



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes: October 5, 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 Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Romer made a motion to approve the September 21, 2020 minutes, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Hoover opened the Budget Adoption Hearing for the 2021 Budget by asking the public if they had any further input. After no comments were made, Member Romer motioned to approve the 2021 Budget as presented, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Clerk will submit the approved budget to the Department of Local Government Finance for State approval.

Hoover then opened a public hearing to discuss an increase in the Wastewater Utility rates. The public was asked if they had any questions or concerns. After no comments were made, Member Romer then made a motion to approve the new utility rates as advertised, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joanne Gillespie and Amy Whited requested Spring and Michigan Streets be closed on October 17th for a 5K fundraiser event, includes games for kids and food trucks. The event would benefit one of their members with cancer. Member Romer made a motion to approve the event as requested, Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- Landfilled 57.9T of sludge in the month of September
- Gathering information on the electronic upgrades needed for the Oxidation Ditch
- Sent a response letter to IDEM regarding the collections system inspection. There is a need to make changes to our sewer use ordinance. Will be meeting with restaurants to inspect grease traps and maintenance records.
- Received our permit back from IDEM with the modifications requested granted. They have asked us to start performing additional tests.

WATER:

- Fixed a water leak on Poplar Street.
- The Chlorine injection system had a leak, we were able to shut the leak off and make the repairs quickly.
- Hydrant flushing is underway.
- Presented a wastewater bill adjustment for the LaGrange Church of God. This was a leak that took awhile to find and repair. It has been fixed. Member Romer motioned to approve the adjustment, seconded by Member Gayheart. Motion carried.

FIRE:

- Doing hose testing
- Preparing for Halloween with Heroes. It will be October 27th from 5-7pm at the Fairgrounds.
- Working with Parkside to do a Covid safe fire prevention program.

POLICE:

- Received 4 applications for the open deputy position.
- A Proactive traffic stop led to the arrest of the person responsible for vandalism at the Town Park.
- Gave a report of details for September.

STREET:

- Repaired a cut on Walnut Street and a 25' section of buggy ruts on Townline Rd.
- Removed summer and farmer's market banners
- Met with representatives from Jack Doheny regarding the Vactor truck. They have provided a quote on re-building the vehicle and price on new equipment.
- Trimmed a tree at the park for a better security camera view of the new playground
- Leaf pick up has started and will continue as needed.
- Preparing equipment for winter.

PARK:

- Splash pad has been poured, they will install the equipment when the cement is cured.
- Pavilion up. Other areas will be finished soon.

CLERK:

- Presented Transfer resolution 2020-10-05 (B) to transfer appropriations within the same fund. Member Romer made a motion to approve the transfers, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented the September 2020 Bank reconciliation reports. Member Romer motioned to sign the reports, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TOWN MANAGER:

- NIPSCO will be replacing street lamps with LED lighting sometime during 2021
- Requested authorization for President Hoover to sign the 2020 Community Crossings Grant Financial Commitment and Support. Member Romer made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Member Cameron. Motion carried.
- Asked the council to consider a request to have a ADA parking space in front of the former "Mimi's Restaurant" on Detroit Street. The State Highway will approve it, if the Town Council is in favor. Council tabled the decision for the time being.

ATTORNEY:

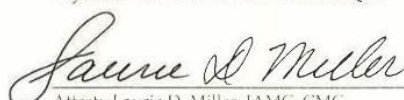
- Presented an Ordinance Creating an Inspection Fee on Water and Sewer lines. This is still in draft form, we are waiting on the wastewater changes to be complete. Council was asked to review the water portion of the ordinance.
- Regarding the Fireworks ordinance previously discussed, the Attorney asked if the council would consider making a motion to approve or deny it, as he has a "Loud Noise" ordinance that they may want to consider in it's place. Changes to the Noise ordinance presented were discussed, and Member Glick made a motion to table the ordinance until said changes are made and re-presented at the next meeting.
- Presented Ordinance #2020-10-5 (C) - Declaring a Public Records Requests Policies and Establishing a Required Form. Council reviewed the ordinance at introduction. Member Romer motioned to approve the ordinance as read on the first reading, waiving any further reading requirements. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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 Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion Carried.


Raymond Hoover, Council Vice President


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