



TOWN OF  
*LaGrange*  
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Meeting Minutes – July 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, Suellyn Mickem, Raymond Hoover, 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 July 6, July 14 Special Meeting, and July 14 Executive Meetings. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President of the LaGrange Redevelopment Commission, Mark Eagleson, asked the members of the council to approve the application from ATJ Holdings LLC, granting them \$30,000.00 for the Façade Improvement Program. An overview of the project was given along with the grant requirements. Member Hoover motioned in favor of awarding the grant in the amount of \$30,000.00, Member Shanahan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RDC President Eagleson then asked that the RDC commission approve minutes from the July 14, 2015 meeting. Member Mickem motioned to approve the minutes, Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Town council then proceeded.

Andy Lemberis of DLZ Engineers presented preliminary plans for the 2015 Salt Barn construction project. Several options in the bidding process were discussed. The construction of a fence surrounding the area is estimated at \$20,000 - \$25,000.00. Notice to Bidders will be advertised, then opened at the August 17, 2015 meeting.

**WASTEWATER: Gave a monthly report for June 2015**

- Received & discharged 12.257 million gallons of treated wastewater
- Reports submitted to IDEM
- Received quotes for replacing and repairing a pump at the plant. Repairing the parts at a cost of \$5547.00, Replacing with a self-priming pump - \$16,050.00. It was recommended to replace it with the self- priming pump due to better efficiency and maintenance issues. Both quotes were received from Kusters-Water. The parts are proprietary to the system and aftermarket parts cannot be used. Member Hoover made the motion to approve purchasing and installing new equipment at the cost of \$16,050.00, Member Shanahan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Water:** Updating contact information on private hydrants. Discussed the purchase of the high service pump with the Clerk. We will not be purchasing the equipment at this time. Presented a wastewater adjustment application on behalf of May Schreiber for 4000 gallons of untreated water. Member Mickem motioned to approve the adjustment, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried. Also reported that:

- Thanked the Street Dept for help with leaks
- Emergency locate on Poplar Street after a traffic accident last week
- Another long vacant home back in service

**POLICE:** The News Sun called to compliment the LaGrange Police Department for an incident witnessed at the LaGrange County Fair.

Marshal Snyder presented a monthly details report for June. Two new reserve officers were sworn in and ready for training. Working on a grant with Stewart Bender, Emergency Management director. Discussed ordinance violations, dog ordinances, and graffiti issues.

Asked the council if they had discussed a pay increase for Officer Dubea.  
The wrecker rotation was also discussed.

**FIRE:** Department will be painting the private hydrants at Dometic red so they will not be used when they are testing hydrants. Reported that they applied for and have been awarded a 50/50 grant from the DNR. (\$4750.00). The grant funds will be used to update radio equipment. Five firefighters will be attending training in Angola. Trucks are being scheduled for annual maintenance. Will be setting up the pallets and bins for training mazes. Sand will be under the ones for easier clean up after burning. Asked the council for an exception to the burning ordinance for this training. Member Shanahan made a motion to approve the burning of the pallets and bins behind the building, Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.  
Member Shanahan gave an update on emergency siren information.

**Town Manager:** Presented County permit authorizations for Farm Bureau Insurance (tearing down old building and constructing a new one) and Eric Duncan (14x32) porch. Member Hoover motioned to approve both, Member Shanahan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Also reported on:

- o Progress of the downtown sidewalk project
- o Sewer line maintenance
- o Will be attending a training session on Annexation in Indianapolis

**CLERK:** Presented Resolution 2015.07.20 to transfer \$30,000.00 from Mvh (Street Department) equipment to Mvh Repair of Equipment. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the transfer, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried. Member Shanahan asked if the Street department has a program in place for vehicle maintenance.

LaGrange Monument has recommended that Greenwood Cemetery raise the foundation fee charge from .25 per square inch to .26 per square inch to cover expenses. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the increase. Member Shanahan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

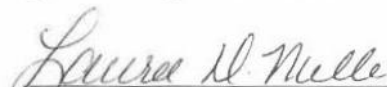
**ATTORNEY:** Reported on the progress at 214 W Steuben Street. There is approximately \$826.44 in back taxes owing.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:** Discussed Rex Fisher's proposed donation of property for a park on US20 W

**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 Mickem seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

  
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Juan C. Arroyo, Council President

  
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Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer