



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes: September 4, 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

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 Suellyn Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Mickem made a motion to approve minutes from August 20, 2018. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Holly Miller, representing DLZ Engineers, presented documents to close out the Railroad Street Improvement Project, including a "Certificate of Substantial Completion". Member Hoover made the motion to approve and sign the closing documents, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Miller then discussed options for next years' Community Crossing Grant application. It was noted that projects need to be "like projects" in terms of road treatment. The application needs to be submitted by the end of the month. A motion to apply for the project labeled "Alternate #1" was made by Member Mickem and seconded by Member Bowser. Motion carried.

Member Hoover motioned to approve and sign a financial commitment letter for the application. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council President Arroyo will sign the document.

WASTEWATER:

- No report

Water:

- Live Tap performed on 10" main at Townline & Central
- Pressure test & bacterial tests performed on new 6" main
- 80+ radio read meters installed.
- Helped with outfall for sanitary sewer for developer at 221 S Detroit St. Council questioned why the Water Dept was helping with Sewer issues.

FIRE:

- Gave a report on Fire runs for August
- IPEP Grant application has been approved
- Council questioned citizens using a hydrant for a slip & slide on Hawpatch St. Instructed town personnel to find out about the use.

POLICE:

- Presented quotes for a new police vehicle as follows:
Sorg Dodge - 2019 Dodge Charger \$27,104.00
Auburn Dodge - 2019 Dodge Charger \$27,804.00
LaGrange Dodge - 2019 Dodge Charger \$27,518.00
LaGrange Dodge - 2018 Dodge Charger with same options as the 2019 model \$24,497.00
Town Marshal Snyder requested the council approve the 2018 vehicle, saving approximately \$3,000.00. Member Bowser made a motion to approve the purchase, Member Hoover seconded the motion, motion carried.

- Received 62 applications for the new police deputy position.

STREET:

- Provided a list of tasks and projects completed
- Burying conduit at the town park for the camera system

CLERK:

- Reminded the council that a Public Hearing for the 2019 Budget will be on Monday, September 17th at their regular council meeting.

Town Manager

- Fence at park has been repaired.
- Camera system for the park is on order
- Cemetery workers continue to work on mold issue
- OCRA Planning Grant funding is now available. Would like to set a special meeting to discuss the application with the engineers. Meeting set at 6:00 pm on September 14th at the Town Hall. The Town Manager will contact DLZ to see if that will work for them.
- Discussed the proposed Farmer's Market grant
- Council requested that the former water tower site downtown be looked over for safety issues. Make repairs as needed.
- US 20 Project taking up multiple hours. Looking at replacing a sewer main along the project.

ATTORNEY:

- Presented an amended "animal control" ordinance for the council to review.
- An executive session to discuss employee conduct was set for Thursday, September 14th at 5:00 pm.


OPEN DISCUSSION: Wastewater employee, Catlyn Helmuth requested the council re-consider the overtime policy in regards to mandatory hours worked on weekends. Some weekends fall prior to a holiday, which makes them straight hours instead of time and half pay. Council stated they would consider it and make a decision at a later meeting.

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Member Mickem made a motion to approve claims, Member Bowser 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