

Town of LaCrosse
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2015

Minutes which are public record, are notes taken to provide a summary memorandum of meetings or hearings and contain all official actions taken. Minutes are not intended to be a word for word or verbatim transcription of the meeting.

The mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Present: Councilman Tommy Ewing; Councilman Barbara Thomas; Councilman Johnny Ho; Councilman Richard Dubberly; Councilman Jennifer McLendon; Fire Chief Paul McDavid; Attorney John Maines; Mayor Dianne Dubberly; Accountant Laura Ling; Town Clerk Lee Forzly

Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting September 14., 2015

Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Ewing seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Approval of Minutes First Public Hearing on Millage Report September 14, 2015

Councilman Ewing made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman McLendon seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Approval of Minutes Special Meeting September 21, 2015

Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Ewing seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Approval of Minutes Final Public Hearing on Millage Report September 21, 2015

Councilman Ewing made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carries

Budget Report - Accountant Laura Ling

Overall for the year, we did very well. Taking out the street account, we had a net loss for the general and fire fund of \$2,656. As we discussed in prior months, this was primarily due to fire payroll costs being greater than anticipated. We had budgeted \$108,428.00 for the year in total fire department payroll but instead spent \$129,570. Given this difference, our net loss for the general and fire combined was very good.

Cash Balances: General \$32,713, Fire \$ 23,676, Street \$143,333, CD, MM, Savings \$146,595

New Business

a. Councilman Ewing made a motion to read and adopt by title only Resolution 2015-05 EEO Policy which replaces Resolution 2014-09. There were no discussions. Councilman McLendon seconded the motion. Motion carries.

b. Councilman Ewing made a motion to read and adopt by title only Resolution 2015-06 Procurement Policy which replaces Resolution 2014-08. There were no discussions. Councilman McLendon seconded the motion. Motion carries.

2. Councilman Ewing made a motion for the mayor to write a letter to the Jacksonville Fire Department to thank them for the loan of a fire truck. Councilman Dubberly seconded the motion. Motion carries.

3. Chair Chestnut's letter was read on the language on the proposed referendum for land conservation and recreational improvements. Councilman Thomas made a motion that we had "no comment" Councilman Ewing seconded the motion, Motion carries.

4. Florida League of Cities letter on the proposal to change our local government election dates. The League opposed the proposal and Mr. Maines said there was nothing more to be done. He agrees with the League and personally opposes it. He felt that we have no interaction. He did mention there would be greater voter participation if it were changes; however it would require the cities to amend their Charters.

5. Tree Trimming - Councilman Ho made a motion that we place an ad in Alachua County Today for bids which would be opened during the December 14th meeting. Councilman Ewing seconded the motion, Motion carries.

6. Committee assignments- Councilman Dubberly made a motion to a. dissolve the building and ground committee and re-assign the duties to the Town Clerk. b. create a Grant Department with Councilman Jennifer McLendon as head of the department. Councilman Ewing seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Unfinished Business- N.W. 49th Terrace

Councilman Thomas made a motion for the Mayor to write a letter to Chair Chestnut that the town council is interested in pursuing the process of closing N.W. 49th Terrace subject to the "title agreement" and to ask if there are any objections. Councilman Ewing seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Councilman Ho made a motion to discontinue dumpster services with Waste Pro. Councilman Ewing seconded the motion. Motion carries. Town will place signs on NW 49th Terrace to give notice for regulations on "no dumping" and fines to be issued.

Reports

1. Attorney Report - John Maines

2. Fire Department - Councilman Tom Ewing/Fire Chief Paul McDavid

- a. The August Call report was as follows: EMS 20- Fire 2 - MVA 2 - Other -2 (fire alarms) (1 in the city limits). Total 26
- b. We are waiting for the last bid on the electrical repair of the fire station. c The station is going to be power washed and we will be accepting bids for painting. d. Fire Chief McDavid brought us up to date on the FWD truck. Councilman Ewing made a motion to accept the proposed raises for the fire department effective Friday, October 30, 2015. The raises are as follows
Part Time Fireman \$8.25 PH
Ian Calderwood \$8.50 Ph 6% increase
Dwayne King \$8.65 PH 7 % increase
Fire Chief McDavid \$10.25PH 27% increase
\$50.00 bonus is paid per 12 hour shift for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and the Thursday and Friday of Thanksgiving.

Fire Chief McDavid made a trip to Tampa to look at a FWD truck. Councilman McLendon made a motion to pay Chief McDavid a tank of fuel and \$8.05 per hour x 6 hours for the trip. Councilman Ewing seconded the motion. Motion carries.

The fireman training was discussed. Councilman Thomas made a motion to write a letter to Larry Stewart, fire department training division, requesting our staff be included in standardized training sessions and request a copy of their training schedule. Councilman Ho seconded the motion. Motion carries.

3. Mayor Report

- a. Mayor Dubberly read the letter to Letter to Chair Chestnut
- b. Ethics training is now offered online
- c. Town Clerk Lee Forzy is going to be out two weeks in December for surgery. Councilman Thomas made a motion to pay Lee for those two weeks. Councilman McLendon seconded the motion Motion carries.

4. Street/Street Lights - Johnny Ho- Nothing to report

5. Mowing - Councilman Richard Dubberly-Nothing to report

6. Parks/Recreation Councilman Barbara Thomas

- a. Councilman Thomas reported on water sampling.
- b. Quotes for fencing around water treatment system and overhead cover (Tom Ewing)
Councilman Ewing reported that the bids are still in progress.
- c. Councilman Ewing informed us that the locksmith has been notified to install lock on the three doors and to make them accessible with one key.
Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the bills. Councilman McLendon seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Councilman Ewing made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carries. Time 9:05 pm

C. Dianne Dubberly - Mayor

Lee Forzy - Town Clerk