



TOWN OF *LaGrange* INDIANA

Laurie D. Miller, Clerk/Treasurer
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Meeting Minutes: August 7, 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, Diane Cameron, Josh Shotzman, and Edna Bowser

Also present: Laurie Miller, Bill Eberhard, Mark Eagleson

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

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

Council Member Bowser made a motion to approve the regular meeting and the Executive meeting minutes from July 17, 2023; Member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Hoover opened the meeting as a Public Hearing in regards to regard to Town Ordinance - Title VII; Section 70.22 "All vehicles shall park in the direction of traffic flow in the lane immediate adjacent to the parking space. Any violation of this provision shall be deemed a Class A infraction. No vehicle shall be parked in the yard or upon the sidewalk adjacent to any structure; all parking to be in driveways clearly identified by an appropriate hard surface, in parking lots/areas; or in proper locations upon town streets." Hoover informed the citizens present that they would have a chance to speak in regards to the ordinance. After the citizens present expressed their opinions, President Hoover stated that the issues expressed would be taken into consideration and a decision on said ordinance would be made at a later date. The public hearing was then closed, council moved on to the regular meeting agenda.

Andrew Yoder, LaGrange Leathers requested Spring Street to be closed from Detroit to High on August 19th from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm for a fundraiser. In addition to that closing, he requested closing of another street (possibly High Street) on August 26th from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Member Bowser motioned to allow the closings, Member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK:

- ❖ Presented bank reconciliation reports for the months of June and July 2023. All records are reconciled and were available for the council to review. Member Cameron made a motion to approve the documents, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ❖ Presented Transfer Resolution 2023-08-07 – transferring appropriations within the same fund. Member Bowser motioned to approve the transfers, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- ❖ Fixed a fiber optic cross bore
- ❖ Replaced/repared all three pumps that were damaged in a water leak
- ❖ Reported a non-potable water line break at the wastewater plant under the asphalt.

Street Dept:

- ❖ Presented quotes for a wood chipper for the Street Department as follows:
 1. Vermeer Midwest \$114,000.00
 2. Atlas Bobcat \$83,116.00Working with LaGrange REMC for guidance in the possible purchase. Both vendors willing to do a demo. Council would like to have a demo set up.
- ❖ Parking signs posted on LaFayette Street as requested.

WATER:

- ❖ Gave an update on the Water Plant construction.

FIRE:

- ❖ Presented a details list for July.
- ❖ Met with Trustees in regards to budgeting issues

POLICE:

- ❖ Presented a details report for July
- ❖ Discussed private security as a possible way for the deputies to increase their pay.

Cemetery:

- ❖ Report available for July work performed at the cemetery.
- ❖ Working with DLZ on what needs to be done with an unsafe structure

PARK:

- ❖ Presented quotes to replace the park equipment in the older section of the park.
Miracle Recreation – replacing all park equipment, including swings \$121,175.31; replacing the play set only \$97,401.41; or replacing the damaged slide \$11,433.00. Tabled for the time being.

TOWN MANAGER:

- ❖ Presented a pay application for Ottenweller Contracting in the amount of \$213191.40. Council Member Bowser motioned to allow President Hoover to sign the documents, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ❖ Reported that our Alcoholic Beverage Board appointee will be moving out of state, therefore, council will need to appoint someone new. Council instructed the Town Manager to advertise the opening.

ATTORNEY:

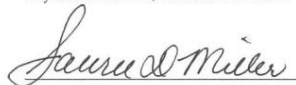
- ❖ Presented specs for trash pick up for council members to review.
- ❖ Updated council on old business listed on the agenda.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

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

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


Raymond Hoover, Council President


Attest: Laurie D. Miller, IAMC, CMC
Clerk Treasurer