



Meeting Minutes – May 19, 2014

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

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

Also present: Laurie Miller, 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 May 5, 2014 meeting. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nancy Block of the LaGrange Farmer's Market was present to give an update on the Farmer's Market. She would like to apply for a grant to build a pavilion or to help with transportation for the Amish vendors. The Council stated that she would probably need to meet with the County because the location of the market actually belongs to them. Block then brought up the idea of allowing chickens in town. Attorney Eberhard stated that he would look into other towns and how they handle the issue.

WASTEWATER: Gave a monthly report for April. Sludge application went well. Member Eagleson stated that Norris Truck would like to meet with WW Manager Moore to discuss connecting the business to the wastewater utility.

Water: Presented applications for sewer adjustments for William Noble and Tia Smith. After discussing the leaks, Member Hoover made a motion to approve both, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried. Beer and Slabaugh is finishing up the landscaping on the Fillmore water line project. Also reported on recent jobs completed, training that the dept attended, working with the county GIS dept on mapping hydrants, and that Klink Trucking will begin the clean out of the back wash tanks this week. Member Hoover asked Leu if the water dept used Chlorine gas or bleach, Leu explained that they do use the gas, and are taking the proper precautions for safety.

FIRE: Reported that he has passed his fire officer certification. Stated that he will be bringing quotes for new computer equipment to the next meeting.

POLICE: Gave a details report for April. Asked that the community begin helping with reporting vandalism at the park as it happens. Working with the attorney on ordinance violations. Needs a committee for citizens to be heard regarding violations. Council appointed John Leu, Mark Eagleson and Suellyn Mickem. Ray Hoover made a motion to accept these appointments, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS (STREET, CEMETERY, PARK): Dave Clark of D&T Builders was present to discuss the ADA improvements at the Town Park. Clark gave an update on materials to be used for the project. He has found a supplier that can get the stainless steel toilets and will commit to the original price quoted. Member Mickem made a motion for him to proceed with the project, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Weir then reported that vandals bent the new frames for the dugout roof.

CLERK: Asked for authorization to close Michigan, High and Lafayette Streets for a "Cruise In" at the Methodist Church. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the request, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presented logos designed by Lakeland High School students.

Town Manager: No bids to sell the water dept truck. Will be taking it to Curtis Wrecking for scrap. Member Hoover made a motion to approve scrapping the truck, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Requested the council set an executive session to discuss employee performance. Member Hoover made a motion to set the meeting for Wednesday May 28th at 6:30pm. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY: Working on Code Enforcement changes. Will bring to the June 2nd meeting. Also continuing work on the Annexation, TIF and allowing chickens in town ordinances.

OPEN DISCUSSION: President Kenner asked that the Council be more involved in preparing the 2014 Budget.

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS

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

ADJOURN

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



Gregory Kenner, Council President

Attest: 
Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer