

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

June 9, 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; Communications Manager Katie Van Schoor; Community Development Director Alton West

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Rev. Ann Baker, Word of Grace Christian Center, and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Gaskin, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on May 26, 2020.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on the 2020-2021 Budget. No comments were received and Council heard the first reading of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A BUDGET CONTAINING ESTIMATES OF PROPOSED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF LAGRANGE FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021; TO PROVIDE FOR SEPARABILITY; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mr. West presented to the Council a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation on a request to rezone 610 Greenville Street from G-I (General Industrial) to C-3 (General Commercial). On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on July 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. West presented to the Council a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation on a request to rezone 105 Cooley Road from C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) to R-2 (Residential). On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on July 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. West presented to the Council a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation on a request to rezone 407 N. Greenwood Street from O-I-R (Office-Institutional-Residential) to C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial). On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on July 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. West presented to the Council a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation on a text amendment to modify the size of allowed eating establishments within the C-1 District. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Gaskin, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on July 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. West presented to the Council a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation on a text amendment to amend the sign ordinance within the C-1 District. On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Gaskin, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on July 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Edmondson thanked Mayor Thornton for the open discussions held in the Work Session on this date, June 9, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Gaskin thanked Mayor Thornton also.

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

Ms. Kelsey updated the Council on information regarding an annexation/rezoning request for Cameron Mill Road. Council had previously called for a public hearing but it was advertised for 208 Ridley Avenue rather than 141 Main Street. Therefore, the ad would need to be run again with the correct location. On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on July 14, 2020.

Mayor Thornton discussed with the Council the need to decide where the July 14, 2020 meeting would be held, due to COVID-19 concerns that still remain. On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to hold the July 14, 2020 meeting at Del Avant, 141 Main Street, LaGrange, Georgia.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to declare the following items as surplus:

**CITY OF LAGRANGE - OUT OF SERVICE
TO BE DECLARED SURPLUS**

VEHICLE #	MAKE/MODEL	VIN
4150	1993 Ditch Witch Boring Machine	2J2127
No Unit #	Cub Cadet RTZ 50 Lawnmower from WPC	
4162	1997 Ford F800	1FDXF80E5VVA33301
No Unit #	Small Utility Trailer Frame	

Council heard the first reading of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

TO LEVY AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE CITY OF LAGRANGE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020; TO PROVIDE FOR SEPARABILITY; 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 RETIREMENT PLAN FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED ADOPTION AGREEMENT, THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES BENEFIT SYSTEM (GMEBS) MASTER PLAN DOCUMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO; TO MODIFY THE PLAN TO INCLUDE THE CITY ATTORNEY; 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 SECTION 20-5-4 REGARDING ELECTIC RATE SCHEDULES; TO MODIFY THE ELECTRIC SERVICE RATE SCHEDULES FOR RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC SERVICE, COMMERCIAL ELECTRIC SERVICE, AND GENERAL ELECTRIC SERVICE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PUPOSES.

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 PROVIDE FOR NON-DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT AS TO CERTAIN CLASSES; TO PROVIDE FOR NON-DISCRIMINATION IN CITY SERVICES AS TO CERTAIN CLASSES; TO PROVIDE FOR NON-DISCRIMINATION BY AGENCIES AND AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY AS TO CERTAIN CLASSES; TO REQUIRE NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY ADKNOWLEDGEMENTS BY CITY EMPLOYEES AND APPOINTEES; TO PROVIDE FOR NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENTS BY CITY CONTRACTORS; 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 ADD A PROVISION RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OF ONE OUNCE OR LESS OF MARIJUANA; TO SET THE MAXIMUM PUNISHMENT THEREFOR; TO PROVIDE FOR TRAINING FOR LAGRANGE POLICE OFFICERS; 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, GEORGIA TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY; TO AMEND CHAPTER 5 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY; TO AMEND CHAPTER 5 OF THE CODE TO PROVIDE FOR ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN CODE VIOLATIONS EVIDENCING MOTIVATION BY HATE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION OF

INVESTIGATORY DATA BY AND FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey Council voted unanimously to reappoint Alton West to a one year term on the Alpha Multi-Purpose Center Board.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey Council voted unanimously to reappoint Matt Orr and Ellis Spence to four year terms on the Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Arrington Council voted unanimously to reappoint Joan Woodson to a one year term on the Troup Family Connection Board.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey Council voted unanimously to reappoint Charles Milligan to a five year term on the Troup County Airport Advisory Board.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey Council voted unanimously to appoint Scott Malone to a five year term to the Troup County Airport Advisory Board to succeed Meg Kelsey.

In closing comments, Mayor Thornton congratulated Charlie Joseph's Restaurant on their 100th anniversary in LaGrange, and thanked them for their many years of serving delicious hot dogs and hamburgers.

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

Mayor

City Clerk