



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes: November 19, 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 November 5, 2018. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Holly Miller, representative of DLZ presented a 'draft agreement' for the LPA Consulting Contract regarding the Hawpatch Street Improvement Project. This draft is for the council and attorney's review.

Miller also presented a "Letter Agreement for 2019 Streets (2018 CCMG) – for Poplar, Fenn, Industrial, and Seymour Streets. After discussing some environmental issues regarding new sidewalks, Member Mickem motioned to approve and sign the agreement with DLZ, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Miller then requested that the council determine whether or not to apply for the next round of 2019 Community Crossing Grants in January. There was discussion of S. Townline Rd, what was in town boundaries and re-classifying Nursery Street and Old St Rd 9 as "major collectors" to possibly qualify for LPA Grants in the future. . They will revisit the topic at the December 17th meeting.

WASTEWATER: Presented a monthly report for October 2019 as follows:

- Received & discharged 13.634 million gallons of treated wastewater
- Reports were submitted to IDEM with 0 overflows or violations of the permit

Water:

- BL Anderson provided a quote to install a monitory and automation system at the water plant at \$31, 000.00. Currently working with a 2nd company on another quote.
- Well #4 has new motor, Well #1 repaired and is now available as a back up.
- Finished winterizing
- Completed employee evaluations
- Cleaning and organizing as time permits
- Received quotes for Rehab of High Service pump #1
Peerless Midwest \$8210.00; Northern Pump & Well \$8928.00; Ortman Drilling \$9375.00; North American Pump \$7460.00. Peerless has been repairing pumps and is familiar with the plant. Although they bidding somewhat higher, this is the preferred firm do to quick response time and the familiarity with our equipment. After discussing the options, Member Hoover motioned to award the rehab to Peerless, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Quotes received for rehab of Well #3:
Northern Pump & Well - \$17,695.70; Ortman \$17,300.00; North American Pump \$8,300.00 not to exceed \$15,575.00. Miller asked for a quote from Peerless, but has not heard back from them as yet. Member Hoover motioned to table the quotes, asking Supt Miller to contact Peerless and let them know we need a quote prior to the next council meeting. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRE:

- Discussed a new fire extinguisher training tool purchased by Fire Fighter's Inc
- Requested the council consider paying firefighters for Medic Runs (1st Responder) beginning with 2018 pay. There are 251 Medic runs to consider, with 793 hours (at \$10.00 per hour). Fire Chief Elick gave an overview of why he

believes this is necessary, including using the pay as a recruiting and retention tool. Clay Township Trustee, William Connelly, spoke about how employers used to pay firefighters when they left to help with all runs, now they have to clock out, stating that times have changed. Clay Township would be willing to share the cost. Member Hoover made a motion to table the issue until the next meeting. He would like to discuss the matter with both trustees and see if an agreement on the pay can be worked out. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

POLICE: No Report

STREET:

- Presented quotes to remove a tree due to safety issues, at 401 N Poplar Street. Jon Klopfenstein \$1650.00; Everage Tree Service \$2000.00 and B & E Tree Service – no response. Nipsco was also contacted due to power lines in the way, they did not respond. Member Hoover motioned to have Klopfenstein's do the work, Member Naylor seconded the motion, Motion carried.

CLERK:

- Presented the October Bank Reconciliation Reports for review and approval. Member Hoover motioned to approve the documents, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented a final Utility bill that has been uncollectible, in the amount of \$22.85. (Rick & Spring Stewart, 401 W Spring Street) Member Mickem motioned to 'write off' the amount in question. Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented documents outlining a program for online customer accounts, called "Invoice Cloud". This would allow emailing of utility billing, saving postage and paper. Customers could access their utility billing via the internet and do paperless billing. Member Mickem made a motion to approve implementing the program, Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Town Manager

- Monitoring fuel prices for a 2019 contract
- Discussed the progression of the US20 project

ATTORNEY:

- Discussed truck/trailer parking restrictions in town.

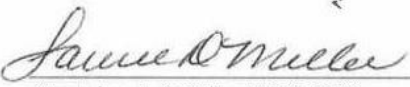
OPEN DISCUSSION:

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