



Meeting Minutes - March 18, 2013

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

Council Members Present: Mark Eagleson, Bruce Eagleson, Greg Kenner, Juan Arroyo

Council Members Absent: Ray Hoover

Also present: Laurie Miller, Clerk Treasurer & Bill Eberhard, Town Attorney

Council Member B. Eagleson made a motion to open the regular meeting with flexibility, Member Greg Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Kenner made a motion to approve minutes from the March 4, 2013 meeting. Member B. Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jean McKibben was present representing the LaGrange County Historical Society to discuss the plans for a "Civil War History Day" in LaGrange on August 10, 2013. Plans include a civil war re-enactors encampment, vendors on the courthouse lawn, and educational opportunities. The group will bring an outline of monetary needs to the next meeting on April 1, 2013.

WASTEWATER: Gave a monthly report. Discussed the lack of storage for sludge at the plant. Will be meeting with Bill Eberhard and DLZ to see what options are available.

Water: Working with Bill Mains on the Kim Hummel storm drain lines. Forwarded plans for the restrooms for the parking lot to the high school to see if there would be interest in the drafting class to come up with a façade.

FIRE: Requested authorization for 5 rooms for the FDIC conference in Indianapolis in April. Also requested entry fees to be paid for 5 firemen, including spouses. After discussing the issue, Member Kenner made a motion to authorize payment of 2 rooms for 2 nights and entry fees for firefighters only. Member Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

POLICE: Reserves are in training. Requested authorization to purchase 2 Dodge Charger police cars, they are 22,250.00 each. The General fund is to pay for the cars, the Local Law would pick up the equipment charges to help defray the cost. Member Eagleson made a motion to approve the purchases. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Police Department worked on the 2007 Impala to transfer it to the Street department for a Supt Car, or car to be used for transportation to seminars for employees. It is equipped with safety lights.

The use of force ordinance is in progress with the Attorney's office.

Presented an award to Dean Weir for service as a Police Reserve.

PUBLIC WORKS (STREET, CEMETERY, PARK):

Dean Weir thanked the Police Dept for the award and getting the car ready for him.

Cemetery: Presented a quote sheet for a utility vehicle.

John Deere unit \$13,800.00

Gravely unit \$11,199.00

Kubota unit \$12,367.00

The department's preference would be the Gravely. Member Kenner made a motion to purchase the Gravely. Member Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Park: Received 2 applications for the parks department position. Will be interviewing and bringing a recommendation to the next meeting. Will be ordering new trash cans for the park.

Street Dept: Discussed problems with the two way radios. The Clerk stated that Torg's Electronics has been notified and will be fixing the issue when warmer weather gets here as they have to go to the top of the tower to work on the repeater system.

Discussed an issue with residents leaving large piles of brush for pick up, the council stated that it is our policy to pick it up, the property owner should be notified that they will be responsible for any damages done to the lawn during pick up.

Discussed a portion of sidewalk next to the Detroit Street Bar and Grill that was damaged during plowing of streets. It was noted that they should only have the portion that the equipment pulled out repaired as there are underlying issues with the entire section of sidewalk that will be the property owners responsibility. The owner has been notified.

Discussed the portion of Poplar Street that was burned during a trailer fire, API suggested that a sealant would probably take care of any issues.

CLERK: Requested authorization to attend an IACT workshop on April 4th in Plymouth regarding new Health care reporting requirements. Member Kenner made a motion to approve the request, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presented a Resolution (#2013-03-18) to extend a temporary loan from the Rainy day fund to the Motor Vehicle Highway fund in the amount of \$50,000.00. Member Kenner made a motion to approve the loan, Member Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried. It was noted that the Street department needs to be very aware of what they are purchasing as funds are very low.

ATTORNEY: Presented Ordinance #2013-03-18B - and ordinance addressing "Door to Door Solicitations" in town. Member Kenner made a motion to approve the ordinance, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Then presented Ordinance #2013-03-18C" - addressing charges for town vehicles and employees for services rendered to an outside party. Following a short discussion, Member Arroyo made a motion to approve the ordinance, Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Clerk will advertise the ordinances.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Discussed the former bulk plant and the status of it being removed. Jac Price was present and stated that the county officials were meeting to discuss a plan for brownfields. The owner can not be found and has not paid property taxes in several years.

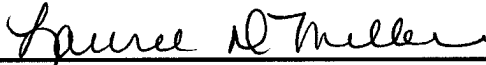
ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Member Eagleson made a motion to approve claims, Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Member Eagleson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be April 1, 2013 at 7:00 pm.



Mark Eagleson, Town Council President



Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk-Treasurer

