

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

September 24, 2019

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

Also Present: Director of Utilities Patrick Bowie; City Clerk Sue Olson; City Attorney Jeff Todd; Communications Manager Katie Van Schoor

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

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on September 12, 2019.

Mayor Thornton introduced this year's LaGrange Youth Council made up of 24 high school juniors and seniors. City Attorney Jeff Todd swore them in as a group and Mayor Thornton and Ms. Olson presented each of them with a certificate and a LaGrange Youth Council pin.

Mr. Edmondson reported to the Council that the sidewalk work continues on Colquitt Street and looks great; he also reported that the LaGrange Housing construction progress continues; and finally, The Thread that is coming through parts of District 2 continues and looks good.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the following contract:

**THIRD AMENDMENT TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL
CONTRACT REGARDING UTILITY SERVICES**

This Third Amendment to Intergovernmental Contract Regarding Utility Services, made and entered as of this _____ day of October, 2019, by and between the **CITY OF WEST POINT, GEORGIA**, a municipal corporation of Troup and Harris Counties, Georgia (hereafter "West Point"), and the **CITY OF LAGRANGE, GEORGIA**, a municipal corporation of Troup County, Georgia (hereafter "LaGrange");

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, West Point and LaGrange entered an Intergovernmental Contract Regarding Utility Services on June 12, 2006, a first amendment to same dated July 25, 2006, and a second amendment to same dated May 2, 2008 (hereafter "Agreement");

WHEREAS, the parties desire to further amend said agreement, and in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, West Point and LaGrange agree as follows:

1.

The Agreement is hereby modified by deleting subsection (a) of Paragraph 5, inserting in lieu thereof a new Paragraph 5(a) to read as follows:

“(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, LaGrange agrees that West Point may provide water and sewer service for that portion of Troup County having been annexed by West Point and more particularly described on Exhibit “B” attached hereto.”

2.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the Intergovernmental Contract Regarding Utility Services, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, West Point and LaGrange have caused this agreement to be executed by their respective corporate names and have caused their respective corporate seals to be hereunto affixed and attested, all as of the date and year first above-written.

CITY OF WEST POINT, GEORGIA (SEAL)

BY: _____
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

CITY OF LAGRANGE, GEORGIA (SEAL)

BY: _____
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

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 POLICY OF THE CITY RELATIVE TO NATURAL GAS SERVICE OUTSIDE OF THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1:

That Section 20-15-6 of the Code, entitled “Water Service Outside City Limits,” be deleted, in its entirety, said section being reserved for future use.

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 _____ September 12, 2019 _____

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED _____ September 24, 2019 _____

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ September 24, 2019 _____

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

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk _____

Mr. Gaskin spoke to the Council and the Youth Council about a recent shooting in LaGrange where four people were shot. He apologized to the youth and reminded them that violence is not the solution.

Sylvia Cameron, who resides at 109 Royal Court, came before the Council to ask for assistance in controlling the noise and loud music in her neighborhood. Mayor Thornton assured Ms. Cameron that her issues would be shared with the LaGrange Police Department and ask for their assistance in this matter.

In good news closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor again congratulated the LaGrange Youth Council. Also, this Thursday, Friends of The Thread will be holding a ribbon cutting for Phase 4 of The Thread, along Country Club Road, at 10:00 a.m., and will be held on the beautiful boardwalk. Ms. Van Schoor shared a video that the communications/marketing department staff created that shows more about this segment.

Ms. Van Schoor reminded everyone that this Saturday, September 28th starting at 8:00 a.m. at McGhee Bridge Park, we will be Leaving LaGrange Better Than We Found It. Crews will be cleaning up trash along West Point Lake in partnership with the Corps of Engineers, National Public Lands Day.

Also, save the date for October 3rd at 10:00 a.m., we will have an official ribbon cutting for our newest LaGrange Fire Station #5.

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

Mayor

City Clerk