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Meeting Minutes – May 18, 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

President Arroyo opened the meeting at precisely 7:00 pm.

Member Mickem made a motion to approve the agenda, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Bowser made a motion to approve minutes from the May 4, 2015 meeting. Member Shanahan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Laura Lemings, representing the LaGrange County Community Foundation, reported that the Town's donation to the LaGrange Civil War day o (\$750.00) is still in the account. The group will not be hosting the event in 2015 and she suggested that the council consider redirecting the donation to the "Home Sweet Home" Lily challenge. If the money is redirected, the Lilly Foundation will match the funds for charitable programs. The goal is to raise one half million dollars. Member Hoover made a motion to the redirection of the \$750.00. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER: Manger Jeff Moore reported that we now have 67 sewer only accounts. Moore also presented a report for April 2015 with the following highlights:

- ⚡ Received & Discharged 12.033 million gallons of treated wastewater
- ⚡ 61 work orders
- ⚡ 35.43 Dry tons land applied
- ⚡ Discussion of the storage facility.

Water: Discussed different types of radio & drive by meter readers. The Department is still contacting references. Stated that the total cost for replacing all meters in town, software and hardware for the project will be approximately \$250,000.00.

POLICE: Marshal Snyder presented a details report for April 2015. Discussed putting an undercover vehicle in operation. Member Shanahan made a motion to move forward with the vehicle, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Asked the council to approve "Desert Snow" training for Deputy Lee Evans at a cost of \$590.00. The training is in Elkhart. Member Bowser made a motion to approve the training, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The K-9 unit is in training, will be brought in for a demonstration when the dog is certified.

Discussed the need for a "Repetitive Drug House" ordinance.

FIRE: Discussed a possible grant for new severe weather sirens. Will be researching which towns in similar size have and what works the best.

Town Manager:

- ⚡ Approved a 2.5" DSM Nozzle for the fire department
- ⚡ 95% of Storm Drains have been cleaned
- ⚡ Working on spraying weeds around town
- ⚡ Asked citizens to refrain from putting grass clippings in the street. They clog sewer and storm drains.
- ⚡ Working on specs for a new Salt Barn

- ✚ Street Department reported finding used syringes in the trash containers downtown.
- ✚ Truck at WA Jones for repairs
- ✚ NIPSCO replacing poles at the Courthouse
- ✚ Met with county officials to discuss a stop light at Townline & US20
- ✚ Reported on the Farmer's Market and what to do during the Courthouse Classic 5k. Worked with Region 3A on submitting a grant for the group.
The Council asked about the status of the GIS system updates for Greenwood Cemetery. The town Manager will check and report back.
- ✚ Presented a permit authorization for Barbara Diehl on Canal Street to build a replacement garage. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the garage permit, Member Shanahan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ✚ Presented a Quitclaim deed for a portion of property that should have already been on their deed. After discussing the issue, Member Mickem made a motion for President Arroyo to sign the paperwork. Member Shanahan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK: Asked the council to compile of list of budget needs for 2016. Reported that the proposed Cumulative Capital Development Fund re-establishment has been approved by the Department of Local Government Finance.

ATTORNEY: Presented for reading and ordinance regulating "Use of Town Vehicles By Volunteers". The ordinance was discussed by the council. Member Mickem made a motion to approve the ordinance as written, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussed the "Vacating Alleys Procedure" ordinance. Council asked the fees be edited to include professional fees in addition to the \$500.00 fee and to suggest that the petitioner seek their own attorney.

Working on the Façade Improvement ordinance.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- ✚ Discussed the possibility of a Solar Power Plant on Railroad Street
- ✚ Town Park needs new benches. The Town Manager will contact TransCanada to see if they are still interested in making a donation for new equipment
- ✚ Discussed responding to the recent Letter to the Editor regarding the Town Park.
- ✚ Discussed possible changes in the park layout of basketball courts and playground equipment.
- ✚ Discussed getting proposals for town trash pickup.
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ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Member Bowser made a motion to approve claims, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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


 Juan C. Arroyo, Council President


 Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer