



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes: -December 7, 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 Fred Romer motioned to approve the agenda with flexibility, Member Catie Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Carolyn Glick made a motion to approve the November 16, 2020 minutes, (including executive session from the same date, 2020 minutes, Member Diane Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Hearing - 2020-12-07 A - Resolution for Additional Appropriations for the expenses from the Park Donation fund (funded by a Dekko Grant) and Cares Act Relief Funds transferred to the General Fund. Member Romer made a motion to approve the additional appropriations, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Public Hearing - 2020-12-07B - Ordinance to correct the previously submitted Budget to the Department of Local Govt Finance. There was an error in the tax rate for the Town General Fund. Member Romer motioned to rescind Ordinance #2020-09-08 2021 Budget, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion Carried. After discussion, Member Romer motioned to approve and adopt Ordinance #2020-12-7B - 2021 Budget. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING:

Jean McKibben Fremion of the Veteran's Headstone Project presented a report on what the group has done to restore and update veteran's headstones in Greenwood Cemetery. They appreciate the continued support of the Town. Member Romer motioned to donate 1000.00 in 2021 to the project. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER: From Report provided

- Industrial Controls- they are getting close to switch the programs for the ditch upgrade
- Cleaning out grease from lift stations, with the assistance of the street department
- Received the final NPDES permit from IDEM.
- Passed the Class III EDEM certification.

WATER: From Report Provided

- Sold old about 1000 old meters for \$3500.00.
- Splash Pad is complete and winterized. PlayPros will be back in the spring to train the water department on it works.
- The 2019 Water Audit is complete, DLZ verified it, and it has been submitted
- Working with Lightning Hills Apartments on fixing leaks.
- Received quotes for tires for 2006 Chevy Silverado ½ ton pickup as follows:

Eagleson's Auto - \$525.00

Tire Star \$530.00

Hostetler Tire \$562.00

Member Glick made a motion to approve purchasing from Eagleson's Auto, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRE: From Report Provided

- 5 Alarm completed air-pack flow testing & compressor maintenance
- Working with LaGrange County Code Enforcement on an illegal burning issue
- 8 members attending Shipshewana fire training. Member Romer motioned to approve the ongoing training, Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried. Noted that the Chief should verify that the training facility enforces all Covid19 restrictions as required by the State of Indiana for our county.
- Attorney Eberhard asked the council to look at Medic Run pay for 2020. Noting that the department has paid them for runs in 2018 and 2019. Council Member Cameron made a motion to approve the pay at the regular rate for First Responder/Medic runs, also noting that the Council will meet to discuss further years compensation and guidelines for which members should be responding to these calls. Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chief Elick asked for a deadline for this to take place. It was set to be completed prior to the last meeting in February.
- Attorney Eberhard then asked to clarify purchasing requirements with the fire department. Quotes are required prior to purchasing, unless it is a contracted maintenance agreement. All departments are to follow this guideline. (Over the pre-approved limit set by council) Checking prices is always good practice on purchases of any size.

POLICE:

- Updated the council on details
- Discussed the increase in calls related to COVID19 pandemic. Suicide, crashes, thefts, fraud and scams are all up in the county. Please be aware.

STREET: From Report Provided:

- Completed leaf pick up and serviced equipment
- Put up the Christmas decorations downtown and at the town hall
- Working on sewer line and lift station preventative maintenance
- Met with Member Cameron on building ideas

PARK:

- Discussed having the port-a-potties removed for the winter.
- Splash Pad completed
- Sign to be installed in early spring.

CLERK:

- Presented November Bank Reconciliation Reports. Member Romer motioned to approve the reports, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- Resolution 2012-07-(C) - Amending the 2020 Wage & Salary ordinance to include Covid Relief Hazard Pay for employees and firefighters. Member Romer motioned to approve the amendment; Member Glick seconded. Motion Carried.
- Ordinance 2020.12.07(D) - 2021 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Member Romer made a motion to approve the document; Member Gayheart seconded. Motion carried.
- Resolution 2020-12-7(E) - Resolution to transfer funds received from the Indiana Finance Authority for Covid19 Relief to the General Fund. Member Romer made the motion to approve the transfer, Member Cameron made the second. Motion carried.
- Resolution #2020-12-07(F) to transfer appropriations within the same fund. Member Romer seconded to approve the document; Member Glick seconded. Motion carried

TOWN MANAGER:

- Discuss the need for additional help at the cemetery.
- Chassis for the new trucks have arrived at McCormick Motors and taken to WA Jones
- NIPSCO has applied to cut Hawpatch Street to install a natural gas line to a residence. Would like to ask them to wait until spring. Council directed the Town Manager to contact the property owner to discuss the issue.
- HRH would like to partner with the Town of LaGrange to develop the corner of Central & Detroit Street (NE). After reviewing the proposal, Member Romer made a motion to give a favorable recommendation to the town's RDC. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried. An RDC Meeting was sent for Thursday, December 10, at 9:00 am.
- Locked in fuel pricing for 2021
- Discussed appointments to boards in 2021. (Town BZA, Alcohol Beverage, Region 3-A, LaGrange County EDC, and the Solid Waste Management) Ask current appointees if they would like to remain on their boards.

ATTORNEY: Nothing further

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 Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion Carried.


Raymond Hoover, Council Vice President


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