



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes: August 19, 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 Romer motioned to approve the agenda with flexibility, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Romer made a motion to approve the July 15, 2019 minutes, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- Provided a monthly report for July 2019, it included:
 1. Received & Discharged 18.611 million gallons of treated wastewater
 2. Effluent flows averaged 0.600 MGD, for 33% of design capacity
 3. Monthly Report of Operations and Discharge Monitoring Report have been submitted to IDEM along with the Land Application Monthly report
 4. No Sanitary Sewer Overflows and no parameter violations of the NPDES Permit
 5. 54 Work Orders completed

Water:

- Working with contractors on the Poplar Street project
- 10 Lead and copper samples have been sent in and analyzed. Results were all under the maximum contaminant level.
- Recommends replacing lines from the main to the shutoff in older parts of town when doing street repair projects.

FIRE:

- Reported on a house fire in early August.
- Working with the water Dept on getting STORZ fittings for the fire department to have access to hydrants.

POLICE:

- Presented the resignation of Deputy Brandon Garrison. If the Council chooses to accept the resignation, then the Town Marshal would like approval to move forward with the process of accepting application to fill the position. Member Glick made a motion to accept the resignation of Deputy Garrison. Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried. Member Gayheart then made a motion to move forward with the application process, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried with one "nay" vote from Member Romer.
- Reported that Deputy Chris Smith has graduated from instructor classes.

STREET:

- Provided a list of task completed from August 5 – August 16th. Including, but not limited to:
 1. Painting Crosswalks, parking lot at the Town Hall and basketball courts at the park.
 2. Sanitary Sewer maintenance
 3. Tree Trimming
 4. Assisting API on the Poplar Street project
 5. Preparing the leaf vac for fall leaf pick up
 6. Signage for Corn School

CLERK:

- Reported a Utility billing error and resolution to correct and refund the error. The program charged a yearly fee

instead of a monthly fee for fire protection on one account, resulting in an overcharge of approximately \$37,000.00. Resolution #2019.08.19 outlined the issue and correction plan. Member Romer made a motion to approve and sign the resolution, Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Reviewed matters tabled at the last meeting.
 1. Pre-payment of claims ordinance – Discussed imposing a limit of \$2000.00. Member Romer made a motion to have the Town Attorney construct an ordinance outlining limitations and what type of invoices could be pre-paid. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 2. Re-Codification of Ordinances – Proposals from Municode, American Legal Publishing and Code Publishing have been in the Town Hall for review. It was noted that other local towns have been using American Legal Publishing with good results. After reviewing the costs involved and discussing the recommendations of the Town Attorney and Town Manager, Member Glick made a motion to approve American Legal Publishing. Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 3. Wastewater adjustment applications: It was suggested that it would be more efficient to form a committee of the Town Manager, Clerk and Water Supt to review Sewer Adjustments outside of a meeting, with a limit of \$300.00 in credit. (on sewer charges only). The adjustments would still be reported to the council. Member Romer motioned to allow the process, Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Town Attorney will bring an ordinance/resolution to the next meeting for signatures.

Town Manager

- Went to Indianapolis to look at a used truck for the Cemetery. Based on the condition and listing price, it was his recommendation to pass on the vehicle and keep looking.
- Park activity is winding down
- Working on an easement agreement with Farm Bureau, would like permission for the Council President to sign the agreement when it is complete. Member Romer motioned to approve the request, seconded by Member Glick. Motion carried.
- NIPSCO made an unauthorized cut to Townline Road, they have been informed they have until the end of the week to have it repaired.
- Received the authorization to move forward with preliminary engineering on the Hawpatch Street Project.
- Asked if any of the council members would be interested in viewing the St Jo Energy Center. It is similar to what is needed in LaGrange, although much larger. Eagleson will get a few optional dates around and let those interested know.
- Working with Bill Eberhard on Truck Routes

ATTORNEY: Discussed various items he his working on through out the meeting.

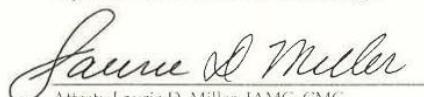
OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Food trucks for the upcoming local artisan sidewalk sales in September. Council wanted a list of who they are asking to attend and will make a decision at the next meeting.
- Discussed recycling services for town residents.
- Discussed a “Park after Dark” event.

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

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


Raymond Hoover, Council Vice President


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