



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes: October 18, 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 Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Romer made a motion to approve the October 4, 2021 minutes, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- Plant is operating at 22% of design capacity
- Received two new lift station pumps.

WATER:

- Hydrant flushing will be finished by Friday, October 15th
- Winterizations will be completed next week as well. (Fountains, Splash Pad, Seasonal services & 4H grounds)
- Pumps have all been serviced by North American Pump Company

FIRE:

- Received quotes for repairing the Pumper Truck. Dunnys Pump Service (Syracuse, IN) : 13,695.12; Donley Safety (Indianapolis IN): \$10,663.97; Darley: no response. Chief Edwards noted that he would prefer the truck be repaired at Dunnys Pump Service, they are closer, the only vendor that quoted the complete repair, and did all the testing on the unit. Member Glick made a motion to move forward with Dunnys Pump service for the work, Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

POLICE:

- Working on ordinance violations, including the Carmichael's on Grant Street.
- 2021 Durango will be ready to pick up on Wednesday.

STREET:

- Busy with Corn School the last week.
- Started fall leaf pick up and trimming trees

CLERK:

- Presented September 2021 Bank Reconciliation records for review. Member Romer made a motion to approve the reports, Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Asked the council if they would like to donate to the Junior Achievement program. In the past, we have donated \$200.00. Member Romer motioned to approve the donation, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Asked if anyone wanted to attend the AIM Roundtable in November, in Middlebury. Will be registering those interested on Friday.
- Received the TC Energy grant funds. We also received the balance of funds from the skate park fund raiser from the early 2000's or 1990's for skate park maintenance or repairs, and the balance of funds from VIVA LaGrange for flowers downtown from the LaGrange Community Foundation.

TOWN MANAGER:

- Working with the LaGrange Economic Development Corp on an application from Lloyd Eash/Horsing Around Again, Inc, for a personal property tax abatement. The first step would be to create an economic revitalization area. Ordinance 2021-10-18 was presented to create the area. Member Cameron made a motion to approve the preliminary step with the passing of ordinance #2021-10-18, including and update to waive any irregularities due to clerical errors, upon first reading. Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried. The next step is a public hearing, set for November 15, 2021 during the regular meeting.
- Presented a plan to amend the Town Purchasing policy. This amendment would set a spending limit for Town Department Supervisor at \$1500.00, and a limit for the Clerk and Town Manager at \$10,000.00. Due diligence, including acquiring quotes would still be in effect for purchases. Inflation was cited for the change. Also noted, the Cemetery Sexton was not listed on the previous policy and needs to be included on the updated one. Member Glick motioned to move forward with the new policy, Member Gayheart made a second. Motion carried.
- Discussed the intention of Ligtel to install high speed internet fiber throughout town. Eagleson recommended requiring a \$500,000 bond in lieu of requiring street/curb cut permits. Member Romer made a motion to approve the recommendation of a bond. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY:

- Working on a longevity pay policy for the council.
- Property on Poplar Street that was in violation of safety code has been demolished. The contractor/owners have asked for an extension on the deadline given to clean the debris from the property. Member Cameron moved to allow the extension, noting that if the extended deadline is not met, there will be a \$250.00 per day fine, retroactive to October 7, 2021. Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

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