



TOWN OF
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Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2016

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

Council Members Present: Raymond Hoover, Suellyn Mickem, Edna Bowser, Deborah Naylor

Also present: Laurie Miller, Bill Eberhard

The meeting opened the meeting at precisely 7:00 pm.

Member Raymond Hoover made a motion to open the meeting as a Redevelopment Commission meeting. RDC Members present are Member Hoover; Suellyn Mickem, President Mark Eagleson, and Secretary Laurie Miller. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney Eberhard stated that he was asked to determine whether or not water meters would be an allowable expense for Tax Increment Financing funds. He concluded that under IC 36-7-14-39(b) (3) (G) Meters could be considered public improvements and TIF funds could be used to purchase large meters if used in the TIF district. President Eagleson stated that the Water Dept would like to replace seven meters at a cost of \$9,326.14 using TIF funds. Member Hoover made a motion to proceed with the purchase, stating that TIF funds will reimburse the Water Department for the cost of the meters. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RDC then discussed the 2016 sidewalk improvement plans for the TIF North TIF District. The project is underway, with our first invoice being in process.

Member Hoover then moved to close the RDC meeting and continue the regular council meeting. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Council Member Hoover made a motion to approve minutes from the May 2, 2016 meeting. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER: Presented a report for April 2016 noting the following:

- Received & discharged 11.421 million gallons of treated wastewater
- Effluent flows averaged 21% of the design capacity
- Reports submitted to IDEM
- 23.63 dry tons land applied in April
- Council asked for a graph showing the average of design capacity used for the last couple of years.

Water:

- Finished Town Hall horse rack water service
- Larry Garber (North State Rd 9) would like to connect to water. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the connection, pending a signed agreement to waive any right to oppose annexation when/if it is proposed. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Testing meters at Life Care Center and Miller's Merry Manor this week.

POLICE: No report

FIRE:

- Firemen Dave Elick stated that the department tested 10,600' of fire hose from all three engines.
- Old ladder 14 is now in service at the Elkhart Career Academy.
- Discussed the purchase of an ice machine for the department. Quotes were received from: Stucky Brothers \$3,812.41; Miller's Appliance \$4031.76; US Appliance \$4117.00. The machine will need a filter and installation that is not included in these quotes. The need for a new machine was discussed. Member Hoover made a motion to table the matter at this time, Member Bowser seconded the motion. The council stated they would like to see quotes on installation and the filter prior to proceeding. Motion carried.

Town Manager:

- Street Dept Employees will be attending PASER training on June 9th, this is for Asset Management.
- Street Sweeper is being repaired by Brown Equipment
- Discussed the purchase of a 2017 Dump Truck and previously discussed. Member Hoover made a motion to move forward with the recommended purchase from Norris Truck and WA Jones. Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried. The cost of the truck and equipment will be \$172,440.00.
- Repairing picnic tables at the park
- Would like to replace one of two of the children's swings with an ADA compliant swing.
- Mulch needed on the playground
- Presented Dometic's annual reports regarding their tax abatements. Both are in compliance. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the tax abatement renewal, waiving any irregularities. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Need someone to attend the annual REMC meeting. Member Hoover stated that he would attend this year.
- We have been asked to donate \$150.00 to the Jr. Achievement program. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the donation, seconded by Member Naylor. Motion carried.
- Discussed the progress of Adam Bollinger's CDL licensing. Determined that it would be best to wait to take the test until we have a better equipped truck.
- The Farmer's Market is going well.
- Discussed the need for a new salt barn at the street department.

CLERK: Presented an ordinance to allow the \$5.00 charge to be on an adverting map for Town Wide garage sales. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the ordinance on the first reading and waive any further readings. Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY:

- Working on ordinances regulating Internal Controls and establishing a special LOIT fund.

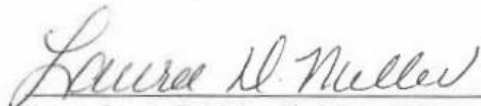
OPEN DISCUSSION: None

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.



Juan C. Arroyo, Council President



Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer