



Meeting Minutes – May 5, 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, Ray Hoover

Also present: Bill D. Eberhard, Laurie Miller

Absent: Suellyn Mickem, Juan Arroyo

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

Council Member Bruce Eagleson made a motion to approve minutes from the April 21, 2014 meeting. Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Kenner then opened the meeting as a Public Hearing to discuss annexation of Greenwood Cemetery. There were no citizen objections. Member Hoover made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-05-05B titled "Plan to Annex" and waiving any further readings. Member Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A Confirmatory Ordinance regarding the annexation was then presented to the council, (2014-05-05A). Member Hoover made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading. Member Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Public hearing was then closed. The Council returned to their regular meeting.

WASTEWATER: No report

Water: Reported that meters are being read; completing three new services, Beer and Slabaugh are finishing the landscaping on the North Detroit water main project; received a price of \$500.00 for the old red truck to be scrapped and have been talking to 2 contractors about clearing the backwash sludge tanks.

FIRE: No report

POLICE: Reported that Deputy Dubea was instrumental in a significant drug arrest.

PUBLIC WORKS (STREET, CEMETERY, PARK):

Park: Schemahorn Construction had an issue with the quote presented at the last meeting to repair the roof on the dugouts. The supplier misquoted, and now the project will increase by \$720.00. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the new costs. Member Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D&T Builders also have an issue with the bid to make restrooms at the park ADA compliant. They have been told that it will take an additional 10 weeks to receive the stainless steel toilets that were in the quote. Due to a timeline set for the completion of the project, Director Weir asked how the council wanted to proceed. Town Manager Eagleson stated that this should be looked at differently than the other bid issue. The council discussed the difference in problems. They would like Weir to report to them how much of a difference the cost will be to change the specs.

Cemetery: No report

Street Dept: Gave a report on Spring Clean up.

President Kenner asked Weir about upgrading playground equipment. Weir stated that he has been told that the Park does not have the funds to do so. The Clerk stated that due to the years when the tax rate was shifted from the park to other funds, the balance in the Park fund has dwindled. There are no other revenue sources at this time for the park. President Kenner stated that he felt we should strive to be more positive and look for alternative avenues of improving things at the park.

CLERK: Presented a county permit authorization for James (Dooley) Duncan to put a storage building on his property located on Orchard Hill Drive. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the permit, Member Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY: Has been approached about allowing chickens or small 4H animals in town.

Town Manager: Discussed Tax Abatements for Lake Area Designs to be approved. Member Hoover made a motion to allow President Kenner to sign the forms. Member Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presented examples of decals for the new water truck. The Council discussed which option they preferred. The cost will be \$298.00. Member Hoover made a motion to move forward with the decals and to advertise the old truck for sale. Member Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Bruce Eagleson asked the council to consider a donation to the Coon Hunters group to help defray the cost of renting the 4H fairgrounds. The cost is 1500.00 per day, they will be there for 3 days. Eagleson then made a motion to donate \$1500.00. No second was received. The council discussed the matter further and Member Hoover made a motion to donate \$1000.00. Member Eagleson seconded the motion, motion carried.

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS

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

ADJOURN

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



Gregory Kenner, Council President

Attest: 
Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer