



Meeting Minutes - July 15, 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, Greg Kenner

Council Members Absent: Juan Arroyo

Also present: Laurie Miller, Clerk Treasurer & Bill Eberhard, Attorney

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

Council Member Eagleson made a motion to approve minutes from the **July 1, 2013** meeting. Member G. Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Keith Gillenwater, LaGrange County Economic Development, was present to discuss the Fillmore water line extension project. Gillenwater gave the board details of the project. The County has approved spending \$440,000.00 on the project, or 75%, Fillmore will be responsible for the remainder. The water line is needed for fire protection purposes. The LaGrange County Regional Utility District will be signing off jurisdiction of the line to the Town, if the Town agrees to accept it. After discussing the proposal, Member Hoover made a motion to accept the project and write a letter to the LCRUD letting them know. Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried. All residents and businesses that are in the immediate area will be notified that they will be able to connect to the water line if they choose to do so.

Gillenwater then discussed the former Pipeline property on E. Central Ave, also known as the "old bulk plant". The taxes have not been paid on the property since 2000. Region 3A has grant funds that may be available to do Phase 1 and 2 to determine the extent of environmental damage. The council discussed clean up and responsible parties, it was stated that current owners may not be responsible for monetary fees, it could be that a previous owner could have had insurance that will cover clean up fees. EPA Grants could also be applied for. Member Kenner made a motion to have the Town Attorney meet with the County Attorney and put together an interlocal agreement to begin the process to get the property back in use. Member B. Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER: Gave a monthly report. All is working well at the plant. There is one lift station pump, at the former Pizza Hut location, that needs to be replaced. Bids were submitted as follows:

OTP Industrial Solutions	\$2610.00 + 200.00 freight
Xylem	\$3025.00 freight included
Mercury Displacement Industries	\$2886.00 freight included.

Manager Jeff Moore stated he would like to go with OTP because they could deliver the pump within the week. The lowest bidder, MDI, could not deliver for 4 weeks. Member B. Eagleson made a motion to go ahead with the purchase from OTP, Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Water: Reported that Torg's has the repeater radio tower repaired. Working with Medical Buildings on false alarms when the water pressure fluctuates.

Reported that he has volunteers that will be painting hydrants in town. We supply the paint and other materials. Attended a class at the Lutheran Church provided by IDEM.

FIRE: Reported that Firefighter Phil Elliott was able to save a life this week on a medic run. Also had a near drowning in town of a small child.

Requested the council review the contract between the Town and Firefighters Inc. There have been issues that are preventing the chief from disciplining firefighters due to the language in the contract. The Clerk will email a copy to all council members for review and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

POLICE : Deputy Nick Dubea has graduated from Police Academy. It was discussed that he would receive an increase of \$1000.00 in salary upon graduation. Member Kenner made a motion to award the increase, Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Will be adding 3 new reserves to the department along with a detective. Also handed out a monthly details report.

PUBLIC WORKS (STREET, CEMETERY, PARK):

Park: No report

Streets: Chip and seal project will be starting on South Union Street and Cherry street this week. Stated that the Asst Supt is now Ron Bills, requested the council raise his pay to the asst supt's pay and reduce Terry Paulus to the labor pay. Member B. Eagleson made a motion to approve the request. Member Hoover seconded the motion, motion carried. The change will begin with the next pay period, dated July 20, 2013.

Foundation for the NIPSCO pole has been completed. It has to cure for 28 days. NIPSCO has been asked to get us on the schedule to move the pole as close to August 7th as possible. API has been asked to put the parking lot paving on their schedule as well. Will be painting crosswalks, two employees will be working evenings to get the most done.

Cemetery: No report

CLERK: Presented a permit authorization for Lowell Hostetler to construct a deck. Member B. Eagleson made a motion to approve the permit, Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY: Has been working with the Clerk to meet the July 15th TIF reporting requirements. All paperwork has been submitted. The next deadline is August 1st, Counties are having software issues that may cause the deadline to change.

Still working on the TIF expansion boundaries.

Will be submitting collections guidelines to the clerk regarding fire billing.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Charlie Ashcraft asked if the "Welcome to LaGrange" sign could be moved or maintained properly. The St Dept has already taken down the weeds.

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Member Eagleson made a motion to approve claims, Member Kenner 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 August 5, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

Mark W. Eagleson, President

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Laurie D. Miller

Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk-Treasurer