



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes: October 21, 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 Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Romer made a motion to approve the October 7, 2019 minutes, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Rowe, of Baker Tilly was present to answer questions regarding the recent rate study. Council was interested in possible alternatives in billing, such as, billing for hydrants and an increased charge for utility customers outside of town boundaries. Additional fees would be based on meter sizes. It was noted that a possible impact on the town would be additional utility receipts tax may be incurred. Any upcharge for outside of town limits customers would need to remain under 15%, or it would have to be justified to the IURC. Rowe will look into all of the alternatives discussed and bring more information to the council at a future meeting.

Holly Miller and Andy Lemberis of DLZ Engineers presented a contract for signature regarding the designing of the proposed Water Treatment Facility. After discussing the contract, Member Glick made a motion to authorize signature by the Council President for phase one of the project. Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DLZ is also working on a contract for the next Community Crossing Grant project (Walnut Street). Attorney Eberhard thanked the firm and Town Manager for working on and being awarded grants for the Town.

DLZ presented pay application #1 from API Construction. Member Romer made a motion to approve the payment and to allow President Hoover to sign authorization documents. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- Pizza Hut lift station is in need of repairs. Only one company has been located that will be able to do the repairs. Cost estimate is \$14,000- 19,000. Efforts were made to find someone to do the work, this company has done work for the Utility District. Member Romer made a motion to move forward with the repair, not to exceed \$20,000.00. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WATER:

- API has finished switching over individual lines and the old 4" main has been shut off. All of the old hydrants on the 4" main have been removed and replaced with new hydrants off the newer 10" main. Project is wrapping up.
- Street Department assisted on straightening the hydrant on Townline & US20. It is fully functional
- Hydrant flushing is 85% completed.
- IDEM will be here the 28th to do an inspection.
- Winterizing the town park, town drinking fountains and other services is on the schedule.

FIRE:

- Doing fire prevention with local schools.

POLICE:

- Have been approved for the 2020 Operation Pull over Grant. The grant amount is \$8500.00. Asked for authorization to use Public Safety Funds. The Grant is a reimbursement type grant. Member Glick made a motion to approve the request, Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STREET:

- Provided a list of tasks completed for October 7-21.
- Discussed the County's discussion of closing the Composting site.

CLERK:

- Requested discussion on the Town employee Christmas party. Member Glick made a motion to hold the party at Romer's Restaurant, Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Member Romer abstained from the discussion and voting. Motion carried.
- Discussion on Employee gift and amount. No decision was made.
- December 7th is the annual Breakfast with Santa in the fire station event.

TOWN MANAGER:

- Cemetery working on getting quotes for some larger trees that need removed. Discussion of who owns trees was held.
- Park graffiti cleaned up. Will get the invoice to the police department for reimbursement
- Dave Nyhof (Marquis Estates) has presented 25' of right of way to the town for the project. Member Romer motioned to accept the right of way, seconded by Member Glick. Motion carried.
- Council needs to replace Fritz Schlemmer on the Town Board of Zoning Appeals. This is a bipartisan board, the appointee will need to be a Democrat. Will be bringing options to the council at the next meeting.

ATTORNEY:

- Presented Ordinance #2019-10-21A, "A Resolution Creating an Incentive Fund Regarding Vandalism". Member Glick made a motion to approve the ordinance on the first reading, waiving all further readings. Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried
- Presented Ordinance 2019-09-03A - Ordinance Clarifying Parking on Poplar Street and Fenn Street. Member Cameron made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading, waiving all further readings. Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Still working on a truck routes ordinance with the Town Manager and Town Marshal.
- Presented an ordinance regarding rapid entry boxes for councils' review.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Discussed having a Christmas Tree lighting event.
- Discussed the design of a new conference table and sound system for council meetings.

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