



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes: December 16, 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, Diane Cameron and Carolyn Glick

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

Members Absent: Catie Gayheart

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 December 2, 2019 minutes, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- Received and discharged 15.087 million gallons of treated wastewater, effluent flows averaged 0.503 MGD, for 28% of the plant design capacity.
- All Monthly IDEM reports have been submitted

WATER:

- Working on projects and repairs at the water plant
- Started flushing Well #1, will be completed when the temps are warmer.
- Sent in more testing samples
- Presented a wastewater credit application on behalf of Krystal Thompson. After discussing the leak, and the process of finding where it was and getting it repaired, Member Romer made a motion to approve the adjustment of wastewater treatment charges in the amount of 82,000 gallons of water (\$454.28). Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRE:

- DNR notified the Chief that he had the approval to spend the Grant awarded.
- Howe Fire department has picked up the fire truck

POLICE:

- Received a grant from Rite Aid for a drop box for citizens to dispose of unused medications. It is now installed in the lobby of the Police Department office. The box is secured and has cameras.

STREET:

- No Report Provided

CLERK:

- All information has been provided to Baker Tilly for the rate study. They will be at the first meeting in February 2020 to proceed with rate increase recommendations.
- Presented Resolution #2019-12-16 (A) – transferring appropriations in certain funds, total amount of transfers will be \$23,600.00. Member Romer motioned to approve the transfers, Member Glick made a second to the motion. Motion approved.
- Presented Resolution #2019-12-16 (B) – Transfer of \$50,000.00 from the General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund. Member Romer motioned to approve the transfer of funds, Member Cameron made a second to the motion. Motion approved.
- Gave each of the council members present a packet of park improvement proposals for their review.

- Presented a statement from the Town Attorney's office, regarding the terms of representation of the Town of LaGrange for 2020. Member Romer motioned to retain Bill Eberhard Jr as the Town Attorney, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Gave each council member the "Certification of Elected Officials to the Executive of the Town of LaGrange on Compliance with the Municipal Nepotism Policy" for signature. Also presented a "Conflict of Interest" statement for each member to review and complete as necessary for 2020.
- The November 2019 Bank Reconciliation Report was submitted for approval. Member Glick motioned for the report to be approved, seconded by Member Romer. Motion carried.

TOWN MANAGER:

- OCRA Mainstreet meeting was well attended. The next one will be January 9, 2020 at the Community Foundation office at 10:00 am
- INDOT still looking at the Brady property on US20E
- Watching Fuel Prices for a commitment in 2020
- Requested direction on the Town Council's appointment for the Town BZA board. John Leu's term will expire at the end of 2019. Council stated they would like to post the opening to the citizens of the Town of LaGrange.
- Discussed the council's appointment to the Alcohol Beverage Commission. Requested the Town Manager contact the current appointee, Nancy Flores, to see if she would like to remain in that position.
- Would like to set a meeting of the Redevelopment Commission. They will meet during the first meeting of January.
- Working with the Regional Partnership and the LaGrange Visitors Bureau on a mural program.
- Requested re-appointment to the LaGrange County Economic Development Board and the Board of Directors of Region 3A. Member Romer motioned to approve the Town Manager as the council's appointment to both boards, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY:

- Working with Baker Tilly on the rate study for the Water Department.
- Also working on establishing a residential TIF district. Would like to meet on January 27, 2020 in a workshop forum to discuss how it works and affects the other taxing units. The work session will begin at 5:30 pm.

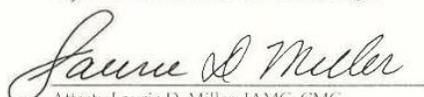
OPEN DISCUSSION:

- President Hoover reported on attending the St Joseph River Basin meeting with Jeff Moore. Asked the other council members if anyone would be willing to be the "proxy" that attends in the event that he (Hoover) cannot attend in the future.
- Fire Chief asked the Attorney about the proposed "Rapid Key Entry Ordinance."
- Reported that the Breakfast with Santa event was a success. \$1155.00 was collected, along with a generous amount of pantry items for the Food & Clothes Basket. 187 gift bags were given to local children visiting Santa.

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