

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

August 12, 2021

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

Also Present: City Manager Meg Kelsey; City Clerk Sue Olson; Assistant City Manager Bill Bulloch; City Attorney Jeff Todd; Communications Manager Katie Van Schoor; City Planner Mark Kostial

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Rev. Adam Roberts, LaGrange College Chaplain, and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Gaskin, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on July 27, 2021.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on the Development Authority of LaGrange issuance of bonds for the benefit of LaGrange College. No comments were received.

Evie Kettler came before the Council requesting a change in the City's ordinance regarding tethering of dogs, stating that Newnan has a similar ordinance. She is requesting that no trolleys or runners be allowed on animals 24/7, because if they are, that becomes their way of life. Mr. Gaskin asked about the possibility of permitting for animals on a temporary basis. Council asked staff to look at Newnan's ordinance and report back at a later date. Mayor Thornton thanked Ms. Kettler for her service to the community.

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

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

Ms. Kelsey reminded the Council of the discussion in the Work Session earlier today regarding remodel and upgrades to the Griggs Center. Ms. Kelsey stated that Phase I will cost a total of \$4 million, and that the Callaway Foundation had pledged \$2 million with the City and County each contributing \$1 million. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to approve \$1 million towards the Griggs Center renovation project, using ARPA funds that were recently received from the Federal government.

On a motion by Mr. Arrington seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to approve declaring the following items as surplus:

<u>VEHICLE #</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VIN/SERIAL #</u>
	Ingersoll Rand air compressor	
2253	1996 Ford F350	1FDKF37H4TEA49435
4317	2012 Ditch Witch boring machine	CMWJ2020KC0001709
4722	2006 Chevy Trailblazer	1GNDDT13S462211055
	Chevy Silverado from Sweetland	1GBGC24U94Z200413
3158	1993 Leaf machine	90219563
4184	2004 Ford F650	3FGWF65K04V670749
8107	1996 Ford Crown Vic	2FALP71W8TX202391
4309	1989 Ford 555 Backhoe	R500262

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On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to approve the issuance of Revenue Bonds by the Development Authority of LaGrange for the benefit of LaGrange College. A copy of the document is on file in the City Manager's office.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to adopt 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 ZONING MAP AND ORDINANCES OF THE CITY SO AS TO RECLASSIFY THE USE ZONE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED ADJACENT TO VERNON STREET AND HILLS & DALES FARM ROAD AND OWNED BY SYNOVUS TRUST COMPANY, N.A. IN ITS CAPACITY AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST CREATED UNDER THE WILL OF FULLER E. CALLAWAY, JR. FOR THE BENEFIT OF CHARLES D. HUDSON, JR., ET AL.; 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 the zoning map and ordinances of the City of LaGrange be amended so as to reclassify from use zone SU-R (suburban single-family) to CR-MX (corridor mixed use district) the following described real estate, to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land located in Land Lots 113 and 114 of the 6<sup>th</sup> Land District of Troup County, Georgia, containing 5.062 acres, more or less, and more specifically shown as “Tract 1 (Proposed)” on the plat of survey attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and the legal description attached hereto as Exhibit “B”, each of which is incorporated herewith for the purposes of a more complete description.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ July 27, 2021 \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_ August 12, 2021 \_\_\_\_\_

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ August 12, 2021 \_\_\_\_\_

BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk

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EXHIBIT “B”

Legal Description

A parcel of land located in Land Lot 113 & 114 of the 6<sup>th</sup> Land District City of LaGrange, Troup County, Georgia, said parcel being more particularly described as a subdivision and combination of the property shown on Plat Book 39 Page 133, Plat Book 19 Page 207, and Deed Book 578

Page 334, of the Troup County, Georgia records, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at an Iron Pin Set at the intersection of the Easterly right of way of Medical Center Parkway, and the Northerly right of way of Vernon Street, AKA U.S. Highway 29;  
THENCE continuing along the right of way of Medical Center Parkway North 08 degrees 25 minutes 58 seconds West for a distance of 574.57 feet to an Iron Pin Found;  
THENCE continuing along said right of way North 87 degrees 18 minutes 53 seconds East for a distance of 27.88 feet to an Iron Pin Found and the POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel herein described;  
THENCE continuing along said right of way North 08 degrees 09 minutes 41 seconds West for a distance of 82.85 feet to an Iron Pin Found;  
THENCE continuing along said right of way along a curve to the right having a radius of 699.00 feet and an arc distance of 100.49 feet and being subtended by a chord of North 04 degrees 02 minutes 35 seconds West for a distance of 100.40 feet to an Iron Pin Found;  
THENCE continuing along said right of way North 00 degrees 04 minutes 32 seconds East for a distance of 86.82 feet to an Iron Pin Found;  
THENCE continuing along said right of way along a curve to the left having a radius of 901.00 feet and an arc distance of 55.41 feet and being subtended by a chord of North 01 degrees 41 minutes 41 seconds West for a distance of 55.40 feet to an Iron Pin Found;  
THENCE leaving said right of way North 89 degrees 26 minutes 54 seconds East for a distance of 222.00 feet to an Iron Pin Found;  
THENCE South 56 degrees 14 minutes 44 seconds East for a distance of 249.00 feet to an Iron Pin Found;  
THENCE North 87 degrees 20 minutes 35 seconds East for a distance of 244.00 feet to an Iron Pin Found;  
THENCE South 51 degrees 53 minutes 46 seconds East for a distance of 369.50 feet to a Point;  
THENCE South 04 degrees 01 minutes 05 seconds East for a distance of 57.67 feet to a Point;  
THENCE South 49 degrees 01 minutes 05 seconds East for a distance of 62.93 feet to a Point;  
THENCE North 85 degrees 58 minutes 55 seconds East for a distance of 141.21 feet to a Point;  
THENCE South 04 degrees 01 minutes 05 seconds East for a distance of 229.87 feet to a Point;  
THENCE South 46 degrees 48 minutes 44 seconds East for a distance of 26.50 feet to a Point;  
THENCE South 04 degrees 01 minutes 05 seconds East for a distance of 21.47 feet to a Point;  
THENCE North 44 degrees 10 minutes 12 seconds West for a distance of 587.95 feet to an Iron Pin Found;  
THENCE South 87 degrees 20 minutes 35 seconds West for a distance 763.63 feet to an Iron Pin and the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Said parcel contains 5.062 acres more or less.

Together with and subject to all easements, covenants, and restrictions of record.

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On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Edmondson, 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 SPEED LIMIT ON A PORTION OF GREENVILLE STREET; 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 10-20-4(b) of the Code of the City of LaGrange be amended by deleting therefrom the entry entitled and regarding "Greenville Street," in its entirety, inserting in lieu thereof a new entry in proper alphabetical order regarding Greenville Street, as follows:

*"Greenville Street from Ragland Street to city limits, 40 miles per hour."*

**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.

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In good news, closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor reported that our Mayor Jim Thornton was inducted this past weekend as GMA President. We are very proud of our Mayor and how well he represents LaGrange. She also reported that we would like to encourage the community to take part in City Hall Selfie Day, tomorrow, Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Take a selfie in front of City Hall and tag our Facebook page at [lagrangea.gov](http://lagrangea.gov) and use hashtags #CityHallSelfie, #ELGL, & #GaCities. Engaging Local Government Leaders, or ELGL, is hosting City Hall Selfie Day. You can expect to see City Hall Selfie pictures throughout the country.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m. by Mayor Thornton.

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Mayor

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City Clerk