



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes - December 21, 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 Bowser made a motion to approve the agenda, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Bowser made a motion to approve minutes from the December 7, 2015 as well as the Executive meeting minutes from the same evening. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- ✓ Reports filed with IDEM
- ✓ No Overflows or violations
- ✓ Work orders completed
- ✓ Averaged 14% of capacity
- ✓ Grit pump back in service. Discussed a standby pump.

Water:

- ✓ Reported that the water and sewer use reduction is normal as bigger users are being more efficient
- ✓ Locates up to date
- ✓ Finished new hydrant installation on E. Michigan Street
- ✓ Helped Lard's, Dometic and the Wastewater Plant with leaks
- ✓ Presented sewer adjustments for 620 N Maple; 414 E. Spring; and Crab Apple Cove. Member Mickem made a motion to deny the adjustment for 414 E Spring (Gravit); Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the adjustment for CrabApple Cove, seconded by Member Mickem, Motion carried. Member Hoover asked for more information from the property owner (620 N Maple Street).

POLICE: Discussed issues with 502 E. Michigan Street. Would like the council to give the attorney permission to proceed with legal action. Attorney Eberhard stated that if there are other properties in town that have the same issues, now is the time to proceed. 117 S. Detroit, 302 Hillside Drive, and 309 N Poplar were also to be included in this procedure. Member Hoover made a motion to proceed, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRE: No report

Town Manager:

- ✓ Working on getting fence damaged at the Wastewater Plant repaired.
- ✓ Locked in fuel prices with North Central Co-op
- ✓ Breakfast with Santa went well.
- ✓ Presented the Town Manager's contract renewal for signatures.
- ✓ Presented a quote for 2016 Sidewalk improvements. Also discussed ADA compliance on sidewalks in residential areas.

CLERK:

- ✓ Presented the 2016 Wage & Salary Ordinance #2015.12.21 (A) for final approval. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the ordinance, Member Shanahan seconded the motion. Motion carried
- ✓ Presented a Transfer to Rainy Day ordinance #2015.12.21 (B) in the amount of \$30,000.00. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the Transfer after discussion. Member Shanahan seconded the motion. Motion carried
- ✓ Presented Resolution 2015.12.21 (C) reducing the 2015 budget by \$973,400.00. These are unused appropriations. Member Hoover made the motion to approve the resolution, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ✓ Requested newly elected and re-elected officials be a little early to the next meeting (January 4, 2016) to be sworn in for office.

ATTORNEY:

- ✓ Presented a Notice to Bidders document for advertising the sale of 214 W. Steuben Street. Member Hoover made a motion to move forward with the advertisement as presented. Member Mickem seconded the Motion. Bids will be opened on February 1, 2016.
- ✓ Presented a sample ordinance addressing the Materiality requirement. This is a new State Board of Accounts requirement. The Clerk will ask other towns of the same size what they are planning to set the amount at for reporting lost or stolen items.
- ✓ Dustin Glick will be at the next meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- ✓ President Juan Arroyo thanked Member Bob Shanahan for his service on the council.
- ✓ Discussed the junked cars that are now visible (should be behind the fence) at Curtis Wrecking.

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 recess the meeting to go into executive session, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Re-Adjournment: Member Hoover made a motion to pay for lights purchased by the Fire Department from Nowak Supply in the amount of \$1205.00. Monies are to be encumbered from 2015 Budget and paid in 2016. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Member Hoover made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried. The next meeting will be January 4, 2016.



Juan C. Arroyo, Council President



Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer