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Meeting Minutes - August 15, 2016

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

Also present: Laurie Miller, Bill Eberhard

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

Member Hoover made a motion to approve the agenda with flexibility, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Hoover made a motion to approve minutes from the August 1, 2016 meeting. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LaGrange County Plan Commission representative, Bob Shanahan, was present to discuss the site plan of Aqua Zone on 200N. The development plan is pending approval on August 22, 2016. The company plans to build 4 building with 12000 sq foot total. Council discussed various items regarding the site plan, including location of a retention pond and a more detailed easement of 75′ from the center line of 200N. Attorney Eberhard made a recommendation to the council to make a positive recommendation to the County Plan Commission, pending a recalculation of the retention pond. Member Hoover made the motion, noting the recommendation of the Town Attorney. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was then opened as a Public Hearing to discuss a Tax Abatement for Aqua Zone. It would be a 10 year abatement that included \$1.170 Million in real estate and equipment. The action would make the entire 26.8 acres owned by Aqua Zone an Economic Redevelopment Area. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the ERA and Tax abatement for Aqua Zone as presented. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Council then heard an overview of what the company produces.

WASTEWATER: Gave a monthly report of the following:

- Received and discharged 13.263 MG of treated wastewater
- Land Application submitted to IDEM
- No Sanitary Sewer overflows or permit violations
- Presented quotes for a Lift Station replacement pump.
 Straeffer Pump \$4153.00; MDI \$3700.00; American Pump \$4003.05

Moore requested permission to purchase from Straeffer Pump, stating that they were the only bidder that met the specifications. Member Bowser made a motion to approve the purchase from Straeffer Pump. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Water:

- Received 23 Lead and coper test kits to do testing
- Dealing with a few leaks
- Helping AWWA & IRWA secure a location for a workshop

POLICE:

No report

FIRE:

Presented a map showing the best locations for a new early warning signal. The cost of a new system would be approximately \$30,000.00.

Town Manager:

- ❖ Discussed the right of way issue on 200N going west to St Rd 9
- Received feedback regarding sidewalk right of way on Townline Rd. So far, the response is about 50/50 Discussed the possibility of there being an "implied" easement due to utility lines.

CLERK: Asked the council to set Trick or Treat hours for Halloween for October 31, 2016 from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

ATTORNEY: working on:

- Animal effluent ordinance
- Discussed allowing chickens in town. Topeka is considering allowing chickens, as long as neighbors do not complain.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

❖ Discussed the use of 4Wheelers in town.

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

ALLOWANCE OF REDEVELOPMENT CLAIMS: RDC Member Hoover made a motion to approve claims paid from Redevelopment funds, RDC Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

m C. Arroyo, Council President

Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer