



Meeting Minutes – April 1, 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, Ray Hoover, Juan Arroyo

Council Members Absent: Greg Kenner

Also present: Laurie Miller, Clerk Treasurer & Cheryl Weimer, Attorney

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

Council Member Arroyo made a motion to approve minutes from the March 18, 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" and present a request for a donation. The total 'estimated' amount needed to have the event would be \$2055.00. After discussing the matter, Member Hoover made a motion to donate \$500.00 towards the event, with an additional \$500.00 if needed. Member B. Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER: Met with Bill Eberhard and DLZ to discuss the sludge storage and options at the Wastewater Plant. Also noted that the structure housing the generator is in need of maintenance. Will be bringing in quotes to do the job.

Water: Presented a wastewater adjustment for Joan Sumpter, 30,000 gallons of untreated water soaked away in her 'michigan' style basement. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the adjustment, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Turned water on at 3 homes last week that had been vacant for few years. Fulfilling testing requirements.

FIRE: No Report

POLICE: Deputy Dubea will be at Police Academy the next several weeks. Working on organizing a fund raiser for Ryan Stewarts family for May 4th from 4-8 pm.

PUBLIC WORKS (STREET, CEMETERY, PARK):

Cemetery: New UTV will be delivered on Wednesday

Park: Would like to hire Robert Eymmer for 10 hours per week for park clean up. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the hire, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried. Receiving bids for fixing steps at the park.

Street Dept: Will work on repairing sidewalk at Detroit Street Bar & Grill. Worked on a sewer blockage on Poplar St. Also making a plan to replace street signs per new requirements by 2017.

Spring Clean up organization is underway. Received a quote for 4, 96 gallon containers for document shredding for a cost of \$120.00. Would like to limit the service to residential only for this year. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the service, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Also waiting on one bid on the downtown parking lot before bringing the issue before the council.

CLERK: IRWA will be holding a free seminar for Council Members of small utilities. Please contact the clerk if anyone is interested in attending. The clerk and her staff will be going.

Opened bids to sell the "Gorilla Gate Lift". Mike Reed - \$25.00; Jeff Moore - \$107.50. Member Arroyo made a motion to sell to Jeff Moore. Member Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presented a county permit authorization for Lakeland Schools for the new Administration Building. The council stated that they would like to talk to both water & wastewater supt's prior to approving. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Asked the council if they wanted to contribute to the St Joseph River Basin this year. Member Hoover made a motion to donate \$100.00 as we have in the past, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.


ATTORNEY: Distributed employee handbooks to the council and clerk for review. The issue will be discussed at the next meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

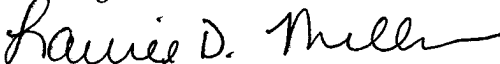
ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Member Eagleson made a motion to approve claims, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

The next meeting will be April 15, 2013 at 7:00 pm.



Mark Eagleson, Town Council President



Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk-Treasurer