



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes: June 17, 2019

The regular meeting of the LaGrange Town Council met at 7:00 pm, at the LaGrange Town Hall.

Council Members Present: Raymond Hoover, Deborah Naylor, Catie Gayheart, and Fred Romer

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

Vice President Hoover opened the meeting at precisely 7:00 pm.

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

Council Member Naylor made a motion to approve minutes from June 3, 2019. Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Valarie Whitaker of 802 S Poplar Street requested the council consider recertification of an alley closer. The alley in question was vacated thru the LaGrange County Courts sometime in the 1940's, however the paperwork was lacking. After investigating the issue, the Town Attorney and the Town Manger are recommending the alley closer be recertified thru Ordinance #2019-06-17. Member Romer made a motion to recertify on the first reading of the ordinance and to waive any further readings of said ordinance. Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion Carried. The Town Manager will record the ordinance at the County Recorder's office on Tuesday morning. (June 18, 2019).

Linda Stanton, representing Northwood subdivision was present represent the citizens of the subdivision regarding annexation and the installation of town services (water and/or wastewater utilities) After discussing all the issues Attorney Bill Eberhard recommended the group return to another meeting after new council has been installed. They will request a spot on the agenda in late July or early August. Vice President Hoover thanked the group for attending the meeting.

Greg Todd, representing the LaGrange County Economic Development Corp, was present to discuss the housing needs of the area. (Town and county). The LCEDC is working with a group of businesses and local government leaders to address the need for more housing in our area. They have reached out to the HPG Group for assistance. HPG are specialists in strategic planning for communities. Their fee is \$70,000.00, LCEDC is looking for a financial commitment from the incorporated towns, county government and local businesses to move forward with HPG's help. The commitment for Town of LaGrange would be \$7500.00. Council directed Mr. Todd to return to a future meeting, after new council members are on board.

WASTEWATER:

- Emptied the storage area in the land filling. Brought the council up to date on the cost of this type of sludge removal. Atty Eberhard wants to meet with Manager Moore to look at the costs and compare with land applying costs. They will also discuss the connections permit process and fees at that time.
- Provided a monthly report for May 2019. The report included:
 - A. Received & discharged 19.819 million gallons of treated wastewater. Effluent flows averaged 36% of the plants' design.
 - B. All reports have been submitted to IDEM
 - C. No overflows or violation. No work orders

Water:

- **Cut off saw was ordered and received from Schlemmer's Hardware**
 - **Valve insertion for the Poplar Street improvement has been scheduled for July 1st and 2nd.**
 - **Replaced another large meter that will aide in recovering lost water revenue.**
 - **Provided quotes for 3/4" and 1" steel plates to cover work areas in the streets were as follows.**
 - 1. Spreuer & Son 3/4" \$1196.00 or 1" \$1592.00
 - 2. Well Spring 3/4" \$2000.00 or 1" \$2000.00
3. **Miller's Welding 3/4" \$2000.00 or 1" \$2600.00**
- **Member Romer made a motion to purchase the 1" plates from Spreuers, Member Naylor seconded the motion, Motion carried.**

FIRE:

- Attended the IVFA convention last week. Came home with new ideas for recruitment and retention.
- IVY Tech will be offering a grant opportunity in 2020.

POLICE:

- Discussed ordinances regarding allowable height of grass/weeds and parking in grass or non-designated parking areas.

STREET:

- Provided a list of completed tasks and duties.

CLERK:

- Presented a permit for the closing of State Road 9 (Detroit Street) for 2019 Corn School for signature. Member Romer motioned to approve the council signing the document, seconded by Member Gayheart. Motion carried.
- Requested the council approve the May Bank Reconciliation Reports with a signature. Member Romer motioned to approve and sign the certification for May's bank reconciliation. Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Flower pots are set downtown.
- Have enough advertising commitments to purchase 14 new trash receptacles. Will be finishing this project up soon.
- Requested verification of which member will be attending the AIM Ideas Summit in August. Member Hoover and Town Manager Eagleson will be attending.

Town Manager

- Discussed the alley off of Townline Road just North of US 20 on the East side. Alley is not closed due to utilities in the ground.
- Requested the council consider applying for Community Crossing Grant funds in July for 2020. Council will discuss at the next meeting.
- Presented a contract from Baker, Tilley, Umbaugh for a Utility rate study. The cost is \$4500.00. Member Romer motioned to approve and sign the contract and move forward with the study. Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY: No Report

OPEN DISCUSSION: No open discussion.

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

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


Raymond Hoover, Council Vice President


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