

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

August 27, 2019

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

Absent: Council Members Willie Edmondson and Nathan Gaskin

Also Present: City Manager Meg Kelsey; City Clerk Sue Olson; City Attorney Jeff Todd; Communications Manager Katie Van Schoor; Senior Planner Leigh Threadgill; Director of Utilities Patrick Bowie

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Rev. Ann Baker of Warren Temple United Methodist Church, and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on August 13, 2019.

Mayor Thornton presented a 30 year service award to Walter Dowell, Water Service Worker. Mayor Thornton expressed the gratitude of the Mayor and Council for Mr. Dowell's years of service to the citizens and the City of LaGrange.

Ms. Kelsey reviewed information regarding a request from DLDA for funding for the upcoming Rockweave Music Festival. On a motion by Mr. Arrington seconded by Mr. McCamey Council authorized the City Manager to fund a short term loan that will be reviewed for re-payment after the event.

On a motion by Mr. Gore seconded by Mr. Mitchell Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an Agreement Regarding Hotel/Motel Tax Expenditures with Visit LaGrange, Inc.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Arrington 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 NAME CERTAIN STREETS IN BRYANT LAKE SUBDIVISION; 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:

As provided in Section 15-5-6 of the Code of the City of LaGrange, those streets located within Bryant Lake Subdivision and shown as "Linman Drive, Lagoon Street, Lago Court and Lana Lane," respectively, on that drawing entitled ABRYANT LAKE SUBDIVISION, PHASE ONE-E" which drawing is attached hereto for the purposes of a more complete description, be and the same are hereby named: "Linman Drive, Lagoon Street, Lago Court and Lana Lane."

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 _____ August 13, 2019

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED _____ August 27, 2019

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ August 27, 2019

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

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk _____

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 CHAPTER 20-15 OF THE CODE IN ORDER TO MODIFY WATER AND SEWER CONNECTION CHARGES; 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 20-15-4 of the code be amended by deleting said section, in its entirety, inserting in lieu thereof a new section 20-15-4 to read as follows:

“Sec. 20-15-4. - Connection charges.

The charges for establishing water and sewer connections shall be as set forth in this section.

(a) Water connection prices:

Meter Size	Meter Fee	Tap Fee	Capacity Fee	Total
¾”	\$250	\$450	\$800	\$1,500
1”	\$500	\$1,200	\$800	\$2,500
1 ½”	\$1400	\$1,800	\$800	\$4,000
2”	\$1600	\$2,400	\$800	\$4,800
Over 2”	Cost of Labor and Materials		\$800	\$TBD

1. Three quarter inch (¾”) meters installed by the city include a backflow prevention device. For meters larger than ¾” and/or any meters serving irrigation systems, the customer will be responsible for the installation of a backflow device meeting the requirements of the city’s Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control Plan.
2. Capacity Fees are applicable to all new service connections and existing service connections where the meter size is increased. For

meters serving facilities with multiple occupancies or living units, the Capacity Fee shall be multiplied by the number of individual occupancies or living units.

3. For redevelopment projects located on property that has received prior water service of equal or greater capacity, the Capacity Fee shall be multiplied by twenty five percent (25%).
4. For meter installations requiring the extension of a water main or deemed by the city to be more costly than a normal installation, customers will be required to pay a Contribution in Aid of Construction Fee as determined by the city in order to ensure proper amortization of the additional construction cost.

(b) Sewer tap charges:

1. The Capacity Fee for new or expanded sewer service shall be one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500).
2. The Tap Fee for a sewer tap installed by the city shall be the cost of labor and materials as determined by the city.
3. For facilities with multiple occupancies or living units, the Capacity Fee shall be multiplied by the number of individual occupancies or living units.
4. For redevelopment projects located on property that has received prior sewer service of equal or greater capacity, the Capacity Fee shall be multiplied by twenty five percent (25%).

(c) Maintenance of sewer taps: The city is obligated to maintain sewer taps from the street right-of-way line to the sewer main located in the street. Sewer taps from the street right-of-way line to the building on private property will be the maintenance responsibility of the property owner.

(d) Specifications: Water and sewer installations shall comply with city specifications and must be inspected prior to being placed into service.”

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BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk

In good news closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor shared that the City of LaGrange is very prepared and ready to host the 2019 Georgia Governor's Tourism Conference, September 8-11, 2019, at Great Wolf Lodge. Ms. Van Schoor then showed a video that will be shown before Mayor Thornton speaks on Monday, September 9th, showcasing the wonderful attractions in our community.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Mitchell Council voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

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

Mayor

City Clerk