



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes:: January 7, 2019

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, Deborah Naylor, Catie Gayheart, and Fred Romer

Also present: Laurie Miller, Bill D. Eberhard, Jr

The Clerk Treasurer opened the meeting at 7:00 pm, requesting the Council re-organize officers and department appointments. Member Ray Hoover nominated Juan Arroyo as President of the Council. There were no other nominations. Member Fred Romer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Member Deborah Naylor then nominated Ray Hoover to serve as Vice President of the Council. Member Catie Gayheart seconded this motion. Motion carried.

President Arroyo then requested the council decide on Departments to represent. After discussing the matter, Arroyo requested the Wastewater Dept, Ray Hoover - Police Dept, Deb Naylor - Water Dept; Catie Gayheart - Street, Cemetery & Park; Fred Romer - Fire Department. Member Hoover motioned to approve the department assignments, Member Romer 2nded the motion. Motion carried.

Council then moved to appointments to the LaGrange Redevelopment Board to oversee Tax Increment Financing projects and spending. In 2018, the board consisted of: Mark Eagleson, President; Laurie Miller, Secretary/Treasurer; and members, Juan Arroyo, Ray Hoover and Suellyn Mickem, with Sue Keenan the School Board Representative. An appointment to replace Suellyn Mickem was discussed. Fred Romer was appointed.

Member Hoover then motioned to re-appoint Steve Liechty for the Alcohol Beverage Commission. After discussing the appointment requirements and options, Member Romer motioned to table the appointment until the next meeting. Member Hoover 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Council then discussed the appointments to Region 3A and the LaGrange Economic Development Corp. Mark Eagleson has been the representative on these boards for several years. Member Hoover motioned to keep Eagleson as the appointee, Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Member Hoover also motioned to keep the current Board of Zoning Appeals appointments the same as 2018. Member Naylor seconded this motion. Motion carried. Appointments are: John Leu; Fritz Schlemmer and John Schmidt.

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

Council Member Hoover made a motion to approve minutes from December 17, 2018. Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- Looking at repairs to the wastewater plant generator, cost is estimated at \$3745.00 from MacAllister Machinery. MacAllister has the maintenance contract for the Town's generators. Member Hoover motioned to approve the repairs, motion seconded by Member Romer. Motion carried.

Water:

- Fixed leak on Grant Street
- Forest River completed it's update to their fire suppression system
- Internet and camera system set up at the plant to assist with monitoring from phones.
- Requested approval to replace the overhead garage door at the water plant. Quotes were received from: Michiana Door: \$1199.00; Northern Lakes Overhead Door: 1365.69 and Alpha Builders: \$1094.01. Michiana Door is located in

the Town of LaGrange and has installed and maintained doors at other Town locations. Member Hoover made the motion to approve the purchase from Michiana Door, Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Discussed the purchase of a 2017 GMC Savana 2500 Cargo Van. Received quotes from: Westpark Auto, LaGrange IN \$21,800.00 (17,000 miles); Indy Trucks, Indianapolis IN (10,000 miles) \$22,490.00 and Schepel GMC Merrillville IN (14,500 miles) \$23,995.00. Reviewed reasoning for the purchase. Member Hoover made a motion to purchase the vehicle from WestPark Auto, Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRE:

- Gave a report of fire calls for December
- Updated the council on Tanker 16 rehab
- Researched current Fire Chiefs, will be getting a plaque with the information discovered.
- Portable radios purchased with the DNR grant are in, dispersed and ready to use. Would like to purchase a Kenwood radio from J&K in Columbia City. Attempted to get quotes from 2 other sources with no response. Member Hoover motioned to purchase one radio at \$1625.00 from J&K, Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- Discussed sending 2 firefighters to EMT class the 22nd of January. A discussion was held regarding 1st responder pay and responsibilities. Member Romer then motioned to approve the training, seconded by Member Naylor. Motion carried, training was approved.
- Requested permission to attend the Supporting Heroes Gala on March 2nd, there is a \$40.00 fee and is held in Louisville KY. Member Hoover motioned to approve the request, seconded by Member Romer. Motion carried.

POLICE:

- Presented a details overview report for 2018

STREET:

- Presented a list of tasks and projects completed by the department

CLERK:

- Presented a resolution to encumber funds from the 2018 budget, to be paid in 2019. Member Naylor motioned to approve the resolution, Member Romer 2nd the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented November & December 2018 bank reconciliation reports for review and approval. Member Hoover motioned to approve the reports, seconded by Member Naylor. Motion carried.
- Discussed having Parkview Workplace Wellness in for an employees' health screening. This is free of charge thru our health insurance carrier. Council approved.
- Requested authorization to write off a utility bill for Wilhelm Hortman, 109 E Wayne St in the amount of \$36.21. Member Hoover motioned to authorize the write off, Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented a sewer adjustment for Raymond Kiss, 115 S Sherman Street, 27000 gallons of water soaked away from a water heater leak. Member Hoover motioned to approve the adjustment, seconded by Member Naylor. Motion carried.
- Discussed the "Newly Elected Officials" training offered by AIM.

Town Manager:

- Discussed the possibility of iPads for council members and department heads. Member Hoover motioned to bring quotes for the equipment. Member Romer 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY:

- Reviewed a sample ordinance addressing semi and large truck parking in town.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Light on the memorial flag at US 20 & St Rd 9 is out.

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

ADJOURN: Member Hoover made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion Carried.


Juan C Arroyo, Council President


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