



Meeting Minutes – September 15, 2014

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

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

Also present: Laurie Miller, Bill Eberhard

Absent: Edna Bowser

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

Council Member Arroyo made a motion to approve minutes from the September 2, 2014 meeting. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Kenner opened the meeting as a public hearing to discuss the 2015 Budget. Bill Connelly of the LaGrange Standard asked how much the town was budgeting for TIF Funds. Clerk Treasurer Laurie Miller reported that the budget for TIF Funds is \$715,000.00. With a total budget increase of approximately 5-7% over 2014. Following a short discussion period, and no objections, the council closed the public hearing and moved on to regular business.

WASTEWATER: Plant Manager Jeff Moore gave a monthly report of 12.533 mg of water treated, no sanitary sewer overflows, 36 work orders completed. He met with DLZ to discuss needs for a future rate study.

Water: ME Simpson helped locate leaks; working with delinquent accounts, and will be taking testing samples for major tests to UL Labs in South Bend.

Fire: Requested approval for several training classes for various firefighters for a cost of \$1195.00. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the requested training, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

POLICE: Presented a monthly details report. Also presented a State Bid from LaGrange County Dodge for a 2015 Dodge Ram 2500 Truck @ \$29,695.00. Equipment for the truck

- **Snow plow**
- Gardners –Boss V plow; installed \$5597.00
- WA Jones – Boss V Plow Installed \$6130.00
- Tri State Line X – Meyer V2 Installed \$5776.00

Marshal Snyder stated that he preferred the Gardners Boss V Plow @ \$5597.00. They will also need Lights, radio, and other misc additions for a total of \$4000.00. It will not be a marked police vehicle, allowing other departments to use the truck as needed. The council then discussed what to do with the 2010 Dodge Charger. Using it as a “pool car” and other options came up. Member Hoover made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the 2015 Dodge Ram, and equipment from Gardners. Hoover also made a motion to advertise the 2010 Charger for bid, with the option to reject any bid if necessary. Member Arroyo seconded the motions, Motions carried.

Reported that the training simulator is here, will be demonstrated to the council when it is set up.

PUBLIC WORKS (STREET, CEMETERY, PARK):

Cemetery: Amber Coburn passed her CDL testing.

Park- working on information for a splash pad

Street : Hosting Electrical Hazards Training – should have about 25 attendees to share the cost.

Also requested permission to de-commission an older generator on a trailer. It has been appraised at \$1500.00. Would like to replace with a stationary generator at a later time. Member Arroyo made a motion to sell the equipment

Town Manager: Attended the IACT conference with the Clerk. Discussed Halloween Trick or Treat hours. Member Mickem made a motion for setting the hours on the 31st of October from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. There will be a “haunted fire station” event following. Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Also discussed “Breakfast & Photos with Santa”. Suggested the date for the event be December 6th from 8:00 am until 11:00am.

CLERK: Presented a cemetery deed transfer.

ATTORNEY: Discussed working to get the property at Mountain & Steuben Streets in a quit claim deed for storm damage clean up. Will review IACT conference materials presented to him by the Town Manager. Presented sidewalk ordinance and trash container ordinances for review.

Member Hoover asked about curbside recycling and town wide trash services.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Discussed the Lutheran Church’s community service work and how nice the areas worked look.

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS

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

ADJOURN

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



Gregory Kenner, Council President

Attest: 
Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer