



**Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2013**

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

**Council Members Present:** Mark Eagleson, Bruce Eagleson, Juan Arroyo

**Council Members Absent:** Ray Hoover, Greg Kenner

**Also present:** Laurie Miller, Clerk Treasurer & Bill Eberhard, Town Attorney

Council Member B. Eagleson made a motion to open the regular meeting with flexibility, Member Juan Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Arroyo made a motion to approve minutes from the February 4, 2013 meeting. Member B. Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President M. Eagleson opened the meeting as a Public Hearing to discuss making the All That Jazz complex an Economic Revitalization Area. There were no questions or input from the citizens or board members present. Member Arroyo made a motion to approve the ERA, member B. Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President M. Eagleson then discussed the Tax Abatement Application for Lake Area Designs. No comments were made or questions asked. Member B. Eagleson made a motion to approve the Tax Abatement application. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**WASTEWATER:** Presented the January report for the Wastewater Plant. The plant is working at 23% capacity.

**Water:** Reported to the council that he attended the AWWA Annual Conference, worked with the Utility Clerk, Jan Whetzel on the first IURC Report and it has been submitted and approved. Has been helping Lakeland High School find a leak and will be working with the Hydrant maint Committee. A meeting will be tentatively scheduled for Thursday evening prior to the regular Fireman's meeting. The Water dept has been asked to assign addresses for the businesses in the "All That Jazz" complex for 911 purposes.

**FIRE:** Received quotes for damages to Squad 15 in the amount of \$4500.00. The insurance company for the Noble County EMS has worked out a price with Hite Auto Body to do the repairs.

**POLICE:** No Report

**PUBLIC WORKS (STREET, CEMETERY, PARK):**

**Cemetery:** Ordered uniform shirts for the Cemetery Employees, asked approval for 2 employees to attend the Home and Garden Show in Ft Wayne for ideas on landscaping and flower bed arranging on either February 28<sup>th</sup> or March 1<sup>st</sup>. Member Arroyo made a motion to approve the request. Member B. Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Has been gathering information on getting a 'gator' type vehicle for smaller jobs around the cemetery to save wear and tear on the bigger trucks. Weir explained the many benefits and uses the vehicle would have. Asked the council for approval to get quotes for such a vehicle. Member B. Eagleson made a motion to move forward. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Received a bid for the land use at the cemetery (renting for a hay field) from Omer Lambright in the amount of \$70.00 per acre. This was the only bid received. Member B. Eagleson made a motion to rent the land to Mr. Lambright, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Park:** Presented photos of several of the trash cans that are in the town park and requested permission to seek businesses or not for profits to donate money in lieu of advertising on the cans to help with the cost of replacing the cans. Member Arroyo made a motion to approve the request, Member B. Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Streets:** Also changing uniforms for the Street Department employees in an effort to have them look more uniform and professional. They understand that these changes are mandatory.

Have been working to put a plan together for which streets to look at for a chip and seal maintenance program for this summer. Possible streets include Wayne, Maple, Hawpatch and Poplar.

The St Department is now on a rotating schedule to check the streets after ours and on weekends for down branches on windy/stormy days.

Member Bruce Eagleson asked the council to consider donating to the Fur Takers group that was at the Fairgrounds \$150.00 to offset the cost of setting up in LaGrange. This was a plan to help bring people into Town, there were approximately 200 attendees and more during a fur auction that was held. After discussing the issue, Member Arroyo made the motion to approve the donation, Member B. Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Eagleson then asked what the Police Department generally does with old police cars when they purchase a new one. It was stated that the older of the 5 officer cars is given to the Reserves, and one reserve car is then sold. Eagleson asked if the council would consider keeping a vehicle for employee travel purposes.

**CLERK:** Asked the council to appoint Marshal Rich Snyder as the liaison to LaGrange Emergency Management, it is a requirement that the town have someone appointed to meet the standards for the Americans with Disabilities plan. Member Arroyo made a motion to appoint Snyder, Member B. Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ATTORNEY:** Handed out the revised Employee Handbook. The council tabled approving it until all members could read through it.


#### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

#### **ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS**

Member Arroyo made a motion, seconded by Member B. Eagleson to allow claims. Motion carried

#### **ADJOURN**

Member Arroyo made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Member B. Eagleson. Motion carried.

 Mark W. Eagleson, President

Mark Eagleson, Town Council President



Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk-Treasurer