



TOWN OF *LaGrange* INDIANA

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Meeting Minutes: January 6, 2020

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 (via phone)

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 minutes from December 16, 2019, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ray Hoover requested the council discuss officers for 2020. Member Romer made a motion that Member Hoover remain as President of the Council. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Member Cameron then motioned for Member Romer to remain as Vice President of the Council. Member Gayheart seconded this motion. Motion was approved.

Member Cameron then motioned for the council members to oversee the departments the same as 2019. Member Gayheart made a second to the motion. Motion carried.

President Hoover then asked the council for input on who they would like to represent them on the Redevelopment Board. Currently it is Ray Hoover, Laurie Miller (Secretary), Mark Eagleson (President), Fred Romer and Carolyn Glick as well as Sue Keenan as School Board representative. Member Romer made the motion to keep the appointees the same, with the same positions. Member Gayheart seconded this motion. Motion carried.

DLZ: Reviewed projects and the status of each.

Hawpatch Street Reconstruction:

1. Stage 1 submittal due to INDOT by January 27th
2. Realignment of Hawpatch at Townline Rd.
3. Traffic study results indicate that a multi-way stop control is not warranted along Townline Rd, only on Hawpatch Street
4. Abbreviated Engineer's Assessment - general overview of the project and technical aspects will require a signature of the town's ERC (Mark Eagleson)
5. Level 1 Design will also require the ERC Signature and the signature of Council President Hoover. Member Glick motioned approval for the signature on the documents. Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. Environmental Documentation has been started.

Water Treatment Plant

1. Pilot Study complete - proceeding with direct filtration
2. 30% Design
3. Finalizing preliminary Engineering Report - submit PER Application following rate increase introduction.
4. Confirm Baker Tilly has all proposed capital improvement and operation/maint costs.
5. Rate introduction will be February 3, 2020

North Walnut Street CCMG 2020

1. Lake Street to Nursery Street - reconstruction with new sidewalks, curbs, drive approaches and drainage
2. Replace existing 4" with new 12" finished water main
3. Replace existing 8" VCP sanitary sewer with new 8" PVC sanitary sewer.
4. Presented a schedule

Poplar Street - CCMG 2019

1. Returning in the spring of 2020 to finalize the project.

WASTEWATER: No Report

WATER:

- IDEM has received our report and is satisfied with the corrections made and plans to finish up.

- Assisted in the repair of a sewer line on Poplar Street
- New lights at the plant have been causing issues with the neighborhood. Working on solving the issue.
- Saw a spike in use over the last month. Will be working to figure out where/if there is a leak.

FIRE:

- Provided a list of runs for December
- Presented Ordinance #2020-01-06 -Providing for the installation of Listed Rapid Entry Key Boxes, Hazardous Materials Cabinets, Key Switches, Security Padlocks, and Fire Sprinkler Security Connection Caps for use by the LaGrange Fire Department to gain access to a structure that pose a safety threat due to alarm or any other action as deemed necessary by the Fire Chief or his designee. This ordinance was presented at a previous meeting in 2019, it reflects the changes requested by the council and fire chief. After discussing the ordinance, Member Romer made a motion to approve and sign the document. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

POLICE:

- Provided a details list for 2019.
- Presented achievement awards to Deputy Schwartz, Smoker, and Smith.
- Presented Justin Thompson, a private citizen, an award for assisting at the scene of an armed robbery.

STREET:

- List of trees that need trimming, would like the support of the council to complete the task as trimming trees can be a controversial project. Member Romer motioned to approve the project, Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK:

- Asked the council to adopt the proposed meeting dates and times for 2020. Member Cameron made a motion to adopt the dates and times as presented, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Member Glick presented proposals for the construction of a splash pad and new playground for the Town Park. After discussing the proposals, it was noted that due to the cost of the project, we would need to advertise for sealed bids. The Attorney will research the issue to be sure, will discuss it with the clerk. Closing a portion of Mountain Street from Lake to North Street was also discussed.
- Set a Public Hearing for Additional Appropriations for January 21, 2020, during the regular meeting.

TOWN MANAGER:

- Still looking at locking the yearly fuel price at Ceres Solutions
- Received two applications for the appointment to the BZA. One does not own real estate in town. the Town Manager is recommending Amy Riser for the appointment. Member Gayheart motioned to approve appointing Riser for the town's representative on the BZA, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Reported that Nancy Flores is willing to serve another year on the Alcohol Beverage Commission. Member Romer motioned to approve the appointment to the BZA, Member Cameron seconded and the motion carried.
- Asked the council to approve President Hoovers' signature appointing Mark Eagleson as the Region 3A representative. Member Romer motioned for approval, seconded by Member Glick. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY:

- Working on information for the Residential TIF workshop, to be held at the Town Hall on January 27th at 5:30 pm. Requested the council give him the authority to speak to Baker Tilly regarding questions on Residential TIF. Member Romer made a motion to approve the request, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

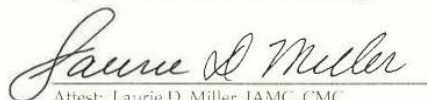
OPEN DISCUSSION:

- President Hoover asked the council for someone to volunteer to be his proxy at St Joseph River Basin meetings, when he is unavailable. These meetings are the first Thursday of March, June, September and December. Member Cameron stated she is interested.
- Linda Stanton introduced the new Northwood Home Owners Association President, Kathi Miller.

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 Glick seconded the motion. Motion Carried.


Raymond Hoover, Council Vice President


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