



TOWN OF
LaGrange
INDIANA

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Meeting Minutes: November 7, 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 October 17, 2022, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Hoover opened a Public Hearing to discuss Ordinance #2022-11-07(A) - An amendment to the LaGrange Water Rates and charges. The adjustments include the elimination of the Utility Receipts Tax and the scheduled rate increase for January 2023. There were no questions or concerns from the public. The ordinance was introduced during the October 3, 2022 meeting and advertised in the local paper as required. A copy was mailed with utility bills as well. Member Romer motioned to approve the rate adjustment, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried. The new rates will take effect with billing for January 1, 2023 - February 1, 2023.

President Hoover then moved to open a Public Hearing to discuss tax abatements for ATJ Real Estate Holdings and Lake Area Designs. ATJ Real Estate has applied for a 5 year, \$275,000.00 abatement. All documents are in order, and the Town Manager recommended approving the abatement. Member Romer motioned approval, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried. Lake Area Designs applied for a 5 year personal property abatement in the amount of 4498,294.00. Sherri Johnston, LaGrange EDC and Steve Christner of Lake Area Designs gave a presentation on what the business does and why they were asking for the abatement. Member Romer motioned to approve the request, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Hoover then closed the Public Hearing and moved on to the regular meeting.

CLERK:

- Presented October Bank Reconciliations for approval Member Romer motioned approval of the Reconciliations, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- New Grit classifier is fully installed and functional

WATER:

- Updates on the water treatment plant construction and IDEM inspection

FIRE:

- The state has a free pick up program for cancer causing foams, they are picking up at the fire dept
- Presented quotes for RIT packs - Donley \$14, 318.00 and MacQueen (formerly 5 Alarm) \$14807.66. No third quote due to territorial issues. The purchase was tabled until the next meeting.

POLICE:

- Made the council aware that the department utilizes the 10-33 Program for retired equipment for sale
- Submitted Tyler Smoker's letter of resignation. His last working day will be November 20, 2022.
- Requested approval to hire Patrick Shears to fill the open position at \$50,000.00 per year, including paid holidays, with an increase of \$500.00 after graduation police academy. Member Romer motioned to approve the hire and wages, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed a waiver for officers to carry their personal cell phones in lieu of a town issued phone.
- Discussed a citizen riding a lawn more for transportation on town sidewalks.

STREET:

- Picking up fall leaves

PARK:

- All portable toilets have been picked up.

CEMETERY:

- Provided a list of work performed
- Issued three "Cemetery Rights to Burial"

TOWN MANAGER:

- Presented Ordinance 2022-11-07 (B) - Amending the Town of LaGrange Employee Handbook. The amendment addresses how overtime will be paid out as well as the change in paid time off (Vacation). Member Romer motioned to approve the ordinance as is on the first reading, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented Pay app #4 for API, in the amount of \$372,648.38 for work performed on Union Street. Member Romer motioned approval for the payment, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented Pay Application #16 for Ottenweller Contracting, for work performed at the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$363,469.45. Member Romer motioned to approve the payment, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed an increase in Cemetery fees. The matter was tabled until November 21, 2022
- Set a work session for the Town Council and RDC Board for November 14, 2022 at 5:30 pm.
- Discussed the fuel price agreement for 2023

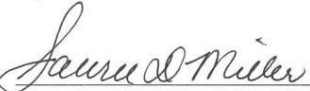
OPEN DISCUSSION:

- The Clerk informed the council there will be a representative of Borden Waste Away at the next council meeting to discuss a town wide trash and curbside recycling program.

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