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Meeting Minutes – November 16, 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.

President Arroyo opened the meeting to discuss Redevelopment Claims and issues. Redevelopment Secretary Laurie Miller stated that there were two claims to approve, totaling \$865.02. RDC Member Hoover made a motion to approve the payment of these claims, Member Mickem seconded the motion, motion carried.

Other Redevelopment Commission business:

- Discussed building a new street department facility behind the Town Hall with TIF funds. Attorney Eberhard stated that the area would need to be added to the TIF district. The Commission stated that they would like to get an idea of what would be needed in a new building.
- Getting information around for the 2016 sidewalk plan.

Member Hoover made a motion to adjourn the RDC portion of the meeting and move on to the regular Town Council meeting. Member Mickem seconded the motion, motion carried.

Council Member Bowser made a motion to approve minutes from the November 2, 2015 meeting. Member Shanahan seconded the motion. Motion carried

Josh Pettit was present to discuss a zoning variance for property located on 200N in the TIF District. He is looking a building a home and would like to have some farm animals. Council discussed the issue at length. Attorney Eberhard stated that these types of variances have been issued in other towns in the area when the land is zoned as agricultural. Member Bowser made a motion to table the matter for further investigation, Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried. Member Mickem made a motion to approve the agenda, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Estelle Carney was on the agenda to discuss Public Restrooms in the Downtown area. Though she was not able to attend the meeting, the council did discuss the issue. Attorney Eberhard suggested the town consider the building next to his office on Detroit Street. It was formerly a hair salon and tattoo parlor, and very small. Council discussed the possibility, and indicated they would like to look into what it would take to make it happen.

WASTEWATER: Monthly Report with the following:

- Effluent Flows of 15% of plant capacity
- No Sanitary Sewer overflows, no parameter violations of the NPDES Permit
- 62 work orders completed

Discussed why the plant is down to 15% capacity.

Water:

- Working with the Wastewater Plant to find leaks
- Drained the north tower for inspection
- Working with INDOT engineers on relocating water lines under US20

POLICE: No Report

FIRE:

- Reported 479 total fire calls for 2015
- Presented quotes for the purchase of on scene lighting.
Nowak Supply - \$599.00 ; Galls – did not quote.

After discussing the purchase, Member Hoover motioned to table the purchase for the time being. Member Mickem seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Town Manager:

- Received 2 appraisals for 214 W. Steuben Street. Stanner Appraisals - \$5,000.00 and Appraisal Resource Inc - \$6,000.00. Council discussed options for selling and asked the Town Manager to research what would be the most cost efficient way to do so.

CLERK:

- Asked the council about year end bonus pay for employees and Christmas gifts for volunteers. Member Hoover made a motion to repeat what was done in 2014 (\$125.00 for full time employees, \$75.00 for part time employees, and \$25.00 gift cards for police reserves, Jeff Moore, Mark McClish and Keith Neff.) Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY:

- Working on the consent of encroachment agreement for Miller's Super Value. Will meet with the County Building Department to view the building plans before proceeding.
- Asked the council about contracts with vendors for the Farmer's Market. It was noted that this matter should be between the Market director and the Attorney. It is not a Town issue.
- Discussed a public nuisance issue with the building adjacent to Eberhard & Weimer

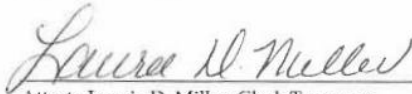
OPEN DISCUSSION: Fire Chief Mark McClish asked the council to consider making the Fire Chief position full time.

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 Mickem seconded the motion. Motion Carried.



Juan C. Arroyo, Council President



Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer