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Meeting Minutes - July 14, 2015

The regular meeting of the LaGrange Town Council met at 7:00 pm, at the LaGrange Town Hall.

Council Members Present: Juan C. Arroyo, Raymond Hoover, Suellyn Mickem, Edna Bowser, Robert Shanahan

Also present: Laurie Miller, Bill Eberhard

President Arroyo opened the meeting at precisely 7:00 pm.

The meeting was held to discuss a Utility Rate Study by Umbaugh & Associates. Jeff Rowe, of Umbaugh, gave a presentation on why a rate increases were needed for the LaGrange Water and Wastewater Utilities. An overview of the current financial status of both utility accounts was given, along with a reminder of the current obligations to bonding companies. It was noted that it had been 15 years since the last Wastewater increase and at least that many years since for the water. Discussed loans, bonds, grants and the needs of both departments. Discussed the possibility of moving the water department to the property on Walnut Street. A motion was made by Member Hoover to move ahead with Umbaugh constructing a rate ordinance for the August 3, 2015 meeting, and setting a public hearing for August 17, 2015. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Bowser made a motion to approve minutes from the March 16, 2015 meeting. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY: Bill Eberhard presented Ordinance #2015-07-14 – To designate the 4th and 5th parking spaces by the Courthouse east of High Street to Handicap parking only. The council discussed this ordinance at the July 7th meeting. Member Hoover made a motion to approve on this reading of the ordinance, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney Eberhard and Town Manager Mark Eagleson met with All that Jazz regarding the Façade Grant Project. They are asking for a grant of \$30,000.00 and will submit the application for the July 20th meeting.

Discussed the Rwen Marks property on Mountain Street. Eberhard asked the council for permission to move forward with a lawsuit against the mortgage company. Member Bowser made a motion to file the lawsuit, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussed an issue of a light pole that was backed into at the Wastewater Treatment plant. John Parrish will be investigating the matter.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Ken Kilgore was present for the Utility Rate Study discussion.

ADJOURN: Member Hoover made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Juan C. Arroyo, Council President

Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer