



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes – September 18, 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

Also present: Laurie Miller, Bill D. Eberhard

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

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

Council Member Mickem made a motion to approve minutes from the regular meeting held on September 5, 2017 and Executive Session held on September 2, 2017. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Member Ray Hoover then made a motion to approve opening the meeting as a Public Hearing to discuss the 2018 Budget. Member Mickem seconded the motion. The Clerk stated that the town submitted a budget in the amount of \$3,821,700.00.00. There was no discussion from citizens present. Member Hoover then motioned to adjourn the Public Hearing and return to the regular meeting. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Linda Stanton, representing the Northwood Homeowners Association presented the council with a letter from the Association requesting annexation. A vote tally of the homeowners was included. Member Hoover motioned for the Town Attorney to take the necessary steps to begin the annexation process. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- Presented a Monthly report for August 2017
- Received bids for replacing the roof on the sludge storage barn.
Regal Builders \$ 13267.00 (did not respond to an additional request for Fall harness requirement)
Shetler Construction \$13,806.00 including the additional fall harness requirement
J&L Custom Builders \$10,658.00 including the additional fall harness requirement
After discussing the roof project, and the possibility of replacing the storage barn, Member Hoover motioned to table the project until the October 2, 2017 meeting. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Requested changes to an agreement between the Town of LaGrange and Dometic Corp to meet IDEM regulations. Bill Eberhard will look at the requirement and make the changes.

Water:

- Provided a report that included: Providing 500,000 gallons of water for the fire downtown (Family Dollar and Goulds Textiles. Reported on the water department's perspective of the event.
- Working with DLZ on plant upgrade plans
- Presented 2 sewer adjustment applications. 1. Liz Caldwell – 310 W. Michigan Street. The leak was recently fixed, the water dept is requesting one more month of use to verify normal use and make a recommendation on the adjustment. 2. Carole Bell – 563 Maple Ridge; Water pipe burst and water soaked into the ground under a mobile home. Requesting an adjust to the billing on 12,000 gallons of untreated water. Member Mickem motioned to approve request #2 (Carole Bell) and table request #1 (Liz Caldwell). Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRE:

- Gave a report of the events of fire downtown at Gould's Textiles and Family Dollar, stating that although it is a loss for the town, there were no injuries to firefighters or citizens. The community came together with food, drinking water and other supplies beyond any expectation. The department thanked the community and the many other departments that responded to the call for help. The State Fire Marshal will be in town on Thursday (9/21/17) to complete the investigation. Asked the council for permission to seek an independent structural engineer to get a ruling on the safety of the remaining buildings if necessary. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the

request, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

POLICE:

- Would like to look at getting more barricades for future emergency events
- Gave a report on the departments perspective to the fire scene events
- Pre-basic for new reserves and our new employee began over the weekend.

STREET:

- Hoping to have the new dump truck this week.
- Streets have been clipped back for maintenance.
- Worked where needed during the recent fire.

Town Manager:

- After the last council meeting, and opening of bids for the sale of Street Dept dump truck, we had a request to re-advertise the sale. The Town Manager reported receiving 2 additional bids as follows
Bill Mains - \$6500.00
Nate Lehman - \$7000.00
Member Mickem made a motion to sell the truck to Nate Lehman for \$7000.00. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Asked the council to set Halloween trick or treat hours for Tuesday, October 31st from 5-8pm. Member Hoover motioned to set the hours as stated, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK: No report

ATTORNEY: No report

OPEN DISCUSSION:

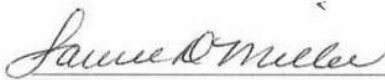
- Discussion on the benefits of living in a small community

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, IAMC, CMC
Clerk Treasurer