

Town of LaCrosse
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 9,2015

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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; Town Clerk Lee Forzly
Absent: Accountant Laura Ling

Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting October 12,2015

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

Budget Report - Accountant Laura Ling

For the month of October we did fairly well overall. We spent \$1,670 more than we budgeted for the general fund. This was almost entirely due to repairs and maintenance to the park (pressure washing, painting and some electrical work) this is important because we only budgeted \$1,500 for this category for the entire year, but we have already spent \$1,518 in the first month. \$500 of the \$1,500 budget was for the quarterly well service, so that money will need to come from a different budget line. We will not have money in this budget line for enclosing the well this year unless we pull it from another budget

Cash Balances: The cash balances as of October 31,2015, were as follows; General \$26,274, Fire \$19,085, Street \$145,092, CDE, MM, SAVINGS \$146,596

In late October, our CD (balance of \$98K) matured. We were offered an option to renew it for another year with an APR of 0.13%. Another option was to transfer the funds into a money market account where it would earn an APR of 0.15%. As the rate was higher and it provided instant access to the funds (which will probably become necessary) I transferred the money to the money market account. As an added bonus, the money market account we had was only earning 0.08% APR, but now that balance is over \$50K it will also earn at the 0.15% APR.

New Business

Marc Sexton Alachua County Communications Coordinator addressed the council concerning the proposed referendum for land conservation and recreational improvements. Following his presentation there was a question and answer period.

There will be a The Joint County/League of Cities meeting on December 15,2015 at 5:30 pm in the Jack Durrance Auditorium addressing the referendum.

Unfinished Business- N.W. 49th Terrace

Alternatives for N.W. 49th Terrace were discussed. Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Short attended the council meeting to voice their concerns about dumping and the future of the road. Mayor Dubberly responded "No dumping" signs will be put up and hopefully this will deter violators, if not the road could be closed.

Reports

1. Attorney Report - John Maines

Ordinance # 31- Mr. Maines suggested a workshop to define the relationship between the town and the Fire Department. To be considered are the role of the Fire Commissioner and Fire Chief; what role the towns wants to play; how the town wants to allocate responsibilities; the structure of current employees by position and the delegation in the hiring and firing process.

Mr. Maines suggested the repeal of Ordinance # 31 to be replaced by a Resolution. Councilman Ewing and Fire Chief McDavid will work on a new Resolution.

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

- a. The bids for the electrical repair for the fire station were opened and James Harrell was awarded the bid . Councilman Ewing made a motion to accept the bid from James Harrell for the Fire Department electrical repairs. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carries. Councilman McLendon excuses herself from the vote due to a conflict.
- b. The pressure washing has been completed. c. the painting of the fire station bidding has been put on hold due to necessary repairs.
- c. FWD truck- Chief McDavid to continue looking.
- d. The August Call report was as follows: EMS 30- Fire 7 - MVA 4 - Other -1 12 in the city limits (10 EMS) (1 fire) (1 MVA) 5 primary responses (EMS) to Alachua City Limit. Total 42
Volunteer hours 16

Councilman Dubberly made a motion for Councilman Ewing and Chief McDavid to meet with the City of Alachua to discuss payment for fire services when dispatched. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion,. Motion carries. Councilman Dubberly made a motion to authorize Chief McDavid to make application for the Florida Forest Service Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant a 50% match for equipment (air cylinders). Councilman Ewing seconded the motion. Motion carries.

3. Mayor Report

Councilman Thomas made a motion to accept the low price of \$1159.00 for the fire proof file. Three prices were considered. Councilman Ewing seconded the motion. Motion carries. b. Mayor Dubberly informed the council that the pressure washing of the Town Hall has been completed. c. Mayor Dubberly stated she wrote to Chief Larry Stewart, ACFR , thanking him for his willingness to include the LCFR in country training. The council was given a copy of the e mail.

4. Street/Street Lights- Councilman Ho - turned in outage report

5. Mowing - Councilman Richard Dubberly- discussed a mowing issue in front of his house.

6. Parks/Recreation Councilman Barbara Thomas

- a. Bids for the fencing around the water treatment system and the overhead cover are still pending.
- b. The pressure washing and the painting at the park are completed.

7. Grants - Jennifer McLendon - Jennifer brought us up to date on grants searches.

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

Councilman Ewing made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Ho seconded the motion. Motion carries. Time 9:30 pm

C. Dianne Dubberly - Mayor

Lee Forzy - Town Clerk