



TOWN OF
LaGrange
INDIANA

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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, 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 November 1, 2021 minutes, Member Glick seconded the on. Motion carried.

Penny Price of Baker Tilly presented the findings of the 2021 Wastewater Treatment Utility rates study. She gave an overview of how a rate study works and the findings of the study. There were two options for a rate increase provided, the first one consisted of a 33% rate increase, resulting in an average (4000 gallons of water used) wastewater treatment bill of \$53.53. The second option would be applying for a 20 yr. bond to complete all the necessary repairs at the wastewater plant and a 12% increase in wastewater rates. The council tabled the discussion to review the information.

Bill Bradley of the LaGrange County Economic Development Corp requested the Council consider a Tax Abatement for Lloyd Eash of "Horsing Around Again". This is a 5 year abatement for \$550,000.00 in new equipment. Resolution #2021-11-15, titled "Findings and Resolution Confirming a Tax Abatement and Designating Specific Property as Economic Revitalization Area. Member Romer motioned to accept the Resolution upon first reading, waiving all other readings, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- The new chopper pump has been installed.
- Preparing the plant for winter.

WATER:

- Installed a new meter pit on South Detroit Street
- Had a leak in the chlorine solution feed line. It is repaired.
- The LaGrange County building inspector issued a stop work order at the new plant construction site. They are currently waiting on permits to re-start the construction.

FIRE:

- Pump 11 is out for repairs

POLICE:

- Presented a report on October details
- Presented quotes for a drone. The department has received donations to purchase the equipment.

1. Enterprise UAS \$15,400.00
2. Steel City Drones \$15,500.00
3. Cloud City Drone \$15,525.00

Member Glick motioned to allow the purchase of the equipment, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PARK:

- Member Glick reported on upgrades and fixes needed at the Skateboard Park.
- Also discussed were security needs, such as an additional camera and installation of the donated light pole.

CLERK:

- Presented the Bank Reconciliation reports for approval. Member Romer made a motion to accept and approve the reports, seconded by Member Glick. Motion carried.
- Presented the 2022 Wage and Salary Ordinance, #2021.11-15. Member Romer motioned to approve the ordinance upon first reading, waiving any further requirements. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TOWN MANAGER:

- Reminded the council of the request by Aleah Tritch to waive the fees due to a fire at her residence. Member Romer motioned to deny the request, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented Ordinance 2021-11-01-(B) an ordinance addressing parking restrictions on Mountain Street from Michigan to North Street, and one hour parking on Fenn Street, from Detroit St to Poplar Street. President Hoover asked those in attendance and via zoom if anyone had any comments or concerns about the parking restrictions. There were none noted. Member Cameron then motioned to approve the ordinance upon second reading (first reading was November 1, 2021), waiving any further readings required. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented Ordinance #2021-11-01(C)- Titled Ordinance Amending the LaGrange Town Code of Ordinances. Member Glick motioned to approve the amendment ordinance upon second reading (first reading was November 1, 2021), waiving any further requirements. Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented a Letter of Agreement for 2022 Streets (2021-2 CCMG) on behalf of DLZ. Member Romer motioned to approve the agreement, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented Pay Request #4 from Ottenweller Contracting. Member Romer motioned to approve the request, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Requested an Executive session with the council to discuss employee evaluations. The meeting was set for December 2, 2021 at 5:30 pm.
- Asked the council to discuss the possibility of cancelling the Breakfast with Santa event, noting the COVID19 surge in LaGrange County. Council discussed options for the event. After the discussion, Member Romer motioned to proceed with the event as planned, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY:

- Completed his list of items throughout the meeting.

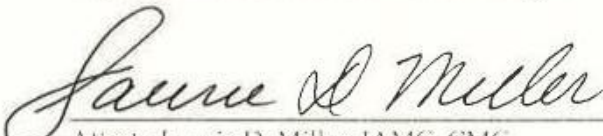
OPEN DISCUSSION:

- None noted

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