



Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2014

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

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

**Also present:** Laurie Miller and Bill D. Eberhard Jr

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

Council Member Hoover made a motion to approve minutes from the April 7, 2014 meeting. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**WASTEWATER:** Presented a monthly report that included no sanitary sewer overflows for March and 51 work orders completed. See the hand out for more details. Sludge land application will begin on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Water:** Reported that the Safe Drinking Water Act test results are back from UL Labs, we have met all requirements. Also working on training Mark Miller in various duties including meter installations, testing, and hydrant repairs. Would like to attend a half day class in Ft Wayne in early May. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the class attendance for Leu and Miller. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presented a sewer adjustment for Theresa Blankenship; 570 Maple Ridge for 12000 gallons of untreated water. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the adjustment, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presented a copy of what is handed out for high users and new residents.

**FIRE:** Requested approval for new bunker gear for new firefighters in the amount of \$1895.00. Member Arroyo made a motion to approve the purchase, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Requested approval for the purchase of 2 new desks for the Fire Chief and Assistant Chief's office. The cost is approximately \$1000.00 total from Staples. Member Mickem made a motion to approve the purchase. Member Arroyo seconded. Motion carried.

Reported that the fundraiser dinner went well and a new weather radio has been installed in the Town Hall. Siren testing will be on Wednesdays between 10:00 am and noon.

**POLICE:** Marshal Snyder presented a details report for March 2014.

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

Park: The LaGrange Rotary Club has donated \$1000.00 towards ball diamond upgrades at the park. Schemahorn Construction will do the dugout roof for \$1860.00, after applying the donation, the town will need to approve \$860.00. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the repair cost, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cemetery: Adam Bollinger will be taking the CDL test in May, he is still working with Jim Eberly.

Street: Working on patching, brush pick up, locates and getting ready for Spring Clean up. Clean up days will be the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. This year a shredding pick up will be included.

Weir reported that he has been looking into milling machines and will report back.

**CLERK:** Presented two cemetery deed transfers for signature. Requested that the council attend a grand opening for the LaGrange Farmer's Market on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 am.

Also presented a permit authorization for the Hicks family to build an addition. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the permit authorization form. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ATTORNEY:** Keith Gillenwater and Rob West gave a presentation on Lake Area Designs plans for expansion. They have applied for a tax abatement on personal property as they do not own the building. Attorney Eberhard presented a "Findings Resolution" for approval to move forward with the abatement process. Member Hoover made a motion to approve and sign the resolution. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Also presented a county permit authorization for a 40' by 100' building renovation project for Lake Area Designs. Member Eagleson made a motion to approve the request, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussed an ordinance regulating sidewalk obstructions. It still needs adjusting to address appeals, time limits, Corn School and fees.

Reported that at the next meeting we will have a public hearing regarding Annexation of Greenwood Cemetery.

**Town Manager:** Gave an update on the application process for a Sidewalk Grant from INDOT. We now have an endorsement for the project from Senator Sue Glick and Representative Marlin Stutsman.

Received Health insurance information, would like to know if the council wants to meet with our representative to discuss options. Member Hoover made a motion to have a meeting on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Working with NIPSCO on a line repair on 50N. Also receiving information on the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of sludge removal from the water back wash tanks. The estimated cost will be between 12,000 and 13,000.00.

Reported on the Civil War History Days in August. The group would like to ask for a donation to cover costs. After discussing an appropriate amount to donate, Member Hoover made a motion to give \$750.00 from Promotion of Cities and Towns, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussed putting decals on the water truck. Presented a quote of \$98.00 to have our town logo with "Water Dept" under it in all black. The council stated that they would like to see something similar with more color. Eagleson will bring back more options at the next meeting.

Discussed establishing a new 5 year capital improvement plan. Discussed working with DLZ regarding engineering lines for Woodland Hills. Also discussed a plan for replacing sidewalks, permitting to be sure all new sidewalks in town are ADA compliant and consistent.


**OPEN DISCUSSION:** Discussed having a council member appointed to represent the Police Dept. Member Arroyo made a motion to appoint Ray Hoover to the position. President Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Then discussed a representative for the Wastewater Dept, since Member Hoover is now the Police Dept Rep. Member Hoover made a motion to appoint Member Suellyn Mickem to that position. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

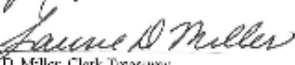
## **ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS**

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 J. Kasper, Council President

Attest:   
Laurie D. Miller, Clerk-Treasurer