



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes: October 7, 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 Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Romer made a motion to approve the September 16, 2019 minutes, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Hoover opened the meeting to Adopt the 2019 Town of LaGrange Budget. There were no objections from the citizens present. Bill Connelly requested a copy of the Budget form 1's. Member Romer made a motion to approve the 2020 Budget, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Waggoner of the community Chiropractic office on Hawpatch/Union Street was present to request additional parking on Union Street. He would like to bring in additional doctors. His plan included making angle parking on Union Street from Hawpatch to Seymour, removing a portion of sidewalk to accommodate the plan. This section would then be One Way. Member Romer stated he would like to see a site plan/drawing before proceeding. Waggoner will meet with Planning and Zoning and come back to the council at a later meeting.

WASTEWATER:

- Jeff Moore was present and introduced Inframark's Regional Manager and Vice President

WATER:

- Semi annual hydrant flushing underway.
- All sanitary work on Poplar Street should be complete. Still working on three hydrant installations and a few water service lines.
- Attended the AWWA NE Fall Conference where the new water audit requirements were discussed.
- Fixed leaks and retired one service line on Townline Rd.
- A plan is in place to paint 20 hydrants per year. This year the hydrants downtown were painted prior to Corn School.

FIRE:

- Working with the Street Department for an IPEP Grant
- Run Report for September

POLICE:

- Only minor incidents reported during Corn School.
- Park vandalism solved, waiting on the estimated amount of damage. Discussed better lighting at the park.
- Presented quotes for the following:
 1. Police Car - Thomas Dodge (Highland IL) \$24,597.00; Fletcher Dodge (Franklin IN) \$24,645.00 and LaGrange Country Dodge (LaGrange IN) \$24,673.00. The department prefers to purchase from the local dealer, LaGrange Country Dodge. Noting the cost difference and costs in fuel and manpower to pick up at a dealer farther away. Member Glick made a motion to purchase from LaGrange Country Dodge, the motion was seconded by Member Gayheart. Motion carried.
 2. New Equipment for vehicle: Torgs Electronics \$19,1967.00; StateWide Emergency \$21,087.00; and 1st Response Fleet \$20,678.00. Member Romer motioned to purchase the equipment from Torgs Electronics. Member

- Cameron seconded the motion, motion carried. They will also install the equipment.
3. Computer Server: Ascend Computer \$8709.99; Ft Wayne IT Services \$9213.35; Nova Technology Services \$9532.87. This will be paid from the Public Safety fund. This will keep the department from losing information in the event of a service failure. Member Romer motioned to approve the purchase from Ascend Computer, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 4. Police officer position: The interview process is complete, the department recommends offering the position to Tommy Gross at \$45,000.00 per year, with an increase to \$48,000.00 at the beginning of the year with a positive employment review. Gross has served as a reserve officer for the last four years. Member Romer made a motion to extend the offer, Member Cameron seconded the motion.
 5. K-9 Unit - Proposing Tyler Smoker be assigned a K9 as there is a need on the night shift. The department has been accepting private donations to purchase the canine. The purchase will be made when there are sufficient donation collected. K9 quotes are as follows: KMK (Berrien County MI) \$13,000.00; Vol Liche Kennels (Denver IN) \$14,000.00; Faus-McHenry K-9 (Elkhart IN) \$14,500.00. Member Romer motioned to allow the K9 be assigned to Tyler Smoker; Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried

STREET:

- Presented a list of completed tasks.

CLERK:

- Presented a resolution to transfer funds between appropriations. Member Romer made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Member Glick. Motion carried.
- Presented Bank Reconciliation reports for August 2019 and September 2019. All accounts have been balanced with the Bank statements. Member Romer motioned for President Hoover to approve the documents with signatures. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed the recent utility rate study. Council requested that the clerk contact Baker Tilly to attend a future meeting to discuss moving forward.

TOWN MANAGER:

- Discussed a request for a letter allowing Tom Miller to connect to utilities to his "Ventures on the Green" housing development. There will be 10 detached condos, 2 bedroom single story on a basement with egress windows to allow future finishing. Member Romer motioned to approve the connection and letter off approval. Member Glick seconded the motion.
- Requested that our part time water employee, Bob Neff, be approved for full time employment. Member Romer made a motion to approve the request, Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Interviewed grant writers for the Water plant project. Member Glick recommended offering the project to Shannon McLeod. Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY:

- Presented a sample resolution addressing an "Incentive Fund Regarding Vandalism). It would allow for a reward for information to be offered.

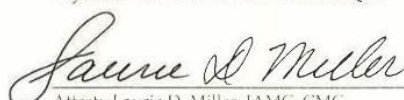
OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Discussed setting up a meeting to discuss Northwood Addition.
- Chief Elick asked if the Fire Department might acquire the decommissioned police car when it becomes available.
- President Hoover reminded everyone that the Town of LaGrange has a no smoking policy for all buildings and vehicles.

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Member Gayheart made a motion to approve claims, Member Romer 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