



Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2014

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

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

**Also present:** Laurie Miller, Clerk Treasurer; Bill D. Eberhard Jr.

**Absent:**

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

Council Member Arroyo made a motion to approve minutes from the February 18, 2014 meeting. Member B. Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cheryl Albergo and Nancy Block were present to discuss plans to revitalize the LaGrange Farmer's Market. Plans include education on nutrition and growing and the ability to use WIC vouchers. Clerk Treasurer Laurie Miller presented quotes for Street Banners to promote the effort.

Temple Display	6 Banners w/hardware	\$1272.00
Display Sales	6 Banners w/hardware	\$1374.00
Flags International	6 Banners (no hardware)	\$801.70

Miller recommended purchasing from Temple Display. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the purchase, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The group then gave a financial report and asked if the council would consider a donation to help with marketing the program. After discussing the availability of funds, Member Hoover made a motion to donate \$500.00 for promotion of the market, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rod Taylor, representing the Youth Baseball league asked the council if they would consider reserving the town park ball diamond for his program from early April thru approximately July 4<sup>th</sup>. Member Arroyo made a motion to do necessary repairs to the diamond area that include: net repairs, fence repairs, and additional dirt and allow the diamond to be reserved as requested by the Youth Baseball league. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**WASTEWATER:** Presented quotes for new carpet in the office at the wastewater plant.

Carney Decorating	\$551.68
Floor to Wall	\$895.24
Southwind Flooring	\$887.59

After explaining the specs on each vendor and the type of carpets quoted, Jeff Moore recommended purchasing from Southwind Flooring. Member Hoover made a motion to allow the purchase, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Water:** Gave an update on reports that have been submitted, frozen water lines, and an emergency locate. Explained the process on high user notifications and discussed the plan to clean the back wash tanks from sludge. Leu is working with the Town Manager on a plan clear the tanks.

**FIRE:** Reported that the painters have started painting the fire station and that the department has added 5 new firefighters. The brush truck now has a new nozzle and will be receiving training on it's use on Wednesday night. The Council is invited to observe the training. Member Hoover stated that he read a letter to the editor regarding fireman clearing roads during an emergency. It's good to see positive reports in the media.

**POLICE:** No report

**PUBLIC WORKS (STREET, CEMETERY, PARK):** No report

**CLERK:** Reported that we requested bids for Liability, Worker Compensation, and Property insurance from Old National Insurance, Hostetler Insurance, Silveus Insurance and Stanner Insurance. We received one response from Stanner Insurance at \$89481.00. Stanner also included an additional Data compromise package with the following options:

\$25,000.00 - \$420.00; \$50,000.00 - \$674.00; and \$100,000.00 - \$1219.00

After discussing the additional policy, Member Mickem made a motion to purchase the \$25,000.00 coverage at a cost of \$420.00. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ATTORNEY:** Reported to the council the Redevelopment Commission plan to expand the TIF districts into the downtown area. The report will now proceed to the county commissioners who will set a hearing. Mark Eagleson will attend as a representative of the council.

Reported on the progress of annexing Greenwood Cemetery. We are now waiting on LoraLee Taylor to get the legal descriptions finished before we can proceed.

Asked the council if anyone knew of a program or place to convert approximately 1200 pages of typed ordinances into digital format for editing. Postnet in Sturgis was recommended. The Clerk stated that we could attempt to convert them with the Bluebeam software that the town hall has.

**Town Manager:** Presented quotes to do ADA compliance upgrades in the town hall.

D&S Builders \$1390.00 and D&T \$1590.00

Member Eagleson made a motion to have D&S Builders do the work, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reported that he is working with INDOT and Weaver & Boos on the grant application for sidewalks thru town.

The new water dept truck is now being built and should arrive in 3-5 weeks. President Kenner asked if we could work with a sign company to put a logo on the truck when it arrives. Eagleson stated that he would have that looked at as well as safety lights (amber lights).

**OPEN DISCUSSION:** Member Mickem discussed plans to gather information on the Town Court.

**ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS**

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

**ADJOURN**

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

  
Gregory Kenner, Council President

Attest:   
Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer