



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes: January 4, 2021

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 Romer made a motion to approve the December 21, 2020 minutes, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The position of Council President was opened up for nominations. Member Romer made a motion to appoint Ray Hoover as president of the Council for 2021. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The position of Vice President of the Council was also opened for nominations. Member Glick motioned to appoint Fred Romer as Vice President for 2021. Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Hoover then opened discussion for Department representatives. The following appointments were approved:

- Police - Ray Hoover
- Fire - Fred Romer
- Water - Catie Gayheart
- Wastewater - Diane Cameron
- Street, Cemetery Park - Carolyn Glick.

It was noted that Member Glick would like to remain on the steering committee for the construction of the new Water Plant.

WASTEWATER:

- Sue Detweiler prepared a flyer to educate residents on the reasons not to flush wipes and other "flushable items" as well as putting oils and fats down the drains. A copy was presented to the Council. These flyers will be distributed to problematic areas in town.
- Discussed changes being made at the Wastewater Plant. This will include getting various equipment that has not been in use for several years back in service
- Will be meeting with the attorney and Town Manager to discuss changes to the Sewer Use ordinance. Member Cameron asked to be included in the meeting.
- Will start working with the street department to learn the maintenance routine for the collections system.

WATER:

- Waiting on a part to fix the fire hydrant that was damaged by a vehicle. It will be spring before the hydrant can be fixed.
- Looking at ways to educate the public on their ownership of water lines from the main to their homes. Most residents are not aware that these lines are their responsibility. The office can add that to the message on utility bills.

FIRE:

- Continuing work with the town attorney on various issues
- Putting a pamphlet together to outline burning guidelines

STREET:

- Picking up yard waste daily
- Sweeping streets as weather permits
- Taking down Christmas Decorations and organizing the Street Department building

PARK:

- Sent the payment to Play Pros, less 10% retainage. The remainder will be paid in the Spring when the park is turned on and working.

CLERK:

- Presented Ordinance #2021-01-04 - Amending the 2020 Wage and Salary Ordinance to include all employees and fire department volunteers in the Cares Act Hazard Pay. The amendment was approved in the minutes of December 21, 2020. Member Romer made a motion for the Amendment to be approved and signed. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TOWN MANAGER:

- Presented Pay Request #3 in the amount of \$149,024.16 for Niblock work on Walnut Street. Member Romer made a motion to approve the payment, Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Working with DLZ on engineering for new roads in Greenwood Cemetery. Looking for approval to do soil borings to determine which areas will be developed first. Member Romer made a motion to approve ATC to do the soil borings while they are in town doing other work (Hawpach Street). Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Asked the Council to re-appoint Suellyn Mickem to the Town BZA Board. Member Glick made a motion to make the appointment, Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Nancy Flores, currently serving on the Alcohol Beverage Board is willing to serve another term if appointed. Member Romer made a motion to approve the appointment, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Mark Eagleson stated that he would like to remain on the Region 3-A Board of Directors with approval of the Council. Member Glick made a motion to approve the appointment, Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Eagleson then stated he would also be willing to remain to the EDC Board of Directors. Member Cameron motioned to approve this appointment, seconded by Member Romer. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY:

- With the approval of the Council, Bill Eberhard stated he would like to remain the Attorney for the Town of LaGrange. Member Romer motioned to approve the request. Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION: None noted

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