



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes: October 19, 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 Cameron made a motion to approve the October 5, 2020 minutes, Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Hoover opened the meeting with discussion on the appointment of Fire Chief. There were four qualified applicants that have been interviewed. Member Glick nominated current chief Dave Elick for a two year contract. President Hoover asked the council if there were any other nominations. There were no other nominations made. Member Gayheart then seconded the nomination. A roll call was made, Elick was appointed chief by unanimous vote of the council. Town Attorney Eberhard will write a two year contract to be signed at the next meeting. (November 2, 2020)

President Hoover introduced Ordinance #2020.10.19(A) – Ordinance to establish fund #264 – COVID Cares Provider Relief Fund. Member Romer made a motion to approve the fund establishment on first reading, waiving all further required readings. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Hoover introduced Resolution #2020.10.19(B) – Resolution to provide for reimbursement of Public Health and Public Safety Payroll Costs with CARES Act funding. Member Romer made a motion to approve the fund establishment on first reading, waiving all further required readings. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robbie Miller was present and discussed concerns about a proposed restaurant at the corner of South Detroit St and South Street.

WASTEWATER:

- Parts are arriving for the ditch upgrade. ICS should be picking up the PLC to take and program
- All reporting has been submitted to IDEM with no violations. Operated at 19% plant capacity for the month of September
- New vehicle on schedule.
- Discussed having school kids in for tours as an educational opportunity.

WATER:

- Fixed four more leaks.
- Hydrant flushing nearly completed.
- Requested permission to sell scrapped meters. Member Romer made a motion to allow the sale of old meters as scrap Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRE:

- New pagers have arrived
- 2020 DNR Grant approved
- Run total for August is 37
- President Hoover asked that the reports be emailed to the council prior to 6:15 on meeting days

POLICE:

- Received new equipment for working the Operation Pullover grant hours.
- Requested the council approve and set wages for a new police officer, Eric Patterson. Patterson comes from the Fremont Indiana area and has a background of police work. Member Romer made a motion to approve the employment of Patterson at 52,500.00 per year, including holiday pay. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Updated the council on the purchase of a canine for Tyler Smoker. It was paid for by private donations.
- The runner up candidate for the open position was asked to join the reserves program.

STREET:

- Fall leaf pick up has begun.
- Removed a tree on Canal Street
- Purchased salt for the winter season.

PARK:

- Waiting on a pressure valve to arrive, it has been delayed due to the COVID pandemic. Once it is in, Playpros will install the splash pad equipment, test the pressures then the park will be completed and winterized.
- Parking lot in and useable, will put the finishing coat and striping on in the spring.
- Discussed camera's, fencing and lighting needs.

CLERK:

- Requested the council consider the 2021 Wage and Salary Ordinance and any holiday/year end pays for employees. President Hoover suggested an executive session to discuss (evaluation of employees) the matters for Monday, November 2, 2020 at 6:00 pm (prior to the regular meeting)

TOWN MANAGER:

- Submitted Community Crossing Grant Application to INDOT
- Pine tree planted at Town Hall
- Met with Byler Electric regarding power for outside the town hall and at the park.
- Water Treatment plant construction committee will be meeting on Tuesday, October 20th at noon.

ATTORNEY:

- Asked the town employees to be diligent on following the COVID procedures that the town set as policy.
- Working with various departments on several issues.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Discussed a "Proclamation for School Choice" week
- Lighting on the memorial flag at 9 & 20 is out, we are working with NIPSCO to get it back on.

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