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Meeting Minutes: May 1, 2023

The regular meeting of the LaGrange Town Council met at 6:00 pm, at the LaGrange Town Hall. (Also available via Zoom)

Council Members Present: Raymond Hoover, Carolyn Glick, Diane Cameron, Josh Shotzman, and Edna Bowser

Also present: Laurie Miller, Charity Murphy, Mark Eagleson

President Hoover opened the meeting at precisely 6:00 pm.

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

Council Member Glick made a motion to approve the regular meeting and the Executive meeting minutes from April 17, 2023; Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Andrew Yoder of LaGrange Leathers was present to request closing Spring Street on Saturday, June 2, 2023 for a Memorial Ride from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. There was discussion as to when the Farmer's market would be starting and where to have the Memorial ride if it were the same day. It was determined that the Market starts on June 10, 2023. Member Glick made a motion to approve the closing of Spring St from High St to Detroit Street for the event. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK: No report

WASTEWATER:

- Provided report of work at the wastewater plant
- Asked for an update on the retaining wall behind Miller's Gas Station. Attorney Murphy is working with the insurance adjuster

Street Dept:

- Mulch was delivered to the Park, Lakeland students spread the mulch and cleaned up the park
- Street and Wastewater Employees will be working on mowing
- Will be placing a new park bench when weather co-operates

WATER:

- Gave a progress report on the water plant construction. Power cabinets are installed, chemical storage tanks are placed and the main contractor has started cleaning up the work site.
- Working on a new tap permit form
- Opening the splash pad for the Second Saturdays' event.

FIRE:

 Members from the department went to the FDIC Conference in Indianapolis. Chris Lang and Nick Jacobson did the 911 Memorial climb which consists of 110 stories of steps.

POLICE:

- Did EVO training at Angola Motor Speedway
- Discussed motorized vehicles using sidewalks in town (e-bikes, motorcycles)
- Chris Smith is two weeks from completing K9 training

Cemetery:

• Report of work completed at the cemetery was provided

PARK:

- Would like to look at replacing benches in the older portion of the park.
- Discussed purchasing needed items to set up a temporary pickleball court. Member Glick motioned to purchase the needed items, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TOWN MANAGER:

- Updated the council on the Econo Lodge situation. All four interested investors have decided against the project for the time being. Member Glick motioned to have the attorney move forward with legal proceedings, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented Tax Abatement Compliance with Statement of Benefit documents for the council to review and/or approve. The documents were from ATJ Real Estate Holdings and Becky & Gary LLC (Miller's Super Value), they are all in compliance. There are other businesses that will need to submit the same documents that are due at the county by May 15, 2023. Member Glick motioned to approve the documents submitted, and to allow President Hoover to sign the other applicants documents outside of a regular meeting, as longs as they are in substantial order. Member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented Pay request #22 for Ottenweller Contracting (water treatment plant construction). Member Glick motioned to approve the request, seconded by Member Cameron. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY:

Working on fire invoice collections, townwide trash contractor specs, and the retaining wall issue.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

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

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

Raymond Hoover, Council President

Attest: Laurie D. Miller, IAMC, CMC

Clerk Treasurer