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Meeting Minutes - August 3, 2015

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

Council Members Present: Juan Arroyo, Raymond Hoover, Suellyn Mickem, Edna Bowser, Bob Shanahan

Also present: Laurie Miller, Bill Eberhard

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

Member Mickem made a motion to approve the agenda, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Mickem made a motion to approve minutes from the July 20, 2015 meeting. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The LaGrange Redevelopment Commission discussed accounts payable claims for the Downtown Sidewalk project. President of the Commission, Mark Eagleson asked for a motion to approve the claims. Commission Member Hoover made the motion to approve the claims presented on Resolution #2015.08.03 RDC; the motion was seconded by Commission Member Mickem. Motion carried. Hoover then made a motion to proceed with the regular meeting of the LaGrange Town Council. Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER: Plant manager Jeff Moore reported that 128 UV bulbs need to be replaced at the plant. Three quotes were presented as follows:

HP Thompson \$4823.43 UV Doctor \$3262.00 Livingston Micrographics \$2870.94

After discussing the replacement, Member Mickem made a motion to approve the purchase from Livingston, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried. The council then discussed management and maintenance issues at the plant.

Water: Supt Leu presented a wastewater adjustment for Shane Champ at 1000 N Townline Rd Apt #30. 19,000 gallons of water went thru the meter, but not to the plant for treatment. Member Bowser made a motion to approve the adjustment, Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried. **Also discussed:**

- Met with the Dometic Plant Manager to discuss the layout of their hydrant system
- Working with the sidewalk contractors

POLICE: Discussion of a pay increase for Deputy Nick Dubea was held. Member Shanahan made a motion to increase Dubea's pay by \$2000.00 per year. The motion was seconded by Member Bowser. Motion carried.

FIRE: Presented a details handout to the council.

Town Manager: Discussion was held on the following:

- Sidewalk project has had a few issues, but is now moving on nicely. Anticipates going over the project bid due to issues, would like the council to consider approving additional funds if necessary.
- Attended a seminar on changes in the annexation laws. Brought back good information.
- It was scheduled to open Trash Pick up bids, however no bids were received.
- Bidder notice has been advertised for the Salt Barn Project.

Discussed the Ordinances Amending Water and Sewer rates, 2015-08-03 (A) and 2015-08-03 (B). Due to advertising requirements the Public Hearing was set for Tuesday, September 8^{th} at 7:00 pm. (the original date was 9.17.15) Member Shanahan made a motion to approve moving forward with the Public Hearing on September 8, 2015, Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK: No report

ATTORNEY: Presented a "Graffiti clean up" ordinance for 1st reading. Member Hoover made suggestions for changes in the ordinance. Eberhard will make the changes and bring back for a 2nd reading at the next meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Discussed the possibility of allowing chickens in town. The clerk will post on the Town Facebook page to get feedback from citizens on the issue. Other discussions were:

- Mountain Street House update
- Rex Fisher property
- Drug House on Canal & Michigan Street
- Barking and loose dogs

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Member Hoover made a motion to approve claims, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

uen C. Arroyo, Council President

Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer