



TOWN OF
LaGrange
INDIANA

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Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2016

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, Deborah Naylor

Also present: Laurie Miller, Rachel Tran

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

Member Ray Hoover made a motion to approve the agenda with flexibility, Member Suellyn Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Hoover made a motion to approve minutes from the February 1, 2016 meeting. Member Edna Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Arroyo opened the meeting as a Public Hearing to close an undeveloped portion of N. Sycamore Street. The petition was filed by David & Tracey McBride and Tiffany Vrell. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the closing per Ordinance 2016-02-16(C) Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried. Member Hoover then made a motion to proceed with the regular meeting. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- Received & Discharged 10.267 million gallons of treated wastewater
- Monthly reports submitted to IDEM per requirements
- Seven parameter violations of the NPDES Permit (ammonia) –Violations were discussed by the council. All testing indicates that the violations were corrected. Cause was not determined.
- Requested permission to purge obsolete equipment as scrap. Member Mickem made a motion to scrap an auto clave and 2 obsolete samplers. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Water:

- Will be delivering the Consumer Confidence Reports as required by IDEM in March.
- Updated our sample sites
- Nitrate, lead, and copper samples are due this year, per the Safe Drinking Water Act
- Added water service to CarQuest on Townline Rd. CarQuest has also signed a “Stipulation Agreement” stating that they will agree to annexation should the town request it.

POLICE:

- Presented the resignation of Deputy Lee Evans. Member Bowser made a motion to accept the resignation and to pay Evans for 21 days of accrued paid time off. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried. Marshal Snyder then asked for permission to begin the process of replacing the officer. Member Mickem made a motion to do so, Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRE:

- Noted that Assistant Chief Keith Neff has officially resigned from the Department. Neff has moved out of the territory.
- Discussed selling the old ladder truck to the Elkhart Career Center for training purposes for \$1.00. Eberhard & Weimer’s office will draw up an interlocal agreement for the purpose of selling the truck.

Town Manager:

- Presented the Council with the Stipulation Agreement from CarQuest, agreeing to be annexed into town at any time the Town deems necessary. Member Mickem made a motion to approve the agreement, Member Hoover

seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Presented Ordinance 2016-02-16 (B) –Consent to Encroachment Agreement for Garry & Becky Miller (Miller Super Valu) This agreement will be in place in the event that there are problems with the sewer line that the Millers covered with their recent expansion. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Member Bowser. Motion carried.
- Discussed the Bobilya acreage that is for sale adjacent to the Town Hall.
- Council need to make an appointment to Region 3A. Member Hoover made a motion to appoint the Town Manager, Mark Eagleson. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed the upcoming INDOT upgrade to US20 thru town.
- Discussed an application for Tax Abatement for ATJ LLC. They will be putting up two new buildings.

CLERK:

- Requested the council approve closing of Michigan, High, and Spring Street on June 25th for the annual Courthouse Classic 5K. Member Mickem made a motion to close the streets as requested, Member Bowser seconded. Motion carried.
- Presented an Ordinance 2016-02-16(A) Establishing the use and control of Town Credit Cards. Member Hoover asked that a line be added to address “rewards points” being applied to the balance on the account and rewording of line (3). It should be: When not in use, the credit card shall be maintained in the respective Town Clerk Treasurer’s possession. The Clerk will make the changes. Member Hoover then made a motion to approve the ordinance with the noted changes being made. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY:

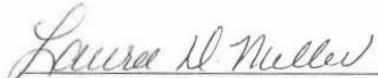
- Rachel Tran was present representing Bill Eberhard. She gave an update on the closing of the property on 214 W. Steuben Street
- Also updated the council on trash collections.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

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 adjourn the meeting, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion Carried.


John C. Arroyo, Council President


Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer