



TOWN OF
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Meeting Minutes – November 20, 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 D Eberhard, Jr

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

Member Raymond Hoover motioned to approve the agenda with flexibility, Member Deborah Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Hoover made a motion to approve minutes from the November 6, 2017. Member Suellyn Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ryne Krock of the LaGrange County Economic Development Corp, along with Lakeland High School students Tanner Metcalk and Beka Stroop, gave a presentation on a senior project to beautify the corner of US 20 and State Rd 9 (Detroit & Central). They have contacted the owner of the property and he is willing to work with the group. He would like to have the portion of the property that currently has the “10 Commandments” displayed as a dedicated easement, staying in his name to preserve the display. The group is looking for the Town’s blessing on the project, not any commitment. Member Hoover motioned for the group to proceed, member Edna Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Council looks forward to what the group gets accomplished.

Holly Miller, DLZ presented Project packets for the 3 major collectors (streets) that would be eligible for the INDOT LPA 2022 Call for Projects Grant. The grants are due November 22, 2017. Also discussed Title VI requirements and our ADA Compliance plan from 2013.

Member Hoover motioned to approve signing the LPA 2022 Call for Projects commitment letter, and to submit the application. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney Eberhard presented the council with Resolution 2017-11-20(A) titled “Resolution of Financial Commitment to LPA call for Projects 2022”. Council discussed the commitment, then Member Hoover motioned to approve and sign the resolution as presented. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- No monthly report, waiting on Land application testing results.
- Roofer will be working on the buildings in December

Water:

- Retired Efthimiou’s leaky service
- Met with purchases of property on 200N
- Seasonal services winterized
- Finished North street main project

POLICE:

- Received information regarding the resignations of Riley Arvanitis and Steven Masters. Member Mickem motioned to accept both resignations, Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Requested authority to offer a position to Todd Johnson at a starting pay of \$35,500.00 plus \$500.00 upon completion of Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. Member Mickem made a motion to approve the hiring of Todd Johnson as stated, Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRE:

- Requested authority to proceed with Lexipol to build a Fire Policy Manual for the LaGrange Fire Department as proposed. Member Hoover motioned to approve the request, seconded by Member Naylor. Motion carried.
- Discussed a need for a chainsaw. Received the following quotes: Crystal Valley \$479.00; Rural King \$599.95 and Mudock Eq \$579.95. Member Hoover motioned to table the request, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STREET:

- Leaf pick up going well.
- New tires are on and ready for winter.

Town Manager:

- Gravely (Cemetery Equipment) being serviced, may need to look at purchasing a more commercial style unit.
- Would like to sell a 1997 Dodge Dump truck. Member Bowser motioned to advertise the truck for sale, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed an annexation stipulation for a lot in Fairway View for Ron and Nan Everidge. Member Hoover motioned to approve and sign the stipulation, Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Early Warning sirens are up, will be connected soon.

CLERK:

- Presented the 2018 Wage and Salary ordinance for review. The ordinance includes changes to the 2018 Holiday schedule. Member Hoover motioned to adopt and sign the ordinance, including the updated holiday schedule. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Also discussed the end of year Holiday pay (bonus). Member Hoover motioned to approve the same bonus/holiday pay as 2016, for Full time and Part time employees. Also to include gift cards for Police Reserves (25.00), Fire Chief, Assist Fire Chief, and Severn Trent manager, Jeff Moore. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY:

- Gave an update regarding the Northwood Association annexation, along with a time table.
- Discussed the Resolution concerning Volunteers for the Town of LaGrange. Will discuss again at the next meeting.

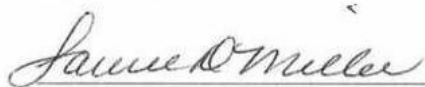
OPEN DISCUSSION:

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

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



Juan C Arroyo, Council President



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