



Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2014

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

**Council Members Present:** Bruce Eagleson, Greg Kenner, Ray Hoover, Juan Arroyo, Suellyn Mickem

**Also present:** Clerk Treasurer, Laurie Miller and Attorney Dustin Glick

**Absent:** N/A

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

Council Member Eagleson made a motion to approve minutes from the March 3, 2014 meeting. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**WASTEWATER:** Presented a monthly report to the council outlining the amount of wastewater processed, callouts, and issues resolved. Still working on updating the computer systems at the plant, the carpet was installed last week. Member Hoover asked if Moore could condense the report to fewer pages for the future. Moore stated that he could. Electronic copies were also discussed.

**Water:** Reported that all delinquent accounts in the Water Office are up to date and then discussed the contract with Utility Service group for maintenance on the Water Towers. Member Hoover requested that Supt Leu put together a report similar to what the Wastewater Dept does so the council can see what is being accomplished monthly in the Water dept. Leu stated that he would bring one in the future.

**FIRE:** Presented quotes to repair the drains and floor in the fire station. The quote did not include replacing grates and a finish for the floor. The quotes were tabled until the next meeting. McClish then requested approval for 5 firemen to attend FDIC in Indianapolis in April. The cost, including hotels and entry into the conference would be \$904.00 for 2 days. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the request, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried. McClish then discussed a leak in the roof in the fire station. Member Hoover stated that the dept should request quotes from contractors, give them to the Town Manager for approval. Also reported that the newly implemented billing system is going well and that the painting in the fire station is nearly completed.

President Kenner then stated that he would like to see the Council act on approving the Fire Chief contract for 2014. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the contract, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**POLICE:** Presented a monthly details report to the council, stating that he will condense the report in the future to the "summary page" only. The Dept has added a new reserve, Josh Howell.

**PUBLIC WORKS (STREET, CEMETERY, PARK):**

**Cemetery:** No report

**Park:** Working on quotes for ADA compliance; will be meeting with Rod Taylor to discuss what needs to be done with the diamond.

**Street:** The Dept has begun patching pot holes around town, and working on a plan for 2014 street repair projects. Will also plan to bring a list of projects accomplished to the council for each dept in the future.

**CLERK:** Stated that the new KeyFund software has been installed, there have been a few glitches, but we are making progress. Part of the issue is the computer being used is still operating on Windows XP.

Presented a Financial Software resolution for the council to approve to send to the State Board of Accounts.

**ATTORNEY:** Glick reported that the office is working on the TIF expansion and will be meeting with the EDC Director, Keith Gillenwater to discuss possible issues. Will be getting updated legal descriptions from Bob Shanahan and should be able to bring more information to the council on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Also finishing up the annexation of Greenwood Cemetery.

**Town Manager:** Reported that he and Supt Leu have eliminated all but 2 applicants for the open water dept position. They would like to set an executive session for the council to meet and interview the remaining 2 applicants. Member Mickem made a motion to meet on Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in executive session, with a special open session to begin immediately following. Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Working with the Clerk on Health insurance quotes and computer updates. We have two computers that need to be replaced. Member Hoover made a motion for the Town Manager to requests quotes for needed hardware and software and purchase from the appropriate vendor. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reported that Region 3A announced that all taxing units applying for Federal Grant monies will need to pass a resolution defining what a family is with a non discrimination policy. This will be brought before the council at a later date because we will be applying for grant funds for sidewalks.

Working with Supt Leu on quotes to clean the back wash tanks.

President Kenner asked about a plan for sidewalk repairs and replacement. Mark Eagleson stated that he is working with Weaver Boos Consultants on the INDOT grant for this project. They will be in town to do an assessment soon.


**OPEN DISCUSSION:** Member Mickem gave a report on what she has learned regarding Town Court. She is still waiting on a copy of the Fremont Town Court's budget.


#### **ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS**

Member Hoover made a motion, seconded by Member Arroyo to allow claims. Motion carried

#### **ADJOURN**

Member Eagleson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Arroyo. Motion carried.

  
Gregory Kenner, Council President

Attest:   
Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer