



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes: Monday, June 15, 2020

The regular meeting of the LaGrange Town Council met at 7:00 pm, at the LaGrange Town Hall.
(Also available via Zoom)

Council Members Present: Raymond Hoover, Fred Romer, Carolyn Glick, Catie Gayheart and Diane Cameron

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 June 1, 2020 minutes, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Keller Development presented their plans for developing Senior housing on South Detroit Street. The apartments in the facility will be income based, but no Section 8 housing for 55+. There will be 35, two bedroom units. The group is looking for a letter of positive recommendation to the LaGrange County Board of Zoning Appeals to allow 35 parking spaces instead of the 44 currently required. Also looking for a variance on signage location/height and setbacks. Member Glick made a motion to approve issuing the letter of recommendation, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Interra Credit Union also presented regarding their proposed construction on East Central Ave. They would also like a letter of support to get a variance on the proposed use of the lot and the number of drive-thru spaces. Member Glick motioned to approve the letter of recommendation; Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- Treated 20.559 MG for the month of May
- All monthly reports to IDEM have been submitted and accepted
- No overflows
- Discussed an issue regarding generators at the lift stations. Would like to move forward with fitting all lift stations with the same hook up for easy access. We can borrow a generator from the LaGrange Co Utility district if needed, therefore, outfitting the lift stations to fit their generator seems appropriate. Council stated that they had already approved doing this with the previous manager.

WATER:

- North Water tower has been drained, cleaned, inspected and refilled. The procedure went well.
- Received the leak survey from M.E. Simpson. Will be scheduling the work to fix the leaks.
- Working on materials to redo the fountain at the courthouse.
- Rate increase will be showing on utility bills due July 10th. A guide was put together to help council members to answer questions.

FIRE:

- Helped with storm clean up and damages
- Turn out gear has been fitted.

POLICE:

- Reported on details worked.

STREET:

- Worked on asphalt repair on Townline Rd between Steuben and North Street. Will be doing other repairs as needed.
- Assisted the water department with a leak on N Sherman ST
- Busy with storm damage clean up. Took 130 loads to the composting site as of today (Monday, the 15th of June)
- Installed a storm drain in the sidewalk on W Steuben St.
- Need to purchase a chainsaw, will bring quotes to the next meeting.

PARK:

- Discussed the timeline of the completion of the splash pad and opening the playgrounds.

CLERK:

- Requested Council President Hoover sign documents for closing Detroit Street in October for Corn School. The permit is applied for now, the committee has not made a decision yet regarding the event due to Covid-19. Member Romer made a motion to approve the signatures on all Corn School related documents. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Office remodel is complete, working on finishing touches.
- Presented May's bank reconciliation reports for approval. Member Romer made a motion to approve the reports, Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Public hearing for additional appropriations for the Park Donation fund will be July 6, 2020.
- Set a work session to discuss department budget needs for 2021. It will be Monday, July 8, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

TOWN MANAGER:

- Cemetery staff maintaining flower pots downtown and flower beds at the town hall.
- Cemetery and Street Depts have been busy with storm damage clean up
- Looking at a truck for the cemetery, would like to take their older truck and transfer it temporarily to the Sewer Department. They will need one too, but it needs to be more of a custom vehicle to fulfill their needs. Would like permission from the council to purchase a vehicle, up to \$45,000.00. Member Romer made a motion to grant permission to seek a vehicle for the Cemetery, not to exceed \$50,00.00. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Covid-19 warning signs are up at the park.
- Working with DLZ on the Hawpatch reconstruction project. Delaying the project until 2024 has been discussed. Council indicated that they are not in favor of delaying it, unless there are other concessions to make it make sense.
- Discussed the recycle bins and where to ask that they be moved.
- Closed on the Farmer's State Bank parking lot behind the Post office. Member Romer motioned to sign the final documents. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY:

- Working on the codification from American Legal.
- Presented a resolution "Mandating necessary safeguards for the reopening of Town buildings and resumption of Town operations consistent with the National and Statewide emergencies" The Resolution was numbered at 2020-06-15. Member Romer made a motion to approve the resolution upon first reading. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

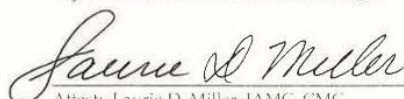
OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Discussed opening the playground, and all other amenities at the park. The restrooms will remain closed at this time.
- Discussed the shape of the downtown brick streets.

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