



Meeting Minutes – August 19, 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, Juan Arroyo, Greg Kenner

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

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

Council Member Eagleson made a motion to approve minutes from the **August 5, 2013** meeting. Member J. Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mt Zion Lutheran Church requested permission to do a community project with the “Welcome to LaGrange” signs. The plan would be to repaint the lettering and do some landscaping. The council stated that they would approve the work, but permission to be on the property would need to come from the property owners. The Clerk will work on getting permission from Lakeland Schools, Lizzie Hochstetler and Schlemmer Hardware.

WASTEWATER: Gave a report for July 2013, the plant is doing well. The lift station pump that was recently repaired will need to be replaced soon. It could possibly be used for a back up pump, but it is not reliable enough for daily use. Discussed other upcoming pump replacements.

Water: No Report

FIRE: Presented a quote of \$4400.00 for safety equipment additions for Rescue 12 and the Tanker truck. The Council asked Chief McClish to bring two additional quotes to the council for review. McClish reported that there was an electrical fire in Rescue 12. The fire was extinguished with damage only to hoses inside the truck.

POLICE: Chief Deputy Sprunger presented a July Details report. Reported that the dept has added 2 new reserve officers, they are currently in training.

Asked the Council to review Deputy Austin Bontrager’s pay. He has been employed for the required 6 months probation period and it was stated that he would receive a pay increase of \$500.00 per year if he had a positive review at that point. After discussing the issue, Member Hoover made a motion to grant the increase, Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Also reported that the red storage building has been cleaned and organized, and that he has been accepted into the Master Instructor program.

PUBLIC WORKS (STREET, CEMETERY, PARK): Dean Weir thanked the council for the pay increase he received at the special meeting August 12, 2013.

Park:

Streets: Reported that maintenance on sewer lines found 4 major blockages, one involved a bed sheet. Discussed Leonard Jones purchasing leaves during fall leaf pick up. After discussing the matter, Member Kenner made a motion that the leaves could be purchased for \$175.00 per load. That would include the salary of employees

delivering it, fuel, and equipment use. Member Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reported that the NIPSCO pole has been moved and the parking lot construction will begin next week. Weir is working with DLZ to make sure the new lot is in compliance with our ADA plan. Needs approval from the council to ask INDOT to mark handicap spots on Detroit Street. Member Eagleson made the motion to grant the approval, Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Had the 1997 Int'l snow plow in for service. Norris Truck has stated that repairs to the truck will cost approximately \$4500.00 but should last several more years. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the repairs, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presented quotes for pavement repairs at the Town Hall and on Poplar St at:

API: 5945.00

Niblock: 9708.44

Homer Services: 2928.00

C&M Asphalt: 2750.00

Member Hoover made a motion to award the projects to C&M Asphalt, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cemetery: No report

CLERK: Handed out LaGrange Fire Fighter's Inc by laws to the council members. Reminded Member Hoover & Pres. Mark Eagleson about the Round table meeting on the 21st.

Asked if Spring Street could be closed for the Auburn Cord Dusenberg Car club on Tuesday, August 27th from 11:00 am until approx 1:30 pm. Member Kenner made a motion to approve the request. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Set Trick or Treat hours for October 31, 2013 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

ATTORNEY: Introduced Dustin Glick to the council, he is working in Eberhard's office and waiting on results from the bar exam.

Discussed changes in the Town Court establishment ordinance. The reference to misdemeanor's will be removed. Member B. Eagleson expressed concerns about establishing a Town Court. Member Kenner made a motion for Attorney Eberhard to discuss the Town Court establishment with Judge Brown.

Presented the rewritten Sewer Use ordinance. Changes were made due to new guidelines on our Sewer permit from IDEM. Changes include new fines and a requirement for an action plan.


OPEN DISCUSSION: President Eagleson asked the council to discuss an appointment to the Common Wage committee for the Fillmore water line Project. It was recommended to appoint Cathy Phillip and Joe Billman. Member B. Eagleson made a motion to make the appointment as recommended. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried. A letter will be sent to the County Commissioners asking them to make an appointment to the committee as well.

Pres. Eagleson then asked the council if they intend to continue with the Code Enforcement officer in 2014. Member Kenner made a motion to let the county know that the council does not intend to use the service after this year. (2013). Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

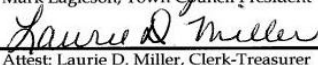
ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Member Eagleson made a motion to approve claims, Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Member Eagleson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 3, 2013



Mark Eagleson, Town Council President



Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk-Treasurer