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Meeting Minutes: Monday, November 16, 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 November 2, 2020 and the Executive Session minutes from November 2 ,2020 minutes, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER: From report provided:

- All reporting has been submitted with no violations.
- Treated 10.471 MG, operating at 19% plant design capacity
- Plant is running very efficiently, using very little chemical addition for treatment
- Repaired the alarm that was broken and cited on our collection system inspection.
- Still need to meet with Attorney Eberhard to modify the Sewer Use Ordinance. Still having problems with grease and rags
- Our permit modification was finalized with the changes they had made to testing frequency reversed. Waiting on a final copy.

WATER: From report provided:

- Finishing up with winterizing, with the exception of the Splash Pad. Will be working on that when Play Pros return to finish up all the connections.
- Water use is still lower than normal for this time of year.

FIRE: From report provided:

- Hose testing completed
- Pump testing completed by 1st Response Fleet Service – all 3 pumps passed inspections
- Five Alarm is in the process of Hurst, air pack, and cascade air certifications. Should be completed by mid-December.
- 62 Total Runs for the Month of October.

Asked to purchase Fire hose, quotes were as follows:

1 ¾" Attack Hose (x7) –	Darley \$1095.65	The Fire Store \$1105.93	Rawhide Hose \$1365.00
2 ½" Attack Hose (x6)	Darley \$1169.70	The Fire Store \$1373.94	Rawhide Hose \$1263.00
Total for all hose	Darley \$2265.35	The Fire Store \$2479.87	Rawhide Hose \$2628.00

Member Glick made a motion to purchase the hose from Darley, at a cost of \$2265.35, Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STREET: From report provided:

- Working on sewer line maintenance as well as leaf pick up.
- Walnut Street is now open.
- Will be putting out Christmas Decorations downtown and at the Town Hall this week.

PARK:

- Play Pros will be finishing up the Splash Pad at the end of the week, if all goes as planned.

CLERK:

- Presented the Bank Reconciliation Report for October 2020. Member Romer made a motion to sign off on the reports, Member Glick seconded the motion. All accounts were balanced.
- Presented an Amendment to Ordinance 2020-10-19, a numbering error was corrected on the Cares Act Relief Fund. Member Romer made a motion to accept the amendment and change the number to 150. Member Glick seconded the Motion. Motion carried.
- Asked the Council for approval to move forward with legal advertising for a Public Hearing for Additional Appropriations for the Park Donation fund and the General Fund. Member Glick made a motion to move forward, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Asked the council to consider "writing off" a list of uncollectible fire bills and misc. water bills. These have been sent to Michiana Collection Bureau. Member Romer made a motion to approve the write offs listed, totaling \$6039.19. Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Requested the council consider taking bids to update the Town's Capital Asset list. Member Gayheart made a motion to ask for quotes and report back to the council. Member Glick seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

TOWN MANAGER:

- Cemetery is busy with funerals and leaf pick up
- The Street Dept found vandalism at the Town Park, it was caught on video and we are working with the Police Department to find the person responsible.
- Would like the council to consider suspending any and all fire department meetings and/or training until the county is no longer rated a level "red" area (RE: Covid 19), as well as mandate that anyone entering the department be required to wear a mask. Council would like all departments to follow the rules set forth by the County Health officer, including wearing masks, social distancing and limit any meetings to 25 or less people. Signs are to be posted on the entrance doors.
- Discussed closing the park.
- The Employees and Fire Department Christmas parties are cancelled for 2020.
- Annual maintenance on the early warning signals have been completed.

ATTORNEY:

- Reported a growing problem with Trash accumulating behind the Lodge Apartments on South Detroit Street. Would like approval to move forward with legal action to get the area cleaned up. Member Romer made a motion that was seconded by Member Glick to send the proper notices and fines when warranted. Motion carried. Discussed the possibility of bidding out "town wide" trash carrier.
- Discussed the Northwood Addition and the possibility of annexation.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Discussed the arrival of Santa Claus on December 5, 2020. The event has been changed to only allow Santa to ride in a fire truck thru town as local families enjoy a quick "santa sighting" thru town. There will not be an official "photo op" event, however, citizens are allowed to take a photo with the Town decorations at the Town Hall.

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Member Gayheart made a motion to approve claims, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Member Glick 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