



TOWN OF  
*LaGrange*  
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Meeting Minutes: October 1, 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 Suellyn Mickem made a motion to approve minutes from September 17, 2018, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Arroyo opened the Public Hearing to adopt the proposed 2019 Town of LaGrange Budget, Ordinance #2018.10.01. The Clerk asked for questions or concerns from those present. There were no questions or concerns noted. Member Hoover then made a motion to approve the 2019 Budget, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rob Peters of Colonial Life presented on what his company has to offer employees in a cafeteria plan benefit package. He would like to meet with the employees to explain the benefits.

**WASTEWATER:**

- Contractors are installing a new sewer line on US 20

**Water:**

- Presented a list of projects the department is working on, along with a schedule for hydrant flushing.
- Asked the council to consider a sewer adjustment for 720 S. Poplar Street. After reviewing the request application, Member Hoover motioned to approve the adjustment, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Town Manager Mark Eagleson presented the letter of retirement from Supt Leu, with a last day of employment date set for October 5, 2018. Eagleson also stated that council would need to appoint an "Operator in charge" for the water treatment facility for licensing purposes. Supt Leu spoke of his retirement and history of employment with the town. Member Hoover made a motion to accept the resignation and to appoint Mark Miller as interim Superintendent and Operator in charge. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried. The job of Water Operator will be posted for 2 weeks for applications. An executive session was set for Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 7:00 pm to interview a prospective applicant.
- Holly Miller, DLZ Engineering discussed the Letter of Agreement for Preparation of Indiana Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program Preliminary Engineering Report. Member Hoover motioned to accept the letter of agreement, Motion seconded by Member Bowser. Discussed the council visiting the water treatment facility in Greenwood Indiana in November.

**FIRE:**

- Gave a report of fire runs for September
- Presented quotes for refurbishing Tanker 16 as follows

1.	1st Attack Engineering	"Complete Refurbish"	\$67,543.00
2.	Fleet Service	No Response	
3.	Renewed Performance Co	"Replace Tank only"	\$80,000.00
		"Complete Refurbish -Approx"	\$140-\$150,000.00
4.	Fire Service, Inc	"Replace Tank only"	\$80-\$90,000.00
		"Complete Refurbish -Approx"	\$140-\$150,000.00

Membership of Fire Fighters Inc are in favor of completely refurbishing the truck. Chief Elick has been in contact

with Clay Township, they are in agreement to help with the cost. Council requested he speak with the Bloomfield Township Trustee to verify their participation in the project.

**POLICE:**

- **Presented quotes for new car equipment installation- light bar, lights, siren controller, console, cage, eticket, etc with labor.**
  1. Torgs: \$6995.00
  2. Cops Gear No response
  3. 1st Response Fleet \$7831.68Member Bowser made a motion to approve the installation to be done by Torgs, seconded by Member Mickem. Motion carried.

**STREET:**

- Hand out of tasks completed

**CLERK:**

- Set an open house to honor John Leu's years of service for Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.
- Discussed year end employee gift. Member Mickem made a motion to approve the same as 2017, \$125.00 for full time employees, and \$75.00 for part time. Also 25.00 gift cards from local merchants for reserve officers, Wastewater Treatment manager, fire chief and asst fire chief. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Town Manager**

- **Notice of bids for cemetery land rent has been published.**
- **Street dept would like to drive newer trucks in one of the Corn School parades, with family members in the vehicles. Member Hoover motioned to approve the request, Member Naylor seconded the motion.**

**ATTORNEY:**

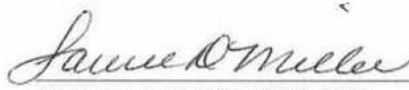
- Discussed eliminating the General Improvement fund in the Town funds. The fund was originally formed in the 70's for sidewalk replacement. It is no longer being used, as we use the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. There is approximately \$18,000.00 in the dormant fund that could be transferred to the CCD fund for use. Council directed the attorney to draft the ordinance to close the dormant fund.
- Eberhard reminded the council that he attending only the first meeting of each month Dec-March, and available by phone the other meetings.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:** Discussion on what was happening with the Gould/Family Dollar location downtown.

**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.

  
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Juan C. Arroyo, Council President

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