



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes: September 19, 2022

The regular meeting of the LaGrange Town Council met at 6:00 pm, at the LaGrange Town Hall.
(Also available via Zoom)

Council Members Present: Raymond Hoover, Fred Romer, Carolyn Glick, Diane Cameron and Josh Shotzman,

Also present: Laurie Miller, Charity Murphy

President Hoover opened the meeting at precisely 6:00 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 minutes from September 6, 2022, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Hoover opened the Adoption hearing for the 2023 Town of LaGrange Budget. The citizens present and on Zoom were asked if they had any questions or concerns. There being none, Member Romer made the motion to approve the 2023 Budget as proposed. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Budget Ordinance was numbered 2022.09.06, referencing the date of the first public hearing.

Manuel Aguilar, Luiz Ramirez-Cruz and Carlos Oliveras presented an event they are planning to the Council. They are asking to have Food Trucks on Spring Street on September 25th from 1:00pm until 4:00pm. The event is to promote cancer awareness as part of their Senior Project. Member Romer made a motion to close Spring Street from Detroit St to High Street for the event, and to allow the Food trucks. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK:

- Presented Bank Reconciliation reports for August 2022 for review. Member Romer motioned to approve the documents presented, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- All reporting submitted with no violations
- Treated 12.65MG for the month of August – 23% plant capacity

WATER:

- Updated the council on various projects.
- Lead & Copper tests are nearly complete – 9 of 10 residents have turned them in. We are well under the action required level. “Not corrosive”

FIRE:

- Second proposed truck bid went over the approved amount. Would like to look at another vehicle. President Hoover stated that he would like the purchase tabled until 2023. The current ladder truck is at the manufacturer (Sutphen) at this time for repairs, the department needs to see how it is functioning after the repairs are made.
- Received one application for the posted Fire Chief position, from the current Chief, Jeremy Edwards. Council presented the four year contract to Chief Edwards for signature. Edwards noted that there is one concern on the contract, concerning the spending limit. The limit will be updated to the current limit. Member Romer motioned to amend the contract spending limit and approval of Jeremy Edwards appointment to fire chief for the additional 4 years. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried with Member Shotzman abstaining. Motion carried.

POLICE:

- Marshal Snyder provided a details report for the department.

PARK:

- Set a timeline for the removal of portable toilets and close the splashpad

CEMETERY

- A report of jobs worked on at Greenwood Cemetery was presented to the council.

TOWN MANAGER:

- Requested approval for Pay Application #3 in the amount of \$478,576.16 for API (Union Street project). Member Glick motioned for approval of the payment, Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- As part of the Hawpatch Street project we will need to remove 33 trees at a cost of approximately \$2000.00 per tree. We have received a quote from John Klopfenstein in the amount of \$63000.00. Member motioned approval for the trees being taken down by Mr. Klopfenstein. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried. Hawpatch Street will be closed one block at a time for removal of the trees and should begin on October 1st.
- Updated the council on the shortage of cement for the sidewalk on Union Street.

ATTORNEY: Ms. Murphy is working with the Clerk on various projects.

OPEN DISCUSSION: N/A

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 President



Attest: Laurie D. Miller, IAMC, CMC
Clerk Treasurer