



TOWN OF  
*LaGrange*  
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Meeting Minutes: May 21, 2018

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 Bowser made a motion to approve minutes from May 7, 2018 and Executive Session on May 14, 2018. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**WASTEWATER:**

- Presented Council with a monthly report for April 2018.
- Received & discharged 13.760 million gallons of treated wastewater
- Effluent flows averaged .459 MGD, for 25% of the design capacity
- Monthly reports have been submitted

**Water:**

- Provided a report of work completed to the council.

**POLICE:**

- Presented a request in writing to add a sixth full time police officer. It was noted that other area towns with similar population have the extra manpower. Member Mickem outlined several concerns before making a motion to table the matter for the time being. Included in the motion was for the clerk to add the extra officer into the 2019 budget. Member Naylor seconded the motion. Members Bowser, Naylor and Mickem voted "yes" to tabling the decision, with Member Hoover voting "not". Motion carried.
- Personal use of vehicles for Police officers were then discussed. They were requesting a personal use policy that allowed them a 50 mile radius use. Member Mickem stated that due to recent events, she felt it was not a good time to re-instate this type of vehicle policy. Attorney Eberhard noted that it may be a good time to discuss what services the Town wanted to continue to provide to residents outside the town corporation limits.
- The purchase of new taser equipment was presented to the council. There are two options from "Axon".
  1. Buy outright - 7 X15P tasers - \$1463.00 each or 7 for \$10,241.00
  2. Purchase with an Assurance Plan - 7 -X26P Tasers, first year payout \$1255 each or \$8785.00, then each year an annual payment of \$1470.00 for the next 4 years. At the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> year, we would get 7 new tasers at no cost. Member Bowser motioned to purchase the Assurance Plan, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Marshal Snyder then asked that further citizen complaints be documented by department heads.

**FIRE:**

- Planning to purchase a fire extinguisher training simulator for use with the smokehouse. Money from the Fish Fry fundraiser will be used to purchase the equipment.

**STREET:**

- Provided a report of tasks and projects from May 8, 2018 thru May 21, 2018, including:
- Starting sewer maintenance the first week in June.
- John M and John A will be attending chainsaw safety training on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Town Manager:**

- Reported a sewer backup at a residence on Factory Street.
- Discussed this year's Community Crossings Grant process. It will be a 2 time per year application.
- Reported on spring clean up
- Presented an Annexation Stipulation for Harley Mast, property on 200N. Member Hoover made a motion to sign and approve the stipulation, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CLERK:**

- Requested the council and department heads gather a list of equipment or capital projects for the 2019 Budget

**ATTORNEY:**

- Presented Ordinance 2018-05-21 (A) – Amending the Town of LaGrange Employee Handbook concerning employee call outs. An overview of the ordinance was discussed. Member Bowser motioned to waive all further readings of the ordinance, and approve the amendment as is. Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

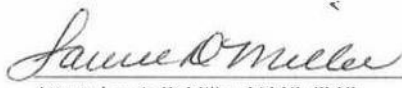
**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

- Discussed the sale of the lot's downtown (formerly Gould's and Family Dollar)
- Discussed a representative of the town attending the annual REMC picnic/meeting.
- Discussed sidewalk projects. They are on hold until finances for funds for matching grants are fully funded.

**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 Naylor 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