



TOWN OF  
*LaGrange*  
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Meeting Minutes - December 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, Deborah Naylor

**Also present:** Laurie Miller, Dustin Glick

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

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

Council Member Hoover made a motion to approve minutes from December 4, 2017. Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rex Pranger, on behalf of LaGrange County officials, asked the Council for their thoughts on closing the east/west alley between Spring Street and Michigan Street west of the County Courthouse. Council discussed issues with the request, including parking, the alley entrance on Spring St., plowing, and current use of the alley. Member Hoover made a motion to table the matter until the next meeting, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**WASTEWATER:**

- Presented a report for October and November.
- Averaged 21% of design capacity in November and 15% in October.
- Severn Trent is now "Inframark"
- Set an executive meeting to interview applicants to replace a retiring employee. Meeting will be December 28, 2017 at 6:00 pm. Attorney Eberhard also requested time during the scheduled meeting to discuss pending litigation.

**Water:**

- Upgraded chemical introduction equipment
- Will be visiting 3 treatment plants for review with DLZ
- Repaired a water main/service connection
- Reviewing Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition

**POLICE:**

- Requested approval for the hiring of Christopher Smith at \$42,500.00 per year salary. He is ILEA Certified. Member Hoover motioned to approve the request, Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried. Smith will give his current employer 2 weeks' notice, then begin employment with the Town of LaGrange.

**FIRE:**

- Reported on fire runs
- Jeff Miller named Fire Fighter of the year, Mack Grobis named First Responder of the year.

**STREET:**

- Asked to have the Trash Can ordinance enforced.
- Discussed the ordinance regarding "Jake Brakes". Will look into getting bigger signs.
- Opened bids for the sale of the 1997 Dodge Dump Truck.
- 1. Gary Everage - \$3500.00; 2. Mike Haines - \$5875.50; 3. Barry Ax - \$1500.00; 4. Bill Krieger - \$551.50. Member Hoover motioned to sell the truck to the highest bidder, Mike Haines for \$5875.50. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Town Manager:**

- Getting quotes to replace the Gravely UTV at the Cemetery.
- Gave an update on the LPA Grant application

- Committed to fuel pricing for 2018 with Ceres Solutions (formerly North Central Co-op)
- Reported on IDEM's involvement regarding the clean up of the downtown fire scene
- Requested the council consider their appointment to the Alcohol Beverage Commission. Steve Liechty is the current appointee. Member Hoover made a motion to continue with Mr. Leichy as the council's appointee. Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Federal Signal will be coming soon to program the early warning sirens.
- Received a "CMO" certification from AIM.
- Discussed the proposed new Farmer's State Bank building.

**CLERK:**

- Asked the Council members to complete the "Certification of Elected Officials to the Town of LaGrange on Compliance with Municipal Nepotism Policy".
- Presented Resolution "2017.12.18 -Transfer of Appropriations" in the amount of \$900.00. Member Hoover motioned to approve the transfer, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ATTORNEY:**

- Working with Insurance carriers on the downtown fire scene cleanup
- Discussed the Northwood Annexation process.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Member Hoover motioned to pause the regular meeting to enter into a Redevelopment Commission Meeting to approve RDC claims. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.


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

Member Hoover then motioned to close the RDC meeting and return to the regular council meeting. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**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 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