



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes:

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 September 7, 2021 minutes, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council President Hoover then opened a Public Hearing to discuss the 2022 Budget. The Clerk reported that the budget was increased by the recommended amount of 4.7%. This recommendation comes from the Department of Local Government Finance. President Hoover asked the council members if they had any questions or concerns regarding the budget, there were none recorded. The public present at the meeting, and viewing via Zoom were also asked, and no concerns or questions were asked or noted. The public hearing closed at approximately 7:10 pm.

Brett Bateman was present on behalf of the LaGrange Youth Baseball League. Bateman inquired about a donation of connection fees from the Town, Water and Wastewater Departments. Council discussed the total of the fees, with the Wastewater fees at \$1500.00 and the Water fees are estimated at \$500-\$1000.00. Member Glick made a motion to waive connection fees, not to exceed \$3000.00. Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried. A letter stating the donation will be sent to the league.

WASTEWATER:

- All reporting submitted to IDEM
- Treated 11.934 MG, plant operation at 21%
- The televising of Hawpatch and Union Streets went well, they found a cross bore that we believe is Mediacom.
- Attended a job fair with Mark Miller at the high school.
- The Ditch work went fairly well, hoping to do the second phase early in 2022
- Received the new IDEM permit.

WATER:

- HRP is nearing the end of the underground work.
- All the bad soil where the new plant will be built has been removed and a retention pond has been dug.
- Hydrant flushing will begin Sunday, October 3rd. It will be in the local paper and on the Town Facebook page.
- Attended the Lakeland job fair

FIRE:

- Reported on the Car/Bike show, hoping to repeat the event in 2022
- The ladder truck and one pumper truck failed recent testing, waiting on estimates for the repairs.

STREET:

- Loader and plow trucks are serviced and ready for winter.
- Working on sanitary line maintenance
- Preparing for Corn School
- Worked with R&R Visual on the sewer line videoing
- Also working with DLZ on updating the PASER ratings for the streets.

PARK:

- Member Romer indicated that he would like to see the park have summer programs for the kids
- Discussed possible options for the Skateboard Park, and future ideas for park improvements.
- Attorney Eberhard presented a possible Pavilion rental agreement for 2022. The agreement is for review and discussion at a later date.

CLERK:

- Presented August Bank Reconciliation reports. Member Romer motioned to approve and sign the report documentation, Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed the 2021 Employee Christmas party. Romer's has been reserved for December 11, 2021. Member Cameron motioned to move forward with the party at Romer's, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried, with Member Romer abstaining from the discussion and vote. Menu choices will be presented at a later date.
- Set Trick or Treat hours for Sunday, October 31, 2021 from 5-7 pm.

TOWN MANAGER:

- The SWIFT Grant applied for was not awarded to the Water Dept.
- Discussed the Town Purchasing policy for Department Supervisors. Eagleson suggested that the limits be increased due to inflation. Council would like to review the current ordinance on the subject.
- Met with HRH and their architect on possible development.

ATTORNEY:

- Presented Resolution #2021-09-07(B)- Establishing the Policy by Which Members of the Town Council May Participate by Electronic Means of Communications. After review and discussion, Member Romer made a motion to approve the resolution, Member Glick seconded said motion, motion carried.
- Ordinance 2021-09-07(c) - Town of LaGrange Covid-19 Policy, outlining protocol for employees, was then presented for second reading. Member Glick motioned to approve the policy on 2nd reading, waiving any further reading requirements. Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Other policies discussed were: Truck weight limits on Town Streets, Jake Brakes being replaced by the Noise Ordinance, Dogs on leashes at Corn School (and other events) and pet waste pick up.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Reminder by the Clerk that the 2022 Budget Adoption meeting will be during the October 4th meeting.

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Member Romer made a motion to approve claims, Member Cameron 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