would prefer not to have the negative commentary. Supt Leu apologized and stated that he did not read the report in that manner and would have someone review it in the future.

**POLICE:** Marshal Snyder requested approval to sell various used equipment to the County Prosecutor's office for \$1.00. Equipment listed was: 2 small grill lights; 2 rear deck lights; dash light, and a siren control box. Member Bowser made a motion to approve the sale, Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried. It was noted that Member Suellyn Mickem abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Marshal Snyder then presented his March 2015 report:

- 486 Business Checks; 28 Traffic Citations; 98 Traffic warnings; 19 criminal arrests
- Reserves are down, hoping to recruit more members
- Deputy Sprunger should be returning to work after an injury in June.

**FIRE:** Fire Chief Mark McClish introduced newly certified firefighters: Randy Mellinger, Peyton Ritchie, and Travis Brown. The Department now has 25 certified firefighters and 2 more that have recently joined. Reported that the Fish & Chicken Fry was a success with approximately 873 people attending and \$9750.00 in donations. Thanked Ron Bills of the Street department for sweeping the parking lot prior to the fundraiser.

Will be meeting with the County Dispatch to discuss the number of 1<sup>st</sup> responder calls the department is receiving.

**Town Manager:** Manager Mark Eagleson presented a completed Tax Abatement renewal request from All that Jazz. All requirements have been met and he recommended that the council approve the abatement for another year. Member Shanahan made a motion to approve and sign the abatement, Member Mickem seconded the

motion. Motion carried.

In other business:

- Discussed getting quotes for a tree that needs removed at Greenwood Cemetery
- Discovered a small sink hole in the area of Lake & Poplar Streets.
- Spring Clean up will be April 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Community Service workers and part time help are lined up to assist as needed
- Picking up leaves and branches this week
- Youth Ball League and Churches will be using the ball diamond
- Still working on getting quotes for the sidewalk projects. Member Hoover suggested contacting Greg Todd at Farmer's State Bank for contractors. Measurements have been taken.
- Farmer's Market will open on May 2. Banners will be put up next week

Member Shanahan asked if there is a process in place regarding vacating alleys in town. Attorney Bill Eberhard stated that he can provide a form for citizens looking to do so. Setting a standing operating policy was discussed, along with establishing a fee to cover costs.

**CLERK:** Clerk Treasurer Laurie Miller presented a permit authorization for Kara Garrett, 508 Vine Street, to install a storage shed on her property. Member Shanahan made a motion to approve the request, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presented a sample "Golf Cart" permit sticker. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the sticker, adding that there should be a numbering system in place for the stickers as well. Member Bowser seconded the motion, Motion carried.

On behalf of Nancy Block and the LaGrange Farmer's Market, Miller asked the council if they would consider a donation to help with advertising of the market. Member Hoover made a motion to donate \$500.00, Member Shanahan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ATTORNEY:** Presented and read a proposed ordinance outlining the "Use of Town Vehicles". The ordinance addresses what needs to occur if a Town vehicle is in an accident. The Ordinance was then discussed and will be reviewed again at the next meeting on May 4, 2015.

- Working on Policy to permit us of TIF funds for building renovations.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:** Ryne Krock was present to introduce himself as the new LaGrange Economic Development Director.

Member Edna Bowser asked about the status of the proposed Trash/Recycling program.

Member Shanahan asked about the status of the house on Mountain Street with the tree on the roof. Attorney Eberhard stated that he is still working with the bank to get a release.

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

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

  
John C. Arroyo, Council President

  
Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer