

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

May 26, 2020

IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL HELD THEIR MEETING AT DEL AVANT, 141 MAIN STREET, LAGRANGE, GEORGIA.

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

Also Present: City Manager Meg Kelsey; City Clerk Sue Olson; Assistant City Manager Bill Bulloch; City Attorney Jeff Todd

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Council Member Rev. Willie Edmondson and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on May 12, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on June 9, 2020, to receive comments on the proposed 2020-2021 budget.

On a motion by Mr. Arrington seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council voted unanimously to accept an informational board as a gift from LaFayette Alliance. The board will be placed on the Square and will provide information to the public about the statue of Marquis de LaFayette and his importance in the history and formation of our country. Ms. Kelsey will work with LaFayette Alliance and staff on placement of the board and design to match other wayfinding signs that are currently in place.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to instruct Ms. Kelsey to begin dialogue with Troup County to reach an agreement to sell the property that is currently the C & D Landfill that is jointly owned by the City and County.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to update the City's policy to include a valid passport to the credentials as an acceptable form of ID.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey, 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 THE CODE SO AS TO MODIFY THE GENEERAL PROVISIONS OF THE CITY UTILITIES TITLE TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT COLLATERAL DEBTS TO THE CITY ARE A CONDITION FOR UTILITY SERVICE; 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 20-1-7 of the Code be amended by deleting therefrom subsection (h). Any remaining subsections within Section 20-1-7 shall be re-designated to the appropriate section letter.

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 _____ May 12, 2020

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED _____ May 26, 2020

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ May 26, 2020

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

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk _____

In good news closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor brought the Council a message from all City employees. Thank you! During this very uneasy time, we (your employees) truly appreciate the leadership of our Mayor, City Council and City Manager. They are so grateful because they feel you have continued to make good decisions and shown incredible leadership. We wanted to let you know how much we appreciate you through a video. This project was initiated by Collections Clerk Del Kuhlman and our City Clerk Sue Olson. But please know WE ALL APPRECIATE YOU AND WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.

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

Mayor

City Clerk