



Meeting Minutes – September 2, 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, Edna Bowser

**Also present:** Laurie Miller, Bill Eberhard

**Absent:**

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

Council Member Arroyo made a motion to approve minutes from the August 19, 2014 meeting. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney Bill Eberhard opened bids for a Fire Truck as advertised.

Andy Herb – Sutfen Corp – 1998 70’ Aerial Truck - \$325,000.00 + additional options available. Chief McClish took the bid for review.

President Kenner then opened the meeting as a “Public Hearing” to discuss changing Hillside Drive to parking on one side only. All property owners were invited to attend. It was ask why the council was considering the change. Council stated that due to the street being so narrow, 25’ instead of the platted 50’, it is difficult for emergency vehicles to get down the street when vehicles are parked on both sides. The citizen stated that while he is also concerned about emergency vehicles getting where they need to be, the parking restrictions could create parking issues for those with multiple vehicles.

**WASTEWATER:** Not present

**Water:** Reported repairing minor leaks; pumped 13.4MG of water for an average of .433 mg per day; distribution school for Mark Miller continues along with some safety training.

**FIRE:** Presented the council with the total options that the fire dept would like to add to the bid proposal for the 1998 truck purchase. \$38,745.00, bringing the cost to \$363,745.00. This does not include a few options that the department will have added locally. Township trustees pay 25% of the cost, and the Town pays 50%. A new truck with similar options would cost approximately \$850,000.00. After discussing the purchase, Member Hoover made a motion to move forward with purchasing the truck and equipment not to exceed \$363,745.00, and the clerk to send a down payment of \$40,000.00 as requested in the contract. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presented the council with a quote from Fire Service Inc for new fire hose in the amount of \$4500.00. Other vendors were contacted, but could not provide the type of hose the department prefers to use. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the purchase. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**POLICE:** Decals are on the new car, presented two quotes for installing equipment; Torgs Equipment – N/R; Copsgear \$5578.30, also presented a video equipment quote from Watchguard \$5020.00; attempted to get a quote from another company, but they did not respond. Watchguard provides the preferred equipment, making it easier to transfer to new cars as they rotate out. Member Arroyo made a motion to approve all equipment purchases, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried. Reported working on quote for a truck for the department. Discussed selling the oldest car or transferring to another department.

Member Mickem asked if the Town has an ordinance to regulate how long trash containers can set out for pick up. The Council discussed the issue and instructed the attorney to look into drafting an ordinance to address the issue.

**PUBLIC WORKS (STREET, CEMETERY, PARK):**

Cemetery: Amber Coburn will be taking the CDL Test this week.

Park: Still working on fencing repairs; presented quotes for replacing the merry go round. After reviewing the options presented, Member Hoover made a motion to purchase a Handicap accessible merry go round from Country Play Structures, with the Street Department doing the installation at a price of \$6700.00. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Streets: Requested approval for Mike Rosendaul to attend "Advanced Pipe Cleaning Training" in Whitestown, IN on November 5, 2014 for a cost of \$150.00. Also requested approval for the night prior hotel stay. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the request, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussed the disposal of unused equipment, a mower attachment and Wood chipper. The dept will determine the scrap value or advertise for bid to sell. The council will determine which way the equipment will be disposed of. Member Mickem made a motion to move forward with the process, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Town Manager:** Discussed the process of disposing of the police car or impala that the street dept is currently using. Also discussed having a 'pool' car for all departments to share. Working with the county on ADA plans, sidewalk issues; and handicap parking changes.

Will be attending the IACT Conference next week with the Clerk Treasurer. Received an email from FEMA stating we should expect payment from the Winter Storms within 30 days.

Working with Eberhard & Weimer on ordinance codification, DLZ on the Woodland Hills project and preparing for rate studies; working with Ascend Computer on getting the fire departments computers installed.

Member Hoover asked why we are experiencing so many water leaks. Supt Leu gave an overview of why this happens.

**CLERK: Reminded the council of the dinner invitation from DLZ to Paula's on Main in Fort Wayne on September 10, 2014 at 7:00 pm. Reservations have been made for 12. Presented a report from Jean McKibben on the Veteran's Headstone project for 2014 and a request for another donation for proposed work for 2015. Member Hoover made a motion to donate \$1000.00. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**ATTORNEY:** Requested the council take action on the Ordinance regulating Parking to no parking on the west side of Hillside Drive. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the ordinance. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussed a plan to help homeowners with sidewalk replacement. The council discussed portions of sidewalks on Hawpach Street and North High Street that were badly damaged during the tornado in July. When the trees were uprooted the sidewalk was damaged so badly that they cannot be used. Council instructed the street department that they would like to see the cement removed from these areas and to place stone temporarily in place so the walks can be used. The proposed sidewalk ordinance will be revised to include appointing the Town Manager to confirm areas as "dangerous" and to be worked on in a determined timeline. Member Bowser made a motion to approve the ordinance with the stated change, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS**

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

**ADJOURN**

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



Gregory Krumer, Council President

Attest:   
Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer