



Meeting Minutes – September 3, 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
Also present: Laurie Miller, Clerk Treasurer & Bill Eberhard, Attorney

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

Council Member Hoover made a motion to approve minutes from the **August 19, 2013** meeting. Member J. Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sara Rhodes of DLZ presented a power point presentation on the Towns preliminary ADA transition plan. She discussed public comments received, the self evaluation results, and the transition plan. The council discussed different options on sidewalks, building changes and other right of way needs. The public has until the 9th of September to submit comments on the project.

WASTEWATER: Presented quotes on pump replacement as follows:

Gasvoda: \$4885.00; Straeffer - \$3662.00. Straeffer also quoted repairing the other pump at \$2287.00. Member Hoover made a motion to purchase the pump and repair from Straeffer Pump, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Member Eagleson asked about the manholes that were covered up on US20 when INDOT had the street paved. It was noted that it is a State project that is not complete. The manholes will be uncovered.

Water: Presented a sewer adjustment application for Shirley Hart, 23000 gallons of water that did not get treated at the sewer plant due to a leak. Member Arroyo made a motion to approve the adjustment. Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presented quotes for street cut repairs – Homer Services - \$1320.00; C&M Asphalt - \$1400.00. Requested a quote from API but they have not responded. The council stated that they would like to wait on API's quote. The request was tabled.

The Council then noted that if at all possible when getting quotes for equipment or projects, they are going to require 3 quotes.

FIRE: Presented quotes for fire equipment discussed at the last meeting (August 19, 2013)

Fire Service Inc - \$4347.10; Tower Apparatus - \$5741.18; WS Darley - \$5121.80.

Member Arroyo made a motion to purchase the equipment from Fire Service Inc. Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Member Hoover asked the atty if he had any information on an ordinance to regulate sidewalk barriers.

Atty Eberhard noted that the we should form a study with the county and other towns concerning structures in downtowns and their fire walls.

POLICE: No Report

PUBLIC WORKS (STREET, CEMETERY, PARK):

Park: No report

Streets: No Report

Cemetery: No Report

CLERK: Reported to the council findings regarding what the county gives for cell phone allowances. It was noted that for a similar position with the county, the employees would receive 10.00 -25.00 for cell phones. The council discussed the issue. Member Hoover made a motion to pay for 2 employee's cell phones. The issue died without a 2nd. Member Hoover then made a motion to have the employee pay \$15.00 of the bill, with the bill being approximately 31.00 per month, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presented a list of bad accounts that the Utility office would like to take off their books. These are accounts that are several years old and have been given to Michiana Collections. Member B. Eagleson made a motion to write off the amounts due, Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Asked the council what they would like to do with the lots connected to Northwood Addition. The contact with the real estate company is up, they are not interested in re-listing at this time. The Council decided to consider their options and re-visit the issue at the next meeting.

Asked the council to send the Utility office employees to training in October, the office would have to be closed for the day. Member Arroyo made a motion to send one employee, at the discretion of the clerk, Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.


ATTORNEY: Reported on a meeting with Judge Brown regarding the establishment of a Town Court. Asked the clerk to report to him how much we receive in paid ticket money each year. Atty Eberhard presented a resolution to terminate the interlocal agreement with the county regarding the Code Enforcement officer. Member Hoover made a motion to sign the resolution, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried. It was noted that we will need to update our ordinances so the police dept can begin code enforcement.


OPEN DISCUSSION:

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 Monday, September 16, 2013.



Mark Eagleson, Town Council President


Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk-Treasurer