

Meeting Minutes - April 15, 2013

The regular meeting of the LaGrange Town Council met at 7:00 pm, at the LaGrange Town Hall.

Council Members Present: Mark Eagleson, Bruce Eagleson, Ray Hoover, Juan Arroyo, Greg Kenner **Council Members Absent:**

Also present: Laurie Miller, Clerk Treasurer & Bill Eberhard, Attorney

Council Member B. Eagleson made a motion to open the regular meeting with flexibility, Member Greg Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Arroyo made a motion to approve minutes from the April 1, 2013 meeting. Member B. Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Denise Scott of Lewis & Lambright Real Estate was present to ask the Towns help in getting a permit for her client in Woodland Hills to repair her sewer system. Currently the County Health Department will not grant the permit without Town approval. After discussing the issue, Member Kenner made a motion to have the Attorney contact Alfredo Garcia, Health Department Director. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

<u>WASTEWATER:</u> Presented photos of the storage issue at the plant. Explained the applying process to the council. There is a firm in Chicago that may be interested in purchasing the product instead of applying. DLZ is looking into what will need to be done to sell the sludge.

<u>Water:</u> Turned water on in 3 vacant homes. Looking to attend the NE AWWA Conference on May 16^{th} @ 25.00 each. Member Eagleson made a motion to approve the conference attendance. Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Thank the other departments for use of equipment.

<u>FIRE</u>: Received a quote for the workout room lighting from Billingsly Electric. \$1559.12. Member Kenner made a motion to approve the purchase. Member Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fundraiser at the Super Value raised enough money to purchase 2 auto BP monitors and 2 pulsoc monitors. Received a copier/fax/scanner from USDA office. Also received 2 back up cameras from a local business. Requested that the hydrate committee set a date to meet.

<u>POLICE</u>: Presented a March details report. Submitted an updated "Use of Force" resolution. Member Arroyo made a motion to approve the Use of Force resolution. Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reported that one of the new police cars is in. The fundraiser for the Stewart family is underway.

<u>PUBLIC WORKS (STREET, CEMETERY, PARK)</u>: Dean Weir presented photos of the Street and Cemetery Employee's "New Look". Council Member Hoover noted that he had been in the cemetery and it looks very good.

Cemetery: Getting ready for mowing season.

Park: Rober Eymer has started working on cleaning up the park. Receiving quotes on park repairs.

Street Dept: Asked the council their opinion on non employee 'watchers' at Spring Clean up. The council stated that they do not approve of the practice, and do not want to see items brought to Spring Clean up taken by employees or others.

A citizens group from Mongo has inquired about our old Christmas Decorations and banners. They are not being used at this time, and will likely not be used by LaGrange. Member B. Eagleson made a motion to donate them to the group. Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK: Presented a permit authorization for Lakeland HS to build a new administration building. After discussing the issue Member Hoover made a motion to approve the permit, Member Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Requested Amy Davis be put on full time and give an increase of \$1.00 per hour. Member Kenner made a motion to approve the changes requested. Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY: Presented the revised Employee Handbook for Council Approval. The changes in the handbook were noted. Member Hoover made a motion to approve and distribute the handbook to employees, noting that an exception page addressing Police Compensation needs to be included. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. The Attorney will verify that the Police exception paragraph is included. Members Kenner, Arroyo, Hoover voted to approve the handbook with the changes, Member B. Eagleson noted that he did not approve of an extra holiday that was included, and voted no on the handbook approval. Motion approved by a 3-1 vote.

Former Clerk, Mike Rowlison will be on the property Saturday, April 20th, to remove the rest of his personal items that have been stored in the red storage building.

Discussed the new "Door to Door" soliciting ordinance. The Police Department is asking for an amendment to limit the permit to 90 day rather than 2 years.

Working on establishing a Town Court with Council Member Ray Hoover.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

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

ADJOURN: Member Eagleson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be May 6, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

Mark Eagleson, Town Council President

Aftest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk-Treasurer