



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes: July 15, 2019

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

Council Members Present: Raymond Hoover, Fred Romer, Catie Gayheart, Diane Cameron and Carolyn Glick

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

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

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

Council Member Romer made a motion to approve the July 1, 2019 minutes, Member Carolyn Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Zachary Holsinger, LaGrange County Surveyor, was present to discuss the Woodland Hills subdivision drainage issues. He stated that drainage was re-worked by the county about eight years ago. Since the re-work of the drains, the ground water is not draining the way it should, causing issues in the area. This issue is affecting the already faltering septic systems in the area. He believes that the subdivision should be annexed into the Town of LaGrange and connected to town utilities. Discussion on the topic continued with pros and cons of annexation, cost of the project, who is responsible to put in the infrastructure and how to move forward.

Linda Stanton, representative of the Northwood Homeowners Association was present to discuss similar issues with the Northwood subdivision. It was noted that property values in both neighborhoods are plummeting and the homeowners would like to see the problems solved. After a lengthy discussion, Council Member Romer made a motion to approve Town Attorney Bill Eberhard meeting with the County Attorney and or Commissioners to discuss both areas. Member Diane Cameron seconded the motion, Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- ❖ Discussed the cost of land application of sludge versus taking the sludge to the approved landfill. Landfilling is about two times as expensive as land application, however land application is dependent on weather and ground conditions. Land application will also require more storage at the wastewater plant if the town would annex housing additions or add industry. Manager Jeff Moore will be looking at equipment to assist in the process of land filling this week. Member Romer motioned to continue with the landfilling process, and using dumpsters, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ❖ Presented a monthly report for June 2019 to the council.

Water:

- ❖ All three valves are now installed for the Poplar Street Project. One will allow the dept to isolate the old main in order to retire it, the second valve will save the dept from shutting down a handful of businesses and about 10 houses, and the third one will allow us to isolate a future main break without shutting off the south tower, county jail, Schlemmer Hardware and about 10 homes.
- ❖ Repairing well #1. Should be operable in a few weeks.
- ❖ Would like approval to proceed with an asset management program. This will help manage time spent on locates. The cost is approximately \$6500.00. Miller will get quotes and bring back to the council at a future meeting.
- ❖ Presented a sewer adjustment for Amber Rial, 100,000 gallons of water of untreated water went thru the meter due to an outside faucet being left on. Member Glick motioned to approve the adjustment, Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRE:

- ❖ Requested approval to attend the Fire Chiefs conference in Indianapolis September 18-21 at a cost of \$280.00 plus lodging for 3 nights. Member Romer made a motion to approve the conference and lodging. Member Gayheart

seconded the motion. Motion carried.

POLICE:

- ❖ Still working with Attorney Eberhard on a grass ordinance.

STREET:

- ❖ Provided a report of tasks and details completed

CLERK:

- ❖ Presented the June Bank reconciliation reports for all four bank accounts. Member Romer motioned to approve and sign the reconciliation statement, Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ❖ Presented a request from the St Joseph River Basin for a donation commitment for 2020. Council asked to see what the town has donated in the last few years before making a commitment.

Town Manager

- ❖ Youth Baseball league will be finishing up their season and use of the ball field this month.
- ❖ API milled and laid the intermediate surface on Fenn Street and Industrial Drive. They will still lay the final surface on both
- ❖ Will be attending a Leadership Summit in Bloomington with Ray Hoover and Caroline Glick the August 1 & 2nd.
- ❖ Would like authorization for the Council President (Ray Hoover) to sign Community Crossing letter of commitment for financials outside of a regular meeting. Member Glick made a motion to approve this request, Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY:

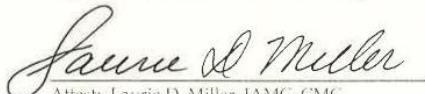
- ❖ Gave details of the Tall Grass & Weeds ordinance that he is working on with the Town Marshal. They have lowered the height to 10" and increased the violation fee to \$250.00. Also added a repeat offender section. Council discussed lowering the height to 8" to speed up the process. Member Cameron made a motion to put the 8" limit in the ordinance, Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attorney Eberhard will bring the final draft to the next council meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION: No open discussion was noted.

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

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


Raymond Hoover, Council Vice President


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