



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes – August 7, 2017

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,

Also present: Laurie Miller, Dustin Glick

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

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

Council Member Mickem made a motion to approve minutes from the Regular Meeting on 7/17/17, Special Meeting on 7/24/17, and Executive Meeting on 7/27/17 and the Budget Meeting on 7/27/17. Motion was seconded by Member Hoover. Motion carried.

The meeting was opened to the Northwood Addition Homeowners Association. Linda Stanton thanked the council for opening the meeting for the association members to ask questions about annexation and services that would be provided upon annexation. Concerns and questions discussed regarded the timeline of annexation, property tax increases, monthly cost of utility billing, and the cost of connections. Member Hoover answered several concerns, as well as suggested the association contact the county health department and LaGrange County Regional Utility District to pursue all options available.

WASTEWATER:

- No Report

Water:

- Finished 15.8 MG of an average of .510 MGD in July
- Working on connecting the EMS building and a residence on Townline Rd to the water utility
- Training from Itron completed

POLICE:

- Interest is up regarding the open deputy position.

FIRE:

- Introduced Josephine Miller, who led a Teen Leadership training seminar on Saturdays in the Fire Station. She reported that various community leaders spoke to local teens on various topics. She hopes to offer the training again in the future.
- Gave a fire run report for July
- Would like to send Mac Grobis and Josh Shotzman to Chippewa Falls to Darley Pump training. The class is free. Member Hoover motioned to approve the travel, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Hose testing complete, as well as Pumper maintenance and testing. Ladder certification has been scheduled.

STREET:

- Work on High Street curbs should be finished by the end of the week.
- Work will begin on the Street Department garage.

Town Manager:

- Uniform policy presented by the Town Manager and Member Hoover. After a short discussion, Member Hoover motioned to approve the policy presented by the Town Manager, effective immediately. The motion was seconded

by Member Mickem. Motion carried.

- Grant funds from USDA have been received in the amount of \$28,000.00 for the early warning sirens. Equipment has been ordered.
- Requested closing streets surrounding the Courthouse for the sheriff's department on Wednesday, October 25th from 5-7 for the Halloween & Heroes event. A rain date has also been set for October 26th. Member Hoover motioned to approve the closing, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Asked the Council to authorize President Arroyo to sign a document regarding the 2020 Census. The document will eliminate the town from having a LUCA Liason. The liason is covered in our county by another government agency.
- Presented quotes to take a tree down in Greenwood Cemetery.
 1. Klopfenstein Tree Service \$750.00
 2. Everage Tree Services \$700.00
 3. B&E Tree Services no response
 Member Hoover motioned to award the job to Everage Tree Service. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK:

- Presented a financial report for all banks. Books have been reconciled for July.
- Would like to look at HR consultants to re-evaluate the Town Employee Handbook.

ATTORNEY:

- Presented a replacement ordinance to vacate an alley on N Walnut Street. Member Mickem made a motion to approve the replacement ordinance #1997-4-21, Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Discussed what would be done with the old tornado siren.

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Member Mickem made a motion to approve claims, Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Member Hoover made a motion to enter into a meeting of the Redevelopment Commission to approve claims.

RDC Member Hoover made a motion to approve the claims related to the Redevelopment funds, RDC Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried


RDC Member Hoover made a motion to close the RDC Meeting, and return to the regular council meeting. RDC Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.


 Mark W. Eagleson, RDC President


 Attest: Laurie D. Miller, RDC Secretary

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


 Juan C. Arroyo, Council President


 Attest: Laurie D. Miller, IAMC, CMC
 Clerk Treasurer