



TOWN OF  
*LaGrange*  
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Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2015

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

**Council Members Present:** Juan Arroyo; Edna Bowser, Suellyn Mickem, Raymond Hoover

**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 Hoover made a motion to approve minutes from the October 5, 2015 meeting. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nancy Block of the LaGrange Farmer's Market presented her budget plan for the USDA Grant funds for the market. Block also asked the council to discuss and consider moving the Farmer's Market to the Town Hall parking lot for better visibility. After discussing the pro's and con's of moving the market, Member Bowser made a motion to approve the move, seconded by Member Mickem. Motion carried. All contracts for marketing the market were left for the Town Manager to review. Attorney Eberhard will draft an agreement to require insurance for the market, and a "Hold Harmless" agreement.

**WASTEWATER:** Manager Jeff Moore was not present at the meeting, however, a September Monthly Report was distributed.

- ✓ Plant is operating at 16% of capacity
- ✓ No overflows; no violation
- ✓ Sewer only meter readings are complete for September

**Water:**

- ✓ Located a drain in Hunter's Addition. Attorney Eberhard questioned the ownership of the drain. Asked Supt Leu to meet with him regarding clearing private drains.
- ✓ Working on winterizing the parks and other areas
- ✓ Completed 80% of the hydrant flushing program.

**POLICE:** Reported that Deputy Bontrager broke his foot during training in Noble County. Discussed the possibility of working light duty.

**FIRE:** Pumps all re-certified. Discussed **trying one additional time to sell the old ladder truck.**

**Town Manager:**

- ✓ Acreage around the Town Hall will be sold at auction. Council discussed the possibility of purchasing a portion. The Council asked the Manager to solicit two appraisals to see what the property would be worth.

**CLERK:** Reported that a replacement for the retiring Utility Clerk has been hired. Tiffany Bontrager began working in the office on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at \$12.50 per hour. A review after 60 days will be conducted, with the possibility of an increase in wages if the review is positive.

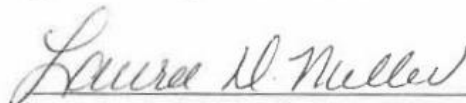
**ATTORNEY:** The property adjacent to the Town Park has been awarded to the Town of LaGrange. Council discussed what will be done with the property. There are parties interested in purchasing it. Attorney Eberhard stated that two appraisals will need to be obtained. Member Hoover made a motion to get the appraisals, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:** Discussed possible changes at the park.

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

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

  
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Juan C. Arroyo, Council President

  
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Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer