



TOWN OF  
*LaGrange*  
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Meeting Minutes – November 7, 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

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 Naylor made a motion to approve minutes from the October 17 and October 24, 2016 meetings. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nancy Block, Farmer's Market organizer, was present to ask the council for permission to hold an event in the Town Hall Parking lot in June 2017. The event will be a Strawberry Fun Fest with various activities. She has verified that the market has the proper liability insurance in place. Council asked her to co-ordinate with the Fire Chief to accommodate emergency vehicles and safety concerns.

Jean Fremion McKibben of the Veteran's Headstone project provided an update on veterans' headstone restorations at Greenwood Cemetery. She is planning 3 projects for 2017, with an approximate cost of \$780.00. Member Hoover motioned to support the restoration project by donating \$1000.00 to the group for work done in Greenwood Cemetery. Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**WASTEWATER:** Land Application of bio solids is complete

**Water:**

- ❖ Finished 13.408 MG of water in October
- ❖ Presented 2 sewer adjustment application. Carl Schermerhorn and Church of Christ. Member Hoover motioned to approve both adjustments, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ❖ Working on the utility's emergency response report

**POLICE:** No report

**FIRE:**

- ❖ Gave an update on 2016 fire runs. The Fire dept fiscal year ended on 10/31/16
- ❖ Presented new officers for the Department
- ❖ Gave a report on equipment and items need to bring the fire department up to date. Council instructed the new chief, Dave Elick, to bring 3 quotes to the council for purchases as required.
- ❖ Gave a report on the floor repairs
- ❖ Discussed future needs for new trucks & possible grant applications
- ❖ Presented a need for heat and air conditioning in the officers rooms upstairs
- ❖ Discussed EMT & 1<sup>st</sup> responder training in Ashley

**Town Manager:**

- ❖ Presented the Fire Chief contract for signatures. Member Hoover motioned to approve signing the document, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ❖ Byler Electric has been working on electrical issues
- ❖ Met with USDA on a grant for sirens

**CLERK:**

- ❖ Discussed yearend bonus pay for employees. Member Hoover made a motion to approve \$125.00 for full time employees and \$75.00 for each part time employee. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried. Also asked the council to set an executive session to discuss employee evaluations for Monday, November 14, 2016 at 7:00 pm.
- ❖ Employee Christmas Party has been set for December 3, 2016 at 6:30 at Romer's Restaurant downtown LaGrange.

**ATTORNEY:**

- ❖ Closing on the Sewage Bond refunding will be November 15, 2016. Member Bowser made a motion to approve signing bond closing documents pending final paperwork. Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ❖ Discussed an acre of property owned by John/Tom Kennedy Trust at the park. Discussed the possibility of having Trine University students do a study on how the property could be used if acquired.
- ❖ 3 new businesses in town, will be working with the police department on parking issues.

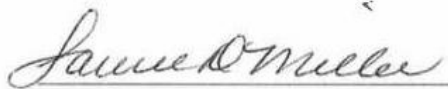
**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

- ❖ Discussion on street light needs
- ❖ Update on sidewalks along Townline Rd
- ❖ Ordinance violations procedures were discussed.

**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, IAMC, CMC  
Clerk Treasurer