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Meeting Minutes - September 21, 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, Robert Shanahan

Also present: Laurie Miller, Dustin Glick, Attorney

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 Bowser made a motion to approve minutes from the September 8, 2015 meeting. Member Shanahan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting opened as a Redevelopment Commission meeting. RDC Secretary, Laurie Miller presented claims totaling \$20,096.96. Member Hoover asked for a total of the sidewalk project. RDC President, Mark Eagleson stated that the total was approximately \$98,000.00, within the \$100,000.00 allocated for the project. Member Hoover then made a motion to approve the claims, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried. Hoover then discussed moving forward with quotes for a sidewalk project in the TIF area for next year. Hoover made a motion to adjourn the RDC meeting, Member Mickem seconded the motion.

Attorney Dustin Glick presented a "Findings and Resolution Designating Specific Property as Economic Revitalization Area" Resolution #2015-09-21A. This outlines the area of economic development for Garry & Becky Miller, LLC (Miller's Super Value). Ryne Krock of LaGrange County Economic Development stated that the group fully supports the project. After discussing the proposal, the Public Hearing for the proposed tax abatement was closed. Member Mickem then made a motion to approve a 10 year tax abatement Resolution (2015-09-21 A) for Garry & Becky Miller LLC on the first reading, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried. Member Hoover made a motion to waive any irregularities, Member Shanahan seconded the motion, motion carried.

The Clerk then requested that the Council consider the adoption of the proposed 2016 Budget, Ordinance #2015.09.21 C. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the Budget as proposed, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried

Miller then asked the council to approve appropriation transfers (Resolution 2015.09.21 B) in the amount of \$16,400.00) Member Hoover made a motion to approve the transfers, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A request from the Veteran's Headstone project was read. They asked for a donation for the 2016 restoration projects in Greenwood Cemetery. Member Shanahan made a motion to donate \$1000.00 towards projects. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER: Manager Jeff Moore presented the August 2015 report.

- Effluent flows averaged 18% of the design calpacity
- All reports submitted to IDEM

Water: Gave a report that included:

- Samples of the Safe Drinking Water Act have been drawn and taken for testing
- Hydrant flushing will begin the weekend prior to Corn School
- Received a commendation for the CDC for fluoride adjustments

POLICE: Presented the council with a monthly details report.

- 494 Business Checks; 44 Agency Assists
- 34 Traffic citations; 89 Warnings

FIRE: Gave a report on fire runs and update on members list.

Town Manager:

- Presented a permit authorization for Habitat for Humanity to build a new home at the corner of Lake & Walnut Street. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the permit, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Asked the council to consider the closing of Factory Street for an auction on either Tuesday, October 13th or Saturday October 31st. Member Shanahan made a motion to approve the street closing on the appropriate day, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried with Member Hoover abstaining from the vote.
- Asked the council to close Michigan to High, High to Spring, and Spring back to Detroit Street for the Sheriff's department's Trunk or Treat event on October 28th. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the closing, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed the de-lineation project quotes as submitted by DLZ Engineering. It was recommended to approve the quote of Hydrophase for \$6950.00. Members discussed the other bids- Peerless Midwest \$22,500.00 and Ortman Drilling \$24,000.00. After the discussion, Member Hoover made a motion to award the project to Hydrophase, Inc as recommended. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed the salt barn project. Member Hoover made a motion to approve bracing the existing wall for
 use for this winter, and meet with DLZ to discuss the future bidding process for a new structure. Member
 Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK: ATTORNEY:

OPEN DISCUSSION: Discussed the property at Mountain & Steuben Street. Also discussed the claim for a new light pole at the wastewater treatment plant.

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

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

Juan C. Arroyo, Council President

Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer