

REGULAR MEETING

The Town Council of the Town of La Grange, North Carolina met in Regular Session at the Town Hall on November 1, 2010, at 6 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Woodard H. Gurley; Mayor Pro Tem Bobby Wooten; Council Members Larry Gladney, Clifton Harrison, David S. Holmes, Veronica Lee and Gregory Rouse; Town Manager, John P. Craft; Town Attorney, George Jenkins, Jr.; Town Clerk, Kyle J. DeHaven.

Absent: 0

Guest: 3

ITEMS 1, 2, 3: CALL TO ORDER, MOMENT OF SILENCE, WELCOME

Mayor Gurley called the meeting to order and asked for the moment of silence. Mayor Gurley gave a warm welcome to the visitors and citizens in attendance.

ITEM 4: PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ITEM 5: BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

None

ITEM 6: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

ITEM 7: AMENDMENT(S) TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Manager Craft asked for latitude from the agenda as he explained the debt setoff program and how it works. He explained that debt set off is the garnishment of state tax returns from people who owe municipalities money for bad debts. He spoke of the bad debts that had been collected as a result of our participation in the debt set off program. He then commended Wendy Morton for administering this program and putting forth the effort that made the collection of these bad debts possible.

Manager Craft then explained that the items designated for surplus had been sold, or are being sold, on govdeals.com. Manager Craft then explained that we are in the process of collecting the debts, or awaiting the other sales to end.

Manager Craft recommended the approval of the printed agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda as printed was made by Council Member Gladney, Seconded by Council Member Holmes. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 8: CONSENT AGENDA

Manager Craft recommended the approval of the October 11, 2010 Regular session minutes as well as a Budget Ordinance Amending the FY 09-10 budget.

Motion to approve the consent agenda and the Budget Amendment for the FY 09-10 was made by Council Member Gladney, seconded by Council Member Holmes. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 9A: ACCES TO LAKE PINES FARMS SUBDIVISION

Manager Craft explained that Ely Perry requested the town accept a portion of the sixty foot right of ways to ensure the current and future property owners have access to their property as they currently do. He further explained that this is needed because current property owners may have to pass over future property owners right of ways to access their homes. Accepting Mr. Perry's offer to donate these small plots of land makes this a public right of way which is providing a means of access for the property owners.

Manager Craft recommends the property be accepted as proposed by Mr. Perry.

Motion to accept the property as proposed by Mr. Perry, to guarantee access for current and future property owners made by Council Member Harrison, Seconded by Council Member Holmes. Motion Carried Unanimously.

ITEM 9B: DISCUSSION PERTAINING TO THE TRAFFIC PATTERN AT RAILROAD STREET & CHARLES STREET

Manager Craft explained that he had been contacted by Jason Fields, of the NC Railroad, to request a change in the traffic pattern at the intersection of Railroad St. and Charles St. He requested that the change in traffic pattern be like that of Caswell and Railroad St. Mr. Fields has made a similar request to Steve Hamilton of the NCDOT in regards to North Railroad St. as it is a State maintained street. The reason for the request is to improve mobility on the railroad tracks, and keep cars from having to stop on them.

Manager Craft spoke of the possibility of a traffic count to determine which street had the most traffic and which street a change in traffic pattern may be most appropriate. He mentioned that if the council had no interest in this type of pattern change, there would be no need for a traffic count. He then asked the council if they were interested in pursuing the traffic pattern change and contacting DOT to proceed with this process

Motion to pursue a traffic pattern change and contacting DOT regarding this process made by Council Member Wooten, Seconded by Council Member Lee. Motion carried 5 – 1, Harrison against.

ITEM 10A: UPDATE ON PARTF

Manager Craft explained that he has not begun working on the PARTF Grant, but will be doing so in the very near future.

ITEM 10B: UPDATE ON THE WWTP IMPROVEMENTS

Manager Craft explained that the structure for the pump station is at the site, and the force main is 100% complete. He mentioned the reuse portion of the project should be complete before the end of the calendar year.

He then explained that the clarifier, head works, and control system improvement projects are facing the same issues of equipment delivery as before. He mentioned that the second generator had been delivered and they were almost ready to put both of them online at the lift stations located at Crause Hinds and Lake Pines.

ITEM 10C: UPDATE ON RAIL CROSSING SIGNALIZATION AND CLOSING

Manager Craft explained that the curb and gutter process will take place after resurfacing, and the resurfacing will take place before the end of November.

ITEM 10D: ROXBORO POWER PLANT TOUR

Manager Craft explained that a tour of the Roxboro Power Plant will take place November 10, 2010. He mentioned there had been a few council members who had already signed up, but all council were welcomed, he just needed to know by the following morning.

Manager Craft then recommended the close of the regular meeting to be followed by a Closed Session meeting authorized by General State 143-318.11 (a) (6) (7) (8)

Motion to end the regular session as recommended made by Council Member Wooten, and seconded by Council Member Rouse. The Motion carried unanimously in favor of the motion.

ITEM 11: CLOSED SESSION

ITEM 12: ADJOURNMENT