



TOWN OF  
*LaGrange*  
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Meeting Minutes: January 24, 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, Catie Gayheart, and Fred Romer

**Also present:** Laurie Miller, Bill D. Eberhard, Jr (via phone call)

President Arroyo opened the meeting at precisely 7:00 pm.

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

Council Member Hoover made a motion to approve minutes from January 7, 2019. Member Catie Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Juan Arroyo noted that the council has received a letter of interest from Tom Tribbett to serve as the Town of LaGrange's appointment to the LaGrange County Alcohol Beverage Commission (ABC) Council discussed the appointment, with the Town Attorney recommending that the opening be posted on the town website and facebook page. If there we get more interested parties, hold an executive session on February 4, 2019 prior to the regular meeting to review the applications. Member Hoover made a motion to follow the recommendation of the Town Attorney (Bill D. Eberhard) and post the open appointment. Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**WASTEWATER:**

- Received & discharged 13.8 million gallons of treated water in December 2018
- Effluent flows averaged 0.448 MGD, for 25% of plant design capacity
- Reports submitted to IDEM
- No violations

**Water:**

- Cleaning of Well #3 went well. Will need to replace the pump shaft and column pipe, this was included in the original quote.
- High Service Pump pulled and being rebuilt

**FIRE:** N/A

**POLICE:**

- Finished the application and interview process for the Town's sixth police officer. The Department would like approval to offer the position to Daniel Thomas at a salary of \$40,000.00 per year. If approved, he will attend Law Enforcement Academy at the end of his first year. Upon graduation from the academy the new officer would receive a \$500.00 increase in pay. Council discussed the application and interview process with Member Romer noting that he would like to view the application. Member Romer and Marshal Snyder left the meeting to review the application. After approximately 10 minutes they returned. Member Romer made a motion to approve the hiring of Daniel Thomas, with the pay schedule noted above. Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Snyder then discussed an "Operation Pull Over" grant that the department can take part in. This would allow the officers to increase their pay, without using Town funds. It is a reimbursement grant, therefore the clerk will need to apply for additional appropriation from the Public Safety Fund to pay the officers if approved by the Council. President Arroyo asked if these hours worked will be restricted to non-working hours only, not on PTO or Town time. Snyder agreed that would be the case. Member Gayheart motioned to allow the request, Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**STREET:**

- Provided the council with a report on tasks and projects completed from January 8, 2019 thru January 22, 2019

**CLERK:**

- In reference to the last meeting, the clerk requested guidance on the type of tablet the council is looking for. It was noted that it should include a protective cover and possibly a keyboard. Something that is basic for email and document related to council meetings is sufficient.
- Requested approval to continue looking at inclusive playground equipment and upgrades for the Town Park. After discussing the possibilities, council indicated approval.

**Town Manager**

- Presented an agreement to sign regarding "Local Roads and Bridges Matching Grant Agreement, EDS#A249". A motion to approve the signature by the Town Council President is required. Eagleson reviewed what the grant was for and where it would take place. Member Romer motioned to approve the signature, Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Gary Grogg has requested permission to close Michigan and Spring Streets on June 15<sup>th</sup> for the annual Courthouse Classic 5K. Member Romer made a motion to approve the street closing, Member Gayheart seconded the motion.

**ATTORNEY:**

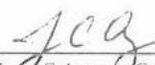
- Presented an updated version of the overnight parking of tractor trailers ordinance read at the last meeting. The ordinance was given the #2019.01.24. Member Romer motioned to approve the ordinance as read, Member Hoover Seconded the motion. Motion carried. Hoover then made a motion to waive any further readings, Member Gayheart seconded this motion. Motion approved.

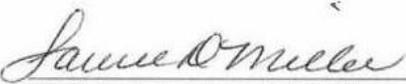
**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

- Member Romer asked about the cable that was used to hang advertising banners across Detroit Street. The cable broke about a year ago. It was determined at that time that the liability was prohibitive to replace the banner, as well as NIPSCO would require the town to pay a monthly fee to attach them to their utility poles. Romer stated that he would be willing to have the cable attached to his building (Romer's Restaurant & Spirits). The Town manager will research the situation and report back to the council.
- President Arroyo stated that he has been approached by the Jr Achievement of LaGrange County for a donation. The town donated \$200.00 in previous years. Member Gayheart motioned to make a donation of \$200.00 in 2019, Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

**ADJOURN:** Member Hoover made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Member Gayheart 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