



TOWN OF  
*LaGrange*  
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Meeting Minutes - May 2, 2016

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

**Council Members Present:** Juan Arroyo, Raymond Hoover, , Edna Bowser, Deborah Naylor

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

**Absent:** Suellyn Mickem

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

Member Bowser made a motion to approve the agenda with flexibility, Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Bowser made a motion to approve minutes from the meeting. Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**WASTEWATER:**

- ❖ Will be getting a blower motor repaired by Preferred Maintenance

**Water:**

- ❖ Asked the council to consider two wastewater charge adjustments. 1. Lenoka Yoakam -598 Maple Ridge. Leak of 19,000 gallons water. 2. James Hillman - 333 Grant Street. Leak of 2000 Gallons. After discussing the leaks, Member Hoover made a motion to approve Lenoka Yoakam and deny James Hillman. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ❖ Fountains will be made ADA compliant with the State Rd 9 improvements
- ❖ Professionally testing larger meters for accuracy.

**POLICE:**

- ❖ Presented a report of March Activities

**FIRE:**

- ❖ Asked the Attorney to prepare a liability waiver for a class being held in our station for other departments.
- ❖ Thanked the Council for allowing them to attend the FDIC conference in Indianapolis

**Town Manager:**

- ❖ Recommended allowing the tax abatement renewal for ATJ. Member Hoover made a motion to continue the abatement, Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ❖ Discussed a permit authorization for a building permit for Dennis Hedges. Member Hoover made the motion to approve the permit authorization, member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ❖ Gave a report on Spring Clean up.
- ❖ Reported that bids were solicited from Pete's Construction; Raber Construction, and D&S Builders for a renovation project at the Town Hall. D & S Builders were the only contractor interested in the job at this time. The project includes insulation of offices on both ends of the building, ADA compliant doors at the south end of the building and new entry door on the north end. It also includes replacing 4 large panels of glass, and replacing lower panels around the exterior. The cost will be \$41,365.00. Member Hoover made a motion to proceed with the project. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ❖ Working with the water dept on water meter accuracy testing.
- ❖ Will be registering for a Road Asset Management Plan meeting. Street Dept employees will be attending.
- ❖ Working with INDOT on the St Rd 9 Project

- ❖ Discussed the Bike path with Hoosier Trails
- ❖ Working with NIPSCO on a pole installation for the jail to have high speed internet
- ❖ Discussed properties outside of town limits needing water and sewer utility connections. Council discussed the issues of giving utilities without annexation. The Attorney's office will draft a letter to the County Health department to let them know our policy on connections to the Towns utilities.
- ❖ Discussed the truck bids presented at the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Manager has researched used snow plow equipment (trucks) and has determined that we would not be lowering the cost of the vehicle enough to make it worthwhile. Council asked the manager to look at lowering specs to get the price down.
- ❖ Discussed the Sidewalk replacement program and how it works.
- ❖ Discussed annexation of the new soccer fields. (Spreuer Field)

**CLERK:**

- ❖ Presented Cemetery deeds for transfer.
- ❖ Asked the council for approval to hold a town wide garage sale event, and consider an ordinance for a \$5.00 fee to offset the cost of advertising said event. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the request, Member Bowser seconded the motion. An ordinance will be presented at the next meeting.
- ❖ Asked the Council if they would like to set a special meeting to discuss the 2017 Budget needs. A meeting was set for Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**ATTORNEY:**

- ❖ Working on TIF funds projects and downtown restrooms options.
- ❖ Reported that Scott Jordan has hired an attorney and intends to file an appeal
- ❖ Discussed process of closing streets to enlarge the Town Park.
- ❖ Discussed how many miles of roadways there are in town.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:** Member Bowser made a motion to approve claims, Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** Member Hoover made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

  
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 Juan C. Arroyo, Council President

  
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 Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer