

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

August 13, 2019

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

Also Present: City Manager Meg Kelsey; City Clerk Sue Olson; City Attorney Jeff Todd; Communications Manager Katie Van Schoor; Senior Planner Leigh Threadgill; Community Development Director Alton West

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

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on July 23, 2019.

Mr. Edmondson reported that he was pleased with the progress of the sidewalks on Colquitt Street and commended the City crews for their work. Mr. Edmondson also reported that he attended the Willie and Louneal Coleman Community Day and was pleased with the turnout in the Belline community. Finally, Mr. Edmondson stated that the State Board of Funeral Directors, of which he is a member, Convention will be held in LaGrange in 2020 at Great Wolf Lodge.

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

Ms. Kelsey updated the Council regarding the formation of a 501 (c) 6 for "Visit LaGrange", and stated that those papers had been properly filed. She presented to the Council her recommendation for the Tourism Board of Directors, and those members are Rob Goldstein, Tabatha Coverson, Carlton Wood, Kathy Tilley, Bobby Carmichael, Greg Hall and Katie Van Schoor. On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to approve Ms. Kelsey's recommendation for the Board members.

Ms. Kelsey reminded the Council that the Governor's Tourism Conference will be held in LaGrange September 8-11, 2019 at Great Wolf Lodge. The regular Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2019 could conflict with this event since Ms. Kelsey is very involved in it. Therefore, the Council was asked if they wanted to consider moving this Council meeting to another date. On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to move the Work Session and regular Council meetings to Thursday, September 12, 2019.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council approved the following items to be declared as surplus:

VEHICLE #	NOTES	MAKE/MODEL	VIN
3116	*	1987 FORD LNT 8000	1FDYW80U7HVA12725
3025	*	2005 PETERBILT 320	1NPZLT0X25D715609
2172	*	1997 FORD CROWN VICTORIA	2FALP71WXVX225352
3040	*	2008 CHEVROLET C1500	1GCED19088E129188

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Arrington Council voted unanimously to approve the submittal of an application for the 2019/2020 Community Development Block Grant, Innovative Grant Funds to improve a section of the Whitesville Street corridor.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Gaskin Council voted unanimously to accept certain streets in Bryant Lake Subdivision with conditions attached to the plat such that City is not responsible for drainage between the parcels.

Council heard the first reading of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY; TO AMEND THE CODE SO AS TO NAME CERTAIN STREETS IN BRYANT LAKE SUBDIVISION; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Council heard the first reading of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY; TO AMEND CHAPTR 20-15 OF THE CODEE IN ORDER TO MODIFY WATER AND SEWER CONNECTION CHRGES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Gore Council voted unanimously to approve the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY; TO AMEND SECTION 10-20-96 OF THE CODE SO AS TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON A PORTION OF BULL STREET; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

That Section 10-20-96 of the Code of the City of LaGrange be amended by inserting therein, under the entry for *Bull Street*, a new (second) paragraph to read as follows:

“On the south side, beginning at its intersection with Pierce to its intersection with Main Street, parking is prohibited.”

SECTION 2:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3:

This ordinance after adoption by the Council and upon approval by the Mayor shall become effective immediately.

INTRODUCED AND FIRST READING _____ July 23, 2019

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED _____ August 13, 2019

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ August 13, 2019

BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor _____

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk _____

Kwezi Dowell approached the Council to complain about the LaGrange Police Department regarding an incident in his neighborhood. Mayor Thornton thanked him for his concerns and assured him that he will address his concerns with Chief Dekmar.

Faye Gilliam approached the Council stating that her neighborhood had formed a coalition called Thomastown Community in Action. She expressed several concerns from the neighborhood, including water run-off, sewer drains stopped up, stop sign violations, as well as other concerns. Mayor Thornton encouraged her to meet with Ms. Kelsey to try to resolve the issues.

Pamela Williams approached the Council to express concerns with her encounter with the LaGrange Police Department. Mayor Thornton encouraged her to file an internal affairs complaint and thanked her for her concerns.

In good news closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor shared with the Council a couple of new weekly segments that have recently been started at LGTV. One of them is called City Scenes, hosted by Jeremy Andrews and he will be highlighting events going on in our community. The other new weekly segment is called "A Brief Moment in LaGrange's History." In each video Shannon Johnson from the Troup County Archives takes a look at a moment in LaGrange history. Ms. Van Schoor thanked Shannon and the Archives for working with the City. Ms. Van Schoor then shared a video spotlighting Horace King and his impact on our community.

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

Mayor

City Clerk