



TOWN OF
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Meeting Minutes – September 8, 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, Bob Shanahan

Also present: Laurie Miller, Bill Eberhard

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

President Arroyo asked the council and audience to take a minute to honor John “Jac” Price, Price, a long time LaGrange resident, County Commissioner, and a member of several other boards passed away on Sunday, September 6, 2015.

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

Member Mickem made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 17 and August 24th meetings. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Arroyo then asked that the meeting be turned over to Mark Eagleson, president of the Redevelopment Commission to discuss claims. Claims totaling \$33,596.91 were submitted to the commission for payment. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the payment of claims, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting reverted back to the Regular Council meeting.

A public hearing was then opened to discuss the Town of LaGrange’s 2016 Budget. There were no comments from the audience. A copy of the budget was presented to all members of the council. The Budget Adoption Hearing will be held on Monday, September 21, 2015.

A public hearing to adopt new water and sewer utility rates was then opened. Ross Hagen of Umbaugh Associates gave a presentation as to why a rate increase was needed. A group of concerned citizens were present to ask questions. All questions were answered and no objections were noted. Member Hoover made a motion to close the public hearing, Member Bowser seconded the motion.

Member Hoover then made a motion to approve Ordinance #2015-08-03 (B) (Amendment to the rates and charges of the Water Works Utility). Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Member Hoover then made a motion to approve Ordinance #2015-08-17 (Amendment to the rates and charges of the Sewage Utility). Member Shanahan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER: No report

Water: Gave a report to the council that included:

- Retired an old service on N. Walnut Street
- Working on the delineation of Well #1 with DLZ
- Updating emergence response contacts for pumps and chemical delivery systems
- New water service at Farm Bureau Insurance; repaired 2 service leaks, installed a hose bib at the Town Hall.
- Presented a sewer adjustment for Handshoes in Apple Valley. Member Mickem made a motion to approve the adjustment, Member Shanahan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

POLICE: Gave a recommendation on the installation of a 4way stop at Michigan & High Street.

Also reported that we have 2 new female reserves that will need uniforms. Quotes were received from: Galls \$1487.65 ; Steven Jenkins \$1405.12; and Chief Supply \$1546.50. Quotes are for one set of uniforms, two sets are needed.

Member Hoover made a motion to purchase from Steven Jenkins, Member Shanahan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRE: No report

Town Manager: Asked and received an extension from IDEM on the delineation project for the Water Department. Quotes have been received for the project as follows:

Hydrophase \$6950.00
Ortman Drilling \$16,500.00 or Option 2 \$24,000.00
Peerless Midwest \$22,500.00

Council discussed the big difference of the quotes. The Town Manager noted that DLZ will be reviewing the quotes and make a recommendation to the council on September 21st.

CLERK: Asked the council to set Trick or Treat hours for October 31, from 5-8. Member Shanahan made the motion to approve the request, Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY: Mentioned that the LaGrange County Youth Centers will be selling tickets to the "Taste of LaGrange" dinner to be held on the 2nd Saturday of October.

- Discussed Chad Fry's proposed horse effluent petition.
- Had an offer to purchase the property by the park (tree on the house)
- Possibility of allowing chickens in town (with restrictions)

OPEN DISCUSSION:

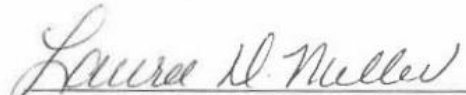
Member Shanahan made a motion to approve the proposed 4way stop at Michigan & High Street. Motion died for the lack of a second.

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

ADJOURN: Member Mickem made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion Carried.



Juan C. Arroyo, Council President



Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer