



Meeting Minutes – September 16, 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
Council Members Absent:

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

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

Council Member Arroyo made a motion to approve minutes from the September 3, 2013 meeting. Member B. Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President M. Eagleson opened the meeting as a Public Hearing for the 2014 Town of LaGrange Budget. Member Kenner asked a question regarding the advertising columns. The Clerk explained that the first column represented the estimated budget, the 2nd column was the amount that would need to be raised to have the budget balance. There were no questions from the Public. Member Kenner made a motion to close the hearing and move on to the regular meeting. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Greg Todd, representing Focus LaGrange, discussed town branding and ideas to beautify downtown. The local art departments are willing to paint murals on sides of buildings as well as a Christmas card display on the courthouse lawn. Member Kenner asked what Focus LaGrange is asking the town to contribute. Todd responded that he is just looking for support from the Town. Todd then invited the council to attend any of the Focus meeting that are held the 3rd Thursday of the month at local restaurant.

WASTEWATER: Gave a report for August 2013. Everything is running smoothly. Both pumps at Country Hills are now in working order with a spare pump. Member B. Eagleson asked what the status was on the sludge storage facility. Options were discussed. The WW manager was instructed to investigate permit able options and report back to the council.

Water: Presented quotes on repairing patches from – Niblock \$4773.00; C&M Asphalt \$2520.00; Homers Services \$1320.00; API –no quote received. Member Kenner made a motion to approve Homer Svcs for the work, Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Will be flushing hydrants the week before and after Corn School. Repaired 2 service lines where the homeowners did their own digging. Worked with Vision Fire Protection to correct a fire alarm issue at the Surgery Center. Reported Lead and Copper testing results. Reported on a catch basin repair at Townline & US 20, Bill Mains will also be shooting the grade to determine how to fix a drainage issue in that area.

FIRE: Parkside PTO requested permission to use the Fire Station for building a float for Corn School. They have done this in the past with no issues. It was also requested that the FD water down the Youth Center property.

The United Fund thanked the dept for their help with a fund raiser.

Presented a request to increase Fire Department Services charges and an increase in wages for Firemen. Chief McClish was asked if this is compliant with the Fire Marshals directive and state code. He stated that he believes it is within the guidelines. The Council also asked if the

pay increases are similar to what other towns are paying. Member Hoover made a motion to accept the proposed charges and pay increases. Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Clerk and Attorney will draft an ordinance to be signed at the next regular meeting.

Discussed dissolving a contract with Fire Fighters Inc, making them a fund raising organization only. It was decided to meet in executive session to discuss the issues with personnel in the fire department. The meeting will be held on Monday, September 23, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

POLICE: Gave a details report for August

PUBLIC WORKS (STREET, CEMETERY, PARK):

Cemetery: Requested the council make a motion to take a portion of the land that is rented to Omer Lambright out of the rental land agreement. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the request, Member Kenner seconded the motion. The Cemetery staff will begin the process to expand the cemetery for lots and use.

Presented quotes to remove trees: Levitz - \$825.00; Everage - \$700.00; Klopfenstein -\$1050.00. Member Kenner made a motion to have Everage take the trees down. Member Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Park: Reviewing and working on ADA requirements upgrades.

Street Dept: Opened bids for 2013 Street repairs.

Homer's Services - 74,025.00; Niblock - 99,298.70; Reith & Riley - 113,125.00; API - \$68,250.00

Would like to take some time to review the bids with Russell Engineering.

Received the following quotes for landscaping at the Town parking lot -

Lacy Landscaping \$670.00; Lakeside Landscaping - \$657.05;

Millgrove \$1509.00; Stone Ridge \$1789.43

Member Kenner made a motion to approve Lakeside Landscaping to do the work. Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussed who would be able to use the lot for Corn School. Member Kenner made a motion to direct all calls regarding the lots to Dean Weir. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presented quotes for cement work at the parking lot as follows: RM -\$1857.25; Pulver-\$2220.00; Niblock -\$3409.12. Member Arroyo made a motion to have RM do the cement work. Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Member Kenner thanked Weir for the work done to get the parking lot finished and in working order.

CLERK: Asked the council to allow a county authorization permit for Leonardo Cabellero to build a storage building on his property. Member Eagleson made a motion to approve the permit, Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presented a request from Mike Rowilson to close Ryason Street from Poplar to Walnut on Saturday, October 12th for an auction. Member Kenner made a motion to accept the request. Member B. Eaglson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reminded the Dept Supervisors that IPEP will be at the Town Hall for worker comp training on Wednesday the 18th at 1:30.

Reported to the council that former member Doug Hetchler passed away.

Member Kenner asked the Clerk if new Christmas decorations had been purchased yet. The council would like to see the snowflakes that were put up last year enhanced with some greenery or whatever the Clerk deems appropriate.

Instructed the clerk to send thank you notes to the Lutheran and Missionary Churches for their work on clean up projects in town.

ATTORNEY: Presented an ordinance "2013-09-16" to establish guidelines signage for parking lots. After reading and discussing the ordinance, Member Arroyo made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading. Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Asked the council if they wanted him to hire 2 appraisers to gain the ability to sell the empty lots at Northwood Addition. Member Hoover made a motion for Atty Eberhard to find 2 appraisers for the property. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Asked the council to approve the legal ad, "Notice to Bidders" for the Fillmore Equipment water line project. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the request, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presented a sidewalk signs and obstructions ordinance for the council to review and asked the council to consider composing guidelines for Facades of the downtown to be consistent in color, brick tones, signage, texture, or possible time period. Discussed the former Si' Senor building and asking the bank to bring to code prior to selling. Would like to see the County implement and enforce building codes. Needs to meet with Marshal Snyder regarding code enforcement and code re-codifications.

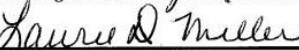
OPEN DISCUSSION: Public Works Director Dean Weir and a representative of Russell Engineering requested the council approve API to do the 2014 street repairs at their bid of \$68,250.00. Member Kenner made a motion to approve the work, Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Member Eagleson made a motion to approve claims, Member Arroyo 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 Monday, October 7, 2013


Mark Eagleson, Town Council President


Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk-Treasurer

