



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes: September 7, 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 Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Romer made a motion to approve the August 16, 2021 minutes, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Josh Pettit, representing the LaGrange Youth Baseball League and LaGrange County Youth Centers (LCYC) was present to discuss a reduction or donation of connection fees for Spreuer Park. They would like to have town water and wastewater services installed. Council stated to bring back a more precise estimate of costs to the next meeting for a decision.

Alissa Brown, representing "A Night to Shine" asked if they could have a "Food Truck Friday" on October 22, 2021 in front of the Courthouse. (in the parking area). A video was presented to give an overview of what the group does. A motion was made by Fred Romer to approve the request, Member Gayheart made a second to the motion. Motion carried.

Tri Kappa Mu asked for streets to be closed (the same route as the Courthouse Classic) for their "Pumpkin Dash for Cancer" 5K on Sunday, October 17th. Member Glick made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Member Gayheart. Minutes noted that President Ray Hoover abstained from the discussion due to a family conflict.

WASTEWATER:

- Presented quotes for new pumps and a dehumidifier, to be purchased from the "septage fund"

Dehumidifier Quotes:

Monster Gardens \$3616.95 (no shipping included); **USA BlueBook #3731.28**(Includes shipping estimate)

Wills Heating/Air - Supplier could not provide a large enough unit. Supervisor Helmuth is recommending the purchase from USA Bluebook. Member Romer made a motion to purchase from USA Bluebook as recommended, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried

Lift Station pumps:

Straeffler Pump: \$10,316.00; Pentair \$13648.00; Helmuth was unable to get a 3rd quote for this specific pump. Member Romer motioned to purchase the Straeffler Pump as quoted, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Compiled a 5 year capital plan for Baker Tilly and the rate study
- Attending a job fair at Lakeland High School on July 15th, would like to purchase a gift card (\$15.00) for a door prize. Member Glick motioned to approve the purchase of a gift card, Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Rotor upgrade will begin this week. The first rebuild on the mixers is completed. Landia has the second one (of 4) in process.

WATER:

- Broke ground on the new water treatment plant

FIRE:

- Presented a fire report of incidents responded to in August.
- DNR Grant will be issued soon. Will be using the grant to upgrade tires on the Grass Truck
- Would like to discuss pay for particular members of the fire department that are putting in more hours
- Announced an Ice Cream Social for Saturday, September 18th. Member Gayheart motioned to allow the Fire

department to use the town parking area for a car/bike show along with the Ice Cream Social. This is not a fund raiser, just a community event. Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

POLICE:

- Presented quotes for new vehicle computers as follows:
Baycom \$28256.00; The Rugged Store \$30378.00; CDW \$29277.92; Barcodegiant \$31456.01
After discussion, Member Cameron motioned to purchase the equipment from Baycom, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed the proposed Detective position in the LaGrange Marshals office. Snyder indicated he would like to promote within the department, then hire another deputy. Council Member Glick made a motion to proceed, member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STREET:

- Presented a report of jobs completed since the last meeting.
- Presented tire quotes for the leaf vacs. 18 tires are needed.
CJ's \$2416.50 Tire Star \$2120.00 Hostetler Tire \$2101.50
Member Romer motioned to purchase the tires from Hostetler Tire, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PARK:

- The final 2nd Saturday event will be on September 11, 2021

CLERK:

- Presented Transfer Resolution #2021-09-07(A) for miscellaneous transfers of appropriations. Member Glick made a motion to approve the resolution, Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TOWN MANAGER:

- Presented Resolution 2021-09-07(D) - Allowing the Council President to use "DocuSign" for INDOT LPA Grant documents. Member Romer motioned to approve the resolution, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented the Escrow Agreement provided by Ottenweller Contracting in regards to payments for work on the construction of the Water Treatment Plant. The attorney has reviewed and made edits to the document, it has been since revised and is ready for approval. Member Romer motioned to approve and sign the escrow agreement as presented. Member Glick seconded the motion.
- Presented Pay Request #2 from HRP Construction, for the Walnut Street CCMG Project in the amount of \$219,349.84. Member Romer motioned for approval of payment, seconded by Member Glick. Motion carried.
- Discussed an extension for substantial completion by HRP for the Walnut Street Project. The Town Manager is working with DLZ on the issue.
- Nancy Block has discontinued the Farmer's Market.
- R&R Visual will be in town videoing sewer lines on Union & Hawpatch Streets the week of September 13th

ATTORNEY:

- Presented Ordinance 2021-09-07(B) titled "Electronic Means of Communications" for first reading and review. The ordinance would allow members to attend meetings virtually, with limitations.
- Also presented Ordinance #2021-09-07(C) - Town of LaGrange Covid19 Policy - the policy outlines the use of paid time off for employees diagnosed with Covid19, use of PTO and quarantine requirements. No action taken.

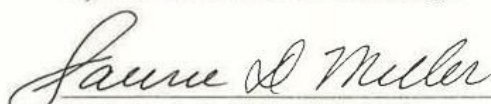
OPEN DISCUSSION:

- The Clerk reminded the council and those in attendance that the 2022 Budget Public Hearing will be held at the next meeting, September 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

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