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Meeting Minutes – Juan Arroyo, Raymond Hoover, Suellyn Mickem, Edna Bowser, Deborah Naylor

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

Council Member Suellyn Mickem made a motion to approve minutes from January 2, 2018. Member Bpwser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- Presented computer equipment upgrade quotes: Ascend Computer - \$4065.96; Staples \$3327.96; Wonderware \$7035.00. It was noted that while Staples had the low quote, their hardware would need an upgrade to be the same as quoted by Ascend Computer. Also quoted was upgrades to software to be compatible for Windows 10. Wonderware \$11305.00 with Customer FIRST Support or \$10,390.00 with out the FIRST support; Allmax upgrade was quoted to increase to \$2000.00 annually. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the purchasing the equipment from Ascend Computer, and allow the software upgrades, including the FIRST Support from Wonderware, not to exceed \$17,370.92. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Jeff Moore requested the council make a motion on hiring Catlyn Helmuth for the Wastewater Treatment Plant maintenance employee. Member Hoover motioned to approve the request, Helmuth will start at 18.00 per hour, and receive a .25 increase in pay after the 90 introductory period, with a positive review. Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Gave a monthly report on the performance and activities associated with the treatment plant.

Water:

- Presented sewer adjustments for M. Beard, 19000.00 gallons of untreated water and L. Caldwell, up to 53,000 gallons of untreated water. Noting that the latter was over an extended period of time, Leu is looking for a recommendation from the Council. After discussing the adjustments, Member Mickem motioned to approve the adjustment for Beard (19,000) and Caldwell (53,000). Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Member Hoover gave the council an overview of a trip to Roanoke to view their new water treatment facility.

POLICE: N/A

FIRE:

- Truck nearly finished.
- Requested direction on the purchase of new 800Mgz radios.
- Noted the retirement of Mike Cole, who has served on the fire department for more than 30 years.
- Reported on fire calls

STREET: N/A

Town Manager:

- Bobcat will be in this week for the Cemetery
- One of the overhead garage doors broke at the cemetery building. It was secured, however both doors need to be replaced. Working on getting quotes for the replacement, Michiana Door \$3785.00; Alpha Builders \$3883.05; waiting on Overhead Door. Would like to have approval from the council to go ahead with the project once the

other quote is in. Member Hoover motioned to allow the Town Manager to go ahead with replacing the doors with the lowest bid once they are all in. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Discussed the Farmer's State Bank site plan (for their new location on)
- Update on Northwood Association's annexation.

CLERK:

- Reviewed questions and concerns about the updated employee handbook.
- Presented a Financial Report with Reconciliation of records. Member Hoover motioned to acknowledge that the council received the reports, Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Requested the council instruct the attorney to establish a Public Safety Fund by ordinance. Member Mickem motioned to do so, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- After discussing accumulated sick time (PTO) Member Hoover made a motion to allow Richard Marchand to trade 25 sick days (at 8 hours each) for an additional week of vacation that will be paid at retirement. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried. This policy will be covered in the new handbook.

ATTORNEY:

- Discussed the negotiations on the Family Dollar Fire bill and cleanup

OPEN DISCUSSION:

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

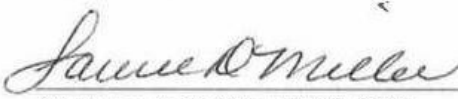
Member Mickem made a motion to suspend the regular meeting and enter into a meeting of the RDC, Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RDC Member Mickem made a motion to approve the claims related to the Redevelopment funds, RDC Member Hoover 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