

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

December 10, 2019

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

Absent: Council Members Tom Gore and LeGree McCamey

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 Council Member Willie Edmondson and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on November 26, 2019.

Mayor Thornton presented a 25 year service award to Jay Bartlett, Superintendent of the Electric Department. Mayor Thornton expressed the gratitude of the Mayor and Council for Mr. Bartlett's years of service to the citizens and the City of LaGrange. Director of Utilities Patrick Bowie also thanked Mr. Bartlett for dedication to his employees and the citizens of LaGrange.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to deny a Notice of Claim for Damages filed on behalf of Scarlett Mueller and referred it to the City's insurance company for handling.

Ms. Threadgill presented information to the Council regarding the Board of Planning and Zoning Appeal's recommendation for the updated Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing at the February 11, 2020 Council meeting.

Mr. Arrington reported that he believed this was the best Christmas Parade he had ever attended in LaGrange, and that it could have been because he, as Mayor Pro-Tem, was the Emcee.

Mr. Gaskin reported that there had been an upgrade on the signage going into the industrial park, with lights being added, and that it was very attractive to the area.

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

On a motion by Mr. Arrington seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Andy Fritchley to a two year term on the Troup County Parks & Recreation Commission.

In good news closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor shared with the Council a video of our award-winning litter cleanup campaign – Leaving LaGrange Better Than We Found It. Mayor Thornton, Council Member Gaskin and City Manager Kelsey explained in the video why it's so important to our community. Ms. Van Schoor thanked the City employees, community partners and the citizens who have joined in truly leaving LaGrange better than we found it.

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

Mayor

City Clerk