

CITY OF LAGRANGE, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

February 13, 2018

Present: Mayor Jim Thornton; Council Members Jim Arrington, Nathan Gaskin, Willie Edmondson, Tom Gore, LeGree McCamey, and Mark Mitchell

Also Present: City Manager Meg Kelsey; Assistant City Manager Teresa Taylor; City Attorney Jeff Todd; Director of Community Development Alton West; Senior Planner Leigh Threadgill; Chief of Public Safety Lou Dekmar; Deputy Fire Chief Brant

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Reverend J.R. Ware of Welcome Baptist Church and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on January 9, 2018.

A public hearing was held to discuss a request for sign variances for 150 Tom Hall Parkway, Great Wolf Lodge. The applicant requested the following variances to allow: 1) 14 square foot increase in freestanding sign area, 2) 3.33 foot increase in sign height and 3) 197 square foot increase in wall sign area. The Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommend approval of the variance requests to allow the freestanding and wall signs. No comments were received. On a motion by Mr. McCamey and seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council voted to approve the sign variances.

Adam Smith, Preconstruction Engineer with District 3 Office of the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), reported on the Hamilton Road and Greenville Street Bridge projects. Mr. Smith stated GDOT is working on purchasing the right of ways for those projects. He stated Hamilton Road is expected to be let winter of 2020 and Greenville Street Bridge is scheduled to be let June 2018. Mr. Smith also shared information on GDOT's quick response program for projects under \$200,000. No action was taken.

Henry Jacobs, Outreach Manager with the Chattahoochee River Keepers, appeared before Mayor and Council and provided a brief history of the River Keepers and discussed ongoing projects and programs. No action was taken.

Ms. Kelsey presented copies of the January financial statements and payment of bills over \$2,000 for Council's information.

Chief of Public Safety Lou Dekmar presented the 2017 Annual Report for the police and fire departments. A copy of the report is on file in the City Manager's office. Deputy Chief Brant reviewed renderings for a new burn building and new fire station. No action was taken.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council unanimously voted to authorize the Mayor and Assistant City Manager to execute an Assignment of an Intergovernmental Agreement regarding conveyance of downtown properties and development of the downtown hotel. A copy of the document is on file in the City Manager's office.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson, seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to approve the following resolution declaring certain items as surplus:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>VIN #</u>
Toyota Camry	2000	4T1BG22K6YU668335
Pontiac Bonneville	1979	2N69Y9P258002
Honda Accord	1997	1HGCD7206VA029559
Lincoln	1995	1LNLM81W3SY694637
BMW	2006	WBANE53506CK90451

In good news closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor announced the lineup for the Sweetland Amphitheater and tickets go on sale on Friday, February 16, 2018.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Thornton.

Mayor

Assistant City Manager