

Meeting Minutes - September 17, 2012

Opening:

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

Council Members Present: Mark Eagleson, Ray Hoover, Bruce Eagleson, Bill Eberhard, Mike Rowlison, Greg Kenner

Absent: Richard Greene

Council President asked for a motion to open the meeting as a Public Hearing for the 2013 Budget. Member Kenner made the motion, Member B. Eagleson seconded the motion. The council then asked if there were any questions from the audience. There were no questions from the council or audience. Member Hoover made a motion to close the public hearing. Member Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Member Hoover then made a motion to go on with the regular meeting. Member Kenner seconded the motion, motion carried.

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

Council Member G. Kenner made a motion to approve minutes from the September 4, 2012 meeting, Member B. Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Greg Todd was present to represent "Focus LaGrange", they would like to know where the Council stands regarding a previously discussed grant application. President Eagleson stated that OCRA would be in town to go over where we fell short in the Street Improvement Grant that we made, and the council would prefer to wait until then to make any further decisions on applying for another grant.

Jason Boggs was present to answer questions regarding Ordinance Violations reports. He gave a presentation describing what areas he has been working on, goals for a new reporting system. It was stated that the Town would like him to take a more proactive role in getting violations addressed.

<u>WASTEWATER-</u> Monthly report for August 2012. Plant is processing at 24% capacity, no violations. Work will begin next week on the roofing project.

Water: Taking a ½ day class in Goshen this week.

FIRE: No Report

**POLICE**: Monthly report. Discussed the possibility of another officer. Requested the council consider an executive session to discuss the matter.

<u>Street Dept</u>: Supt Weir stated that the dept has finished painting crosswalks. The council asked Weir if he would work with Atty Eberhard on getting a priority list of sidewalks that need repairs.

<u>Cemetery</u>: Supt Bollinger reported on sold lots, burials, and foundations installed at the cemetery. The Council reported to Bollinger that Bruce Eagleson would now be his Council contact person. Eagleson will also be over the Park. They also stated that they would like to see Cemetery personnel taking care of park issues.

<u>Park</u>: C&M asphalt has been contacted to repair the crack at the Basketball courts. They are waiting on asphalt.

**ATTORNEY:** Presented Ordinance #2012-09-17, revising the parking areas on Union Street. The council had previously discussed the parking restrictions outlined in the new ordinance. There were no remarks or questions from the audience. Member Eagleson made a motion to approve the new ordinance, Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CLERK:** Requested that the council set a date to do interviews for the Fire Chief position. Member Kenner made a motion to set an executive session for Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall. Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**: Ray Hoover made a motion to give Terry Paulus a bonus of \$500.00 for a job well done as interim Street Supt. The matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

## ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS

Member G. Kenner made a motion, seconded by Member B. Eagleson to allow claims. Motion carried

## **ADJOURN**

Member Kenner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Hoover. Motion carried.

Mark Eagleson, Town Council President

Attest: Michael D. Rowlison, Clerk Treasurer