



TOWN OF
LaGrange
INDIANA

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Meeting Minutes - December 7, 2015

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

Council Members Present:

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 Mickem made a motion to approve minutes from the November 16, 2015 meeting. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Redevelopment Commission met to approve Redevelopment claims. RDC Member Hoover made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$150.00 to Eberhard & Weimber. RDC Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion of the request to allow animals on a parcel of property on 200 N (South side, within Town Corp limits) began with asking Josh Pettit how many farm type animals he intended on having. Pettit stated that a maximum of 12 chickens and 2 horses. After discussing the proposal, Member Mickem made a motion to give a positive recommendation on behalf of the Pettits to the Board of Zoning Appeals, with a limit of 12 chickens and 2 horses, and only for this specific property owner. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER: No Report

- Council asked the Town Manager if the question asked at the last meeting, "Why is the average use of the Sewer plant down by so much" had been answered. It appears to happen each year in the fall.

Water:

- Average 12.5 MG in November
- Installed a large water service at the Lakeland baseball concessions
- Hydrophase will be finalizing the Phase II wellhead protection plan
- North tower inspection went well

POLICE:

- Reported that Deputy Bontrager is back on full duty after a work injury.
- Reserve Academy begins January 5, 2016

FIRE: No Report

Town Manager:

- Asked the council to approve the proposed meeting dates for 2016. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the listed dates, 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month, with the exception of Mondays that fall on a holiday. The meeting will then be on the following Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Christmas lights & decorations are up
- Amber Coburn rode in a truck to do training for snow plowing, will continue to do so as needed
- Asked the council to re-appoint Steve Leichty to the Alcohol Beverage Council. Member Bowser made a motion to do so, seconded by Member Mickem. Motion carried.
- Discussed the property at 214 W. Steuben. Council stated that they would like to have it put for sale by sealed bid. Attorney Eberhard will work with Mark on the advertising.
- Requested that his employment contract be reviewed. Member Hoover made a motion to renew the contract with the Town Manager. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Reported that Adam Bollinger (Cemetery) is working on his CDL Permit
- Reported on 2016 fuel prices with North Central Co-op:
 1. Regular fuel: 2015 - 2.16 - 2016 - 1.94
 2. Diesel fuel: 2015 - 2.46 2016 - 2.06
 3. Medium Grade: 2015 - 2.38 2016 - 2.33
 Member Hoover made a motion to accept the 2016 prices, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Received quotes for tires for the Vactor Truck (see below) Member Hoover made a motion to purchase from Hostetler Tire, Member Shanahan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 1. Hostetler Tire \$75.25 each (8 tires will be purchased)
 2. Chris Leupp - \$81.00 each
 3. Eaglesons - \$88.00 each

CLERK:

- Will be hosting a retirement party for Jan Whetzel on December 29, 2015 at 2:00 pm.
- Reminded the Council of the Breakfast with Santa on December 12th.
- Presented the Council with "Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement" to be signed yearly along with the Annual Certification of Elected Officials to the Executive of the Town of LaGrange on Compliance with Municipal Nepotism Policy Involving Direct Line of Supervision form. Each council member and incoming member Debra Naylor, signed and returned the forms to be kept on file.

ATTORNEY:

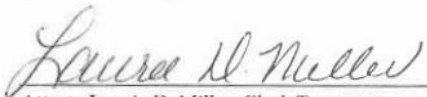
- Working on Annexation, TIF, Downtown Restrooms.
- Council asked about Trash pick up service. Will revise advertising to try again.
- Discussed the rental property at Canal & Michigan Streets.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

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

ADJOURN: Member Hoover 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