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Meeting Minutes: November 18, 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 November 4, 2019 minutes, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Holly Miller of DLZ presented a letter of agreement of the 2020 Community Crossings Street Projects. The project will be Walnut Street, from Nursery to East Lake Street. Includes Street improvements, curbs, and sidewalks. A water line will be a part of the project as well as a sanitary sewer line if found to be necessary. This project is on a faster/tighter timeline and will need to move right along. Member Glick motioned to approve the contract as presented, Member Romer seconded the motion, motion carried.

Miller also noted that the Asset Management plan for streets that is due to be updated by December 1, 2019, is complete and will be submitted to LTAP soon.

Water Treatment Plant, pilot plant is finished, we will have a report by December 1st.

Looking for approval for API to finish paving, without the final top coat, this week. They will come back in the spring to put the finishing coat on at no extra fees to the Town of LaGrange. This includes any milling down they may need to do.

Member Romer made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Member Glick. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- Received notice that the remediation process at the former Citgo Station at St Rd 9 & US 20 is now complete.
- Received and discharged 14.531 million gallons of treated wastewater. Effluent flows averaged 0.469 MGD for 26% of the design capacity of the plant.
- Received the conveyor, after a few tweaks, it is working well.

WATER:

- Winterization is complete
- API completed the last of the underground work Friday
- Employee evaluations completed
- Received report on the IDEM inspection. We had one significant deficiency, our Emergency Response Plan. Working with the Town Manager on updating the plan for resubmission. There were also several minor deficiencies, most of which have already been corrected. One deficiency noted that SCBA gear for the chlorine room was needed. The Department will be working with the Fire department on gear and what needs to be done.

FIRE:

- Working with the water department on fire hydrant flows for the ISO ratings.
- Received subpoenas for information on the fire downtown (2017)
- Would like to decommission the fire car (09 Charger) and acquire the 2011 Charger the Police department is replacing. Council discussed the costs of switching the vehicles out, versus selling the unused police vehicle. Member Romer made a motion to sell the 2011 Charger, and reconsider replacing the 2009 Fire car next year. No second to the motion was made. The issue was tabled.

POLICE: - No report

STREET:

- Working on leaf pick up. Council thanked the department for their hard work.

CLERK:

- Presented the October Bank Reconciliation Report. All three accounts have been balanced as required. Member Romer motioned to approve the President's signature on the document, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Stated that the Park Improvement Committee would like to apply for a Creating Spaces grant thru the Indiana Department of Housing Authority. Part of the application is a letter of support from the governing body over the park. Member Romer motioned to approve the signature of President Hoover on the letter. Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Brought to the councils' attention the Newly Elected Officials Training coming up in December and January. These are worthwhile meetings. President Hoover also noted that he attended the training his first year on the council and it was very beneficial.
- Discussed a preliminary drawing for a conference table replacement.

TOWN MANAGER:

- Cemetery is busy with funerals and leaf pick up
- Street Department worked over the weekend and Labor Day to get leaves picked up prior to the snowstorm.
- Asked for an executive meeting to discuss employee evaluations. Council set the meeting for Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 5:00 pm at the Town Hall.
- INDOT is still looking at a local property

ATTORNEY:

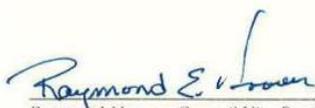
- A court hearing is set to dissolve the Cemetery Endowment Fund for Tuesday, November 26th at 2:00 pm.
- Working with the Fire department on discovery requests
- Spoke with Baker Tilly regarding rate increases. Will be looking at an additional fee of 14.9% for out of town Customers if the council still wishes to proceed with that option. Also discussed Hydrant fees for customers. Asked the Clerk to contact them to see what needs to be done to move forward with the rate changes.
- Asked the Town Manager to contact him regarding a 5 year plan update.
- Discussed work on a Residential TIF district
- Discussed the ongoing sewer issue for Northwood Addition and Woodland Hills. Council suggested that the homeowners arrange a meeting of all parties involved to discuss the issue and come up with a plan. (LaGrange County, Utility District, Town Council, Health Department and both neighborhoods)

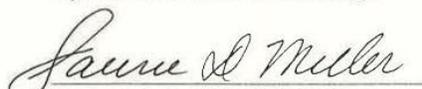
OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Member Cameron presented the idea of planting a pine tree at the Town Hall in the spring, working around Earth Day, then having a Christmas Tree lighting ceremony during the Holiday season. Member Cameron then made a motion to look into purchasing the tree, seconded by Member Gayheart. Motion carried.
- Reminded the council of the Main Street meeting tomorrow at the Community Foundation at 11:30 am.

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