



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes: September 21, 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, Dustin Glick

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 September 8, 2020 minutes, Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- All monthly reporting has been submitted with no violations
- Plant running at 20% design capacity
- Working quotes on revamping the oxidation ditch control. It is beginning to malfunction and filled with obsolete parts. Discussed asking DLZ for input
- Submitted the permit modifications to IDEM
- Discussed training for certification testing. Class 3 test in December.

WATER:

- Walnut Street project is progressing close to schedule. Water portion is completed as well as the sanitary sewer. Storm sewer portion near complete.
- Chlorine testing operating correctly on the dosing system.
- Water use has dropped drastically, revealing that our system has very few leaks. The higher use was due to the hot, dry summer.
- We have installed 14 new water lines this year alone.
- Will be working on flushing hydrants the beginning of October.

FIRE:

- Six new volunteer applicants, five were approved to be on the department.
- Need to increase the number of pagers for the department. Procured quotes as follows:
Unication 5G VHF/800mhz pagers
 1. Radio Two Way - \$707.75 each - free shipping \$3538.75
 2. Magnum Electronicx - 707.75 each - free shipping \$3538.75
 3. Unication USA - \$745.00 each - Plus shipping \$3804.95

OR

10 Motorola Minitor VI VHF Pagers

1. Radio TwoWay \$370.00 each -free shipping \$3700.00
2. PW Services - \$375.00 each - plus shipping \$3802.00
3. Wolfe Communications - \$389.00 each plus shipping \$3921.95

Council discussed the needs of the department regarding the pagers. Member Romer then made a motion to approve the purchase of 10 Motorola Minitor VI VHF Pagers at a cost of \$3700.00. Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Gave a report on fire department incidents (runs) for August. President Hoover questioned the number of medic runs, noting that there had been an agreement to monitor the number of medic runs the department was asked to respond to. Chief Elick responded with the reasoning behind being dispatched to certain types of calls.

POLICE:

- Accepted the application of a few new police reserves.
- Working on code violations
- Discussed the class for citizens on police common practices.

STREET:

- Worked on road cut repairs on North St; Maple Street, and the alley on E. Lafayette St.
- Fixed a manhole in the alley at North Point Plaza
- Storm sewer line repairs on W. Bell St.
- 230' of buggy lane repairs on Townline and 2 areas on Canal St.
- Working with Jack Doheny for an estimate on re-hab of the vector truck.

CLERK:

- Timmy's BBQ is requesting permission to set up a food truck in town. A portion of their profits to Serenity House in DeKalb County. Council discussed the current ordinance regarding fund raisers in town and the reasoning behind it. Member Romer then motioned to deny the request, seconded by Member Glick. Motion carried.

TOWN MANAGER:

- Received 4 applications for the Fire Chief position. Requested the Council set an executive session to interview the candidates. Clay Township Trustee Bill Connelly suggested re-appointing Dave Elick without interviewing the remaining applicants. The Council responded that since they decided to open the position, they would like to follow thru with the interviews. An executive session to do so was set for Monday, September 28, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall. The applicants will be given 15 minutes each for an interview.
- Discussed an email scam going around and how to avoid them.
- Mural on the wall of the former Food & Clothes Basket building is complete.
- INDOT has re-instated the second round of this years Community Crossing Grant Program.

ATTORNEY:

- Attorney Dustin Glick presented the following Ordinances/Resolutions:
 - #2020.09.21 (A) - Amending Ordinance 2020.04.20 (A) Regarding the Rates and Charges of the Town of LaGrange Water Utility. This ordinance clears up the language dealing with charges for fire hydrants for out of town customers. Member Romer made a motion to approve the amendment on first reading, waiving any further reading requirements. Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - #2020.09.21(B) - Ordinance regulating the Excavation and Restoration of Streets and Alley Pavements, Gutters, and Curbs within the Public Right of Way under Town of LaGrange Jurisdiction. This ordinance regulates the permit process and addresses fees involved in cutting streets, curbs and gutters. This ordinance was introduced and read at the September 8, 2020 meeting. Revisions discussed were made. Member Romer made a motion to approve the ordinance, waiving any further reading requirements. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - #2020.09.21(C) Ordinance Amending Title D, Chapter 2 of the LaGrange Town Code. This amendment changes the height of grass and weeds and when they process starts for code violations notices. This amendment was also discussed at a previous meeting. Member Romer made a motion to approve the amendment, waiving any further reading requirements. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - #2020.09.21(D) Ordinance Regulating the Use of Fireworks - Ordinance mirrors the State Statute. Council Members discussed the need for passing this ordinance. Member Cameron made a motion to research the issue further and table the vote for the time being. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

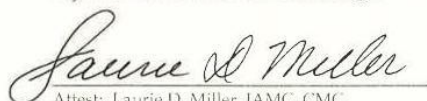
OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Discussed events for the Christmas Holiday season.

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