



TOWN OF
LaGrange
INDIANA

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Meeting Minutes: February 17, 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 telephone)

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 February 3, 2020 and the February 6, 2020 minutes, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Octavia Yoder, representing the LaGrange County Community Foundation gave an overview of the results of "Envision LaGrange". They are seeking a grant thru the Lilly Endowment to address needs of the county through a proposed LaGrange County Comprehensive Plan. The foundation is looking for letters of support of the project. Member Glick motioned to submit a letter of support to the Foundation, Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Town Manager Eagleson then opened the sealed bids to sell the 2011 Dodge Charger. Bids received were:

Jayce Riegling \$6800.00; Jeff Wickey \$2500.00; Adam Music \$856.69; Glenn Kimmerly \$1527.00;
Juan Sosa \$2800.00; David Perkins \$3500.00; Maria Brashear \$5252.52; Gerald Yoder \$2500.00-3000.00;
Maria Collins \$3000.00; Hite Uniform \$1200.00 store credit and \$1923.00 Cash; Norman Nero \$3000.00

The high bidder was Jayce Riegling at \$6800.00. Member Romer made a motion to sell the car to Jayce Riegling at bid price. Member Glick made a second to the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- Plant operating at 33% of plant capacity
- No violations
- Monthly reports completed
- Connected two new services on the north side of town.

WATER:

- 500 meters have been changed upgraded to radio read meters as of this week.
- Organization and cleaning of the water plant is almost complete
- Working with Silversmith (GIS) on getting accounts set up for all departments that will be using it. Will be getting tablets for those departments too.
- Water loss is lower with the leaks fixed, still higher than average for this time of year.

FIRE:

- Met with Member Romer, Clay and Bloomfield Township Trustees. The Trustees will be replacing defibrillators. They will be compatible with what Parkview LaGrange uses. Also Dr. Piphers' family will be donating to Fire Fighter's Inc, the donation will be used to purchase CPR Mannequins for training purposes.
- DNR has awarded the department with \$800.00 worth of water handling tools and adapters

POLICE:

- Contacted by the Operation Pull over liaison, they have two radars left, the equipment was offered to the department.
- Discussed why the department is being managed the way it is, and the perception of the community that the department is 'focused on drugs and dealers'
- Working on upgrading equipment for the Police department. Presenting the following quotes:

1. Glock Model 45 with MOS knock out
 - Steven R. Jenkins \$505.50 x 6 = \$3033.00
 - Atlantic Tactical \$556.00 x 6 = \$3336.00
 - Midwest \$515.00 x 6 = \$3090.00

2. MOS fo Glock 45 made by Noblex Optics (Red Dot)
 - Optics Plant \$513.00 x6 = \$3078.00
 - Midway USA \$529.00 x 6 = \$3174.00
 - AR15 \$565.00 x 6 = \$3390.00

3. Freedom Ordinance FX9mm Rifle
 - Lawman Tactical \$600.00 x 6 = \$3600.00
 - Wrigley Sales \$649.00 x 6 = \$3894.00
 - Buds Gun Shop \$650.00 x 6 = \$3900.00
 - Shoot Point Blank \$719.00 x 6 = 4314.00

4. NIS fir FX9 Rifle (Red Dot) Holosun 510 c
 - Lawman Tactical \$260.00 x6 = \$1560.00
 - Primary Arms \$309.00 x 6 = \$1854.00
 - Optics Plant \$309.00 x 6 = \$1854.00

5. APX 7000 Multi -band Portable Police Radio with mic and short antennas
 - Rocky Mountain Communications \$2620.00x7=\$18,340.00 (refurbished/1 yr warranty)
 - Motorola \$4479.00x7=31,353.00 (new)
 - Radio two way Communications \$4490.00x7=\$31,430.00 (new)

6. Electronic (movable) Speed Limit Signs/with solar power
 - Tree Top Products \$3448.85x2=\$6897.70
 - Safespace.com \$3634.00x2=\$7268.00
 - Emedco \$3997.41x2=\$7994.82

Total of all recommended items (lowest price on each product) is \$36508.70. Council discussed the purchases, Member Romer then made the motion to purchase as requested, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Discussed closing a portion of Mountain Street by the park or lowering the speed limit.

STREET:

- Presented quotes for a Skid-Loader and attachments:
 - Case RPM Machinery \$69,000.00
 - Kubota Stutzman Power Eq \$64,969.29
 - Bobcat of Ft Wayne \$64,048.99

Bobcat has an option of an annual rollover for \$2000.00 per year. You can get a new machine each year and always be under warranty. This is the price with a trade in of the skid loader from the Cemetery. Member Romer made a motion to purchase the equipment, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK:

- Presented January 2020 Bank Reconciliation Certification. Member Romer motioned to approve the reports, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Requested approval for Deputy Clerk Tiffany Bontrager to attend the ILMCT Institute and Academy in March. Member Glick motioned to approve the training and lodging, Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented quotes for office remodeling (Clerk's office)
 - Harker's Handyman (Centerville MI) \$21,872.98
 - Dale Fry (Dale's Handyman) Lagrange \$23,458.99

Quotes were reviewed by the Clerk and Town Manager. Dale's Handyman included extra insulation in the ceiling and outer walls. It was determined that he would be the recommended contractor. Member Cameron made a motion to award the work to Dale Fry. Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Presented the contract for PlayPros to begin construction on the playground/splash pad project at the park. Member Romer motioned to approve signing the proposed contract. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented the proposed rate ordinance for the Water Rates for 2020. The Ordinance was named 2020.02.17 -And Ordinance Amending the Rates and Charges of the Town of LaGrange Municipal Water Utility. The proposed rates were discussed prior to Member Romer made a motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance and publish the legal ad for a public hearing to be held on March 16th at the regular meeting. Member Cameron seconded the motion, Motion carried.

TOWN MANAGER:

- Would like to set a council work session to discuss proposed truck routes in town. Session was set for Monday, March 2, 2020 at 6:00 pm.
- Working with Farmer's State Bank on taking ownership of the parking lot west of the Post Office.
- Met with the GIS Coordinator, Deb Naylor to discuss issues with addresses.
- Presented the council with a contract from Niblock concerning work on Walnut Street. Member Romer motioned to approve and sign the documents, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

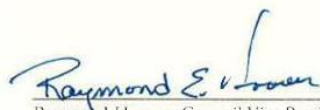
ATTORNEY:

- Nothing additional to what has already been discussed.


OPEN DISCUSSION:

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