



TOWN OF
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Meeting Minutes – June 6, 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, Suellyn Mickem, Edna Bowser, Deborah Naylor

Also present: Laurie Miller, Bill Eberhard

The meeting was opened as a Redevelopment Commission Meeting at 7:00 pm with a motion from RDC Member Arroyo and seconded by Member Hoover. Sue Keenan, representative of Lakeland School Board was present. RDC Secretary, Laurie Miller presented a financial report to the Commission members as required. Also asked the commission if they wanted to send a letter stating there would be no pass through funds available from TIF monies. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the letter as stated, and the financial report. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Miller then asked the commission if they would consider the TIF funds making payments on the Water Revenue bond. The bonds are paying for the Water Tower that is located within the North TIF district. After discussing the matter, Member Hoover made a motion to approve TIF funds to be used for the payment due July 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Commission members then discussed the sidewalk projects, and the possibility of sidewalks being considered thoroughfares. Discussed purchasing tornado sirens with available TIF funds and where they would be located.

Commission Member Hoover then made a motion to close the RDC meeting and return to the regular Town Council meeting. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Council Member Mickem made a motion to approve minutes from the May 16, 2016 meeting. Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Rowe, Umbaugh & Associates, presented a plan to refinance our current Wastewater Bonds. These are Rural Development funds that were used to upgrade the Wastewater plant. There would be no penalty for early pay off and refinancing. Rowe stated that there could be an estimated savings of \$167,670.83, and believes the refinancing to be worthwhile. Member Hoover made a motion to move forward with the project. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried. The process takes approximately 90 days.

WASTEWATER:

- Presented a graph of plant capacity for January 2013 thru April 2016

Water:

- 11.074 MG in the month of May
- New water service for Clothes & Food Basket
- 3 large meter testing finished. Showed one meter efficient at all rates
- Getting updated costs on high service pump work
- Working with the State Highway
- Finished new water service for the town parking lot (Town Hall)
- Looking at filters and other equipment for sale from the City of Ft Wayne
- Council asked to see a graph of water production similar to the one the Wastewater Plant provided

POLICE:

- Discussed the agreement with Raber Construction regarding 212 Steuben St.
- Working on ordinance violations

FIRE:

- Discussed the proposed icemaker purchase. Council had questions regarding filters and installation. After the discussion, Member Hoover made a motion to purchase the machine from Stuckey Brothers, stating that the machine would be available to all departments. Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Town Manager:

- Permit Authorization for James Coburn of 407 W. Michigan to replace an existing barn. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the permit request, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Asked to close Lafayette Street from High to Mountain Street for a car show at the Methodist Church on June 26th. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the closing, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- D&S Builders will be starting the Town Hall renovations on June 20th.
- Heard from Norris Truck that the new truck will be built on August 15th.
- Abandoned sewer line repair made on Spring Street
- Sidewalk project moving along, with Spreuer's adding additional depth at their cost to ensure strength of the concrete for their heavy equipment at their location.

CLERK:

- Asked the council to consider writing off \$72.16 from the final water bill for service at Ohio Table Pad. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the request, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried
- Also asked the council to consider reducing or writing off a fire invoice for Pat Carney. After discussing the situation, the request was denied.
- Announced that the Activities Team has set a Talent Show for June 25th at the Courthouse Gazebo at 6:00 pm.
- Discussed a required Internals Controls training webinar. Council will set a date to watch as a group.

ATTORNEY:

- Presented an ordinance establishing a Special LOIT Fund. The ordinance was numbered at 2016.06.06A. Member Bowser made a motion to waive additional readings and sign the ordinance. Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed amending Chapter 2.1 of the LaGrange Town Code. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the passage of the amendment. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried. The amendment establishes a hearing board for ordinance violations. The Hearing board will be Mark Eagleson, Laurie Miller, and Suellyn Mickem. Council discussed getting a digital recording device to record the hearings.

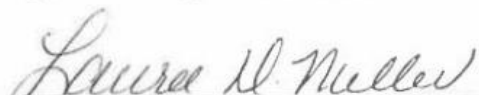
OPEN DISCUSSION:

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Member Hoover made a motion to approve claims, Member Mickem 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