



TOWN OF  
*LaGrange*  
INDIANA

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Meeting Minutes – September 5, 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, Edna Bowser, Deborah Naylor

Also present: Laurie Miller, Bill Eberhard

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

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

Council Member Bowser made a motion to approve minutes from the meetings on September 7<sup>th</sup>, September 21<sup>st</sup> and September 29<sup>th</sup>. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dave Nyhoff presented a site plan for Cherry Pickers; 200 E Marquis Rd. They are also asking for a variance to have small farm animals and a residence in the rear of the new proposed building. After discussing the proposal, Member Hoover motioned that he would make a favorable recommendation on the residence and business construction, but not the variance for small farm animals. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney Bill Eberhard opened sealed bids for the Dump Truck advertised for sale. One bid was received. \$3,763.00 from Michael D. Gives of Gilson, IL. Member Hoover motioned to reject the bid, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER: N/A

Water:

- Installed the 8" EZ Valve at North and Mountain Streets
- Rehabbing smaller feeder system at the plant
- Stopped leak at the 4H Grounds.
- Member Hoover requested Supt Leu clear the area of the water plant by October 16th

POLICE:

- Requested approval to proceed with filling the vacant deputy position. Member Bowser motioned to proceed as requested, Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Recommended hiring Steven Masters of Wheatfield IN for a deputy position. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the recommendation. Pay was set at \$35,500.00 per year, with a \$500.00 increase after successfully completing Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRE:

- Requested approval for 5 firefighters to attend annual training in Angola at a cost of \$275.00. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the training, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STREET:

- Presented a list of streets that need 'trimmed' back to help with drainage.
- Preparing for Corn School.
- Building renovation is completed.
- Curbs, sidewalks and landscaping complete on High Street. Member Hoover motioned to release the payment to Regal Builders. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Greenwood Cemetery:

- Discussed platting the new section in Greenwood Cemetery and reconstruction of roads.

Town Manager:

- Disinterment at the cemetery went well.
- Asked the council to form a committee to look at a new water plant for the future. Member Hoover, Member Naylor, John Leu, Mark Miller, and Mark Eagleson will participate.
- Reported on vandalism at the Town Park. After discussing the vandalism, Member Hoover motioned to offer a \$500.00 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction of those responsible. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Baseball league is asking for a new portable pitching mound.

CLERK:

- Presented a financial report, including copies of bank reconciliations and fund reports for the council to verify that all accounts are balanced for August 2017. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the report and sign the verification document. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Stated that bids were requested from Staples; Dell, and Ascend computer to purchase new hardware for the Utility office. The only response was from Ascend Computer. Member Hoover motioned to approve the purchase and installation from Ascend for up to \$3500.00. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Looking at software upgrade to track Capital purchases from Keystone Consulting. The price is \$3600.00, including training. The Clerk will ask to view a demo prior to purchase.
- Discussed the quotes from EasyClocking and TimeClocks Plus. Similar software with very different types of pricing. The council would like to look further into the issue.
- Also discussed the quotes from HR Resources Unlimited, New Focus HR; and InvigorateHR. Member Hoover made a motion to have New Focus HR proceed with the construction of a new Employee handbook. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY:

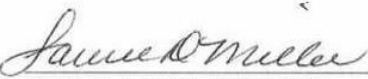
- Working on agreement with Dometic for the wastewater plant
- Will look at the Police contract with new deputies

OPEN DISCUSSION:

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

ADJOURN: Member Bowser made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Member Mickem 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