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Meeting Minutes: December 21, 2020

The regular meeting of the LaGrange Town Council met at 7:00 pm, at the LaGrange Town Hall. (Also available via Zoom)

Council Members Present: Raymond Hoover, Carolyn Glick, and Diane Cameron

Also present: Laurie Miller, Bill D. Eberhard, Jr

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

Member Glick motioned to approve the agenda with flexibility, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Glick made a motion to approve the December 7,2020 minutes, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lloyd Eash and Perry Troyer were present to discuss proposed building projects on 200N. One is a manufacturing facility, the other a poultry processing plant. The Council gave direction to them regarding what information the Town will need prior to giving a recommendation to the County Board of Zoning. It was also recommended that they contact Bill Bradley at the LCEDC.

### **WASTEWATER:**

- All reporting submitted with no violations
- ❖ Treated 9.904MB, operating at 18% design capacity
- Will be distributing FROG (Fats, Rags, Oil, Grease) flyers to problematic areas in town.
- Received Operators license last week, with an effective date of 12-3-2020

## WATER:

- Working on updates to maps and GPS systems. Uncovering paved over valve boxes
- Need to replace the hydrant by NAPA and Lakeland Glass. Someone hit it, a report has been filed.
- Repaired a main break at Detroit and North Street
- Testing is complete for the year.

#### FIRE:

- \* Reported on runs for November
- Discussed a proposed Wage and Salary Resolution for the Fire Department, #2020-12-21 (A). This will be used as a guideline for fire department pay. The wages were set at the December 7, 2020 meeting, this is just for signature and any future reference. Member Cameron made a motion to sign the document, Member Glick made a second to the motion. Motion carried.

# POLICE:

- Marshal Snyder requested the Council re-consider hazard pay for an employee that was hired in October of 2020. He was excluded from the pay because the resolution stated employees had to be employed for six months prior to the pay date. It was noted that there were two (2) others on the fire department that were not paid as well. Member Cameron made a motion to amend the Hazard pay resolution (Covid19 Relief) to include the fulltime police officer in question, as well as the two firefighters. Noting that the pay will be disbursed the first pay in 2021. (January 2, 2021). Member Glick made a second to the motion. Motion carried.
- New hire Eric Patterson was introduced to the council.
- Officer Tyler Smoker introduced his K9 officer (Dax) to the Council
- Marshal Snyder requested a increase in pay for Officer Smoker, he has recently graduated from K9 Training. Member Glick made a motion to increase the pay by \$1000.00 per year (divided by 26 pays), Member Cameron seconded the motion.
- Discussed loud noises, possibly Tannerite or some sort of Sonic Boom, in the North East area of town. Would like to know what can legally be done to prevent these things from happening. Attorney Eberhard will review the matter and report back to the council with a recommendation.

Discussed year end appreciation gift for the Town Police Reserves. Member Glick motioned to purchase \$25.00 gift cards for each reserve, from a local business. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### STREET:

- Removed 2 trees on Poplar Street between Spring and Lafayette
- Still picking up leaves as the weather permits
- Put in a drive to the back gate of the Wastewater Plant so larger equipment can get in if needed
- Discussed equipment needs and priorities as well as a larger building

### PARK:

- ❖ Asked Avail Portapotties to discontinue service at the park for the winter
- Discussed final payment to PlayPros for the splash pad. The Clerk will contact them regarding the completion of the project prior to submitting payment.

#### **CLERK:**

- Presented Transfer Ordinance #2020-12-21(B) to allow the transfer from the General Fund to the Rainy Day fund the amount of \$150,000.00. Member Glick motioned to approve the transfer, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Reported that the 2021 Budget was approved by the DLGF

#### TOWN MANAGER:

- Discussed the need for a third full time employee at Greenwood Cemetery. Member Cameron made a motion to move forward with finding the right person. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented the Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant Agreement for signature. Member Glick made a motion to allow President Hoover to sign the document. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented a letter of agreement with DLZ to present a submittal to the LaGrange County Planning (site plan) for the new water plant facility. Member Cameron motioned for President Hoover to sign the document. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented change order #1 from Niblock in regards to the Walnut Street Project. After review, Member Glick motioned to approve and sign the change order as presented. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented an agreement with DLZ for engineering work for engineering work related to the Town's 2020-2 CCMG grant for North Walnut Street between Lake and Michigan, Member Cameron motioned to approve the agreement, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed 2021 board appointments. They will be posted for anyone interested and discussed at the first meeting in January 2021

**ATTORNEY**: Nothing further

**ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:** Member Glick made a motion to approve claims, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Member Glick made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Attest: Laurie D. Miller, IAMC, CMC

Raymond Hoover, Council Vice President

Clerk Treasurer