



Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2014

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

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

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

Absent:

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

Kenner opened the meeting as a Public Hearing to re-establish the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Clerk Laurie Miller explained what the Cumulative Capital Development Fund was for and why it needed to be re-established. After discussing the matter, Member Hoover made a motion to move forward with the re-establishment and sign the Notice of Adoption form. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried with 3 ayes (Hoover, Mickem, Arroyo) and one “nay” (Eagleson).

The meeting then returned to the regular session.

Council Member Arroyo_ made a motion to approve minutes from the May 19th regular meeting, May 19th executive session and the May 28th executive session. Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nancy Block came before the council to discuss the LaGrange Farmer’s Market. She gave a report about a USDA grant that she would like to apply for. It would cover many different needs of the market, including advertising, canopies, and possibly freezer/refrigeration storage. She met with County officials this morning and has run into some issues with using the current location of the market. (at the corner of High and Spring Street) After discussing how the market is growing and bringing business back to the downtown the council discussed alternative locations for the market. Member Hoover made a motion to allow the market to be moved to Spring Street, closing Spring Street from High to Mountain for safety and set up. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried. Member Hoover then made a motion for the Town Manager to assist Block with the grant application process, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER: Had a surprise inspection from IDEM. They were pleased with the plant operations.

Water: New truck is now in operation, retired another service from under the state highway this week (US20), delivering Consumer Confidence Reports, backwash tanks have been cleared. Gave a report on the differences of hypochlorite vs liquid chlorine under pressure and the why we are currently using liquid chlorine under pressure.

FIRE: Assistant Chief Neff presented a quote for new computer equipment from Ascend Computer, the total amount being \$6505.00. The quote included 5 workstations, software for each, and 5 monitors. This is the supplier that the Town works with, they have installed all servers and other equipment in the town hall. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the purchase. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried. Neff then thanked the council and attorney for their help and support with Indiana 811 after the gas line situation. The final determination was a “warning issued” to Neff for hitting a line that had been properly located.

POLICE: Deputy Lee Evans presented a quote for a new police car from LaGrange County Dodge on behalf of Marshal Snyder. It was for a 2015 Dodge Charger in the amount of \$22353.00. The department typically purchases a new car every year, cycling down the oldest vehicle to the Reserves. Member Eagleson asked if the current reserve car was in better condition than the 2005 Impala that the Street Dept has. It was determined that the current reserve vehicle will be transferred to the Street Dept and then sell the Impala. Member Arroyo made a motion to move forward with the stated plan and purchase, Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS (STREET, CEMETERY, PARK):

Presented a details report for each department. Stated that he met with a former employee, Amber Coburn to possibly fill the vacancy at the cemetery. She has 5 years prior experience at the cemetery, including mowing, trimming, office duties, and is willing to apply for a CDL license if asked to. It was also noted that she comes highly recommended. Member Hoover made a motion to offer her the position, pending a background check. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried. The council then discussed setting her wages. Member Hoover made a motion to set wages at \$14.25 per hour with a probation period of 90 days. Member Mickem seconded the motion, motion carried.

Presented quotes for a new lawn mower for Greenwood Cemetery.

Two vendors provided quotes for the requested equipment (rear discharge)	
Wana Engine Center	\$6738.00 (including a trade in of \$2800.00)
VanGorder Sales	\$ 5,835 (including a trade in of \$12,500.00)

Member Mickem made a motion to purchase from VanGorder Sales, Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried. Weir was then asked if he had enough help at the cemetery for trimming and grounds maintenance. There were concerns about the grounds appearance at the Memorial Day services.

CLERK: Presented a county permit authorization for Ryan Martinez to construct a garage on their property on Maple Street. Member Eagleson made a motion to approve the request. Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY: Presented the "Confirmatory Ordinance Annexing Designated Territory A (Greenwood Cemetery) #2014-6-2. Member Hoover made a motion to sign the ordinance, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Requested a meeting with the Redevelopment Commission to discuss TIF matters. The meeting was set for July 7, 2014 at 6:45 pm.

Gave the council an ordinance to review titled "Ordinance Adopting the Unsafe Building Law".

Also presented Ordinance 2014-06-02C; to Establish Fines, Penalties and Enforcement of LaGrange Town Ordinance #2007-09-04. Eberhard explained the process for establishing the fees outlined. Town Manager Mark Eagleson noted that we are getting a number of complaints on lawns not being maintained so this needs to be acted on as soon we can. Member Hoover made a motion to approve and sign the ordinance, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Town Manager: Presented the resignation of Bill Oakley. Oakley retired as of June 2, 2014. Presented a quote for a new server to store financial information in the Town Hall at \$2750.00 plus labor. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the purchase, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gary Miller, Miller's Super Valu has asked for information regarding the storm line on the north side of his current building. They are considering expansion to the north and west and would like to know what they will be dealing with.

Also reported that we will be working with FEMA for possible reimbursement of funds expended during the last winter's heavy snow.

Went to ERC training with the clerk to be certified to receive grants via INDOT. Asked the council for more feedback on the logo's presented at the last meeting. The council gave their input, M. Eagleson will get with the person that submitted the logo about the changes.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Bruce Eagleson asked Public Works Director Dean Weir if he has a plan in place to notify residents not to put grass clippings in the street. Weir stated that he did, and the employees are aware of the plan.

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 Kenner, Council President

Attest: 
Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer