

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

September 14, 2021

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Rev. Aaron McCollough, Troup County Baptist Association, and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on August 24, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Gore seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to deny a Notice of Claim for Damages filed on behalf of Jocelyn Ray, Guardian for Tracy Hearn, Jr., and referred it to the City's insurance company for handling.

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 Patricia Hardy and referred it to the City's insurance company for handling.

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

Ms. Kelsey reminded the Council that at the Work Session earlier today, they had discussed the Early Response Program that Juvenile Court Judge Michael Key had discussed at the July 15, 2021 Work Session meeting. The program would essentially provide a Social Worker to be on call for certain after-hour crisis situations that are currently requiring an officer to spend several hours on, when they may be needed elsewhere. Judge Key is requesting \$45,000 as a one-time commitment to start this program, but it could be an annual request if the program is successful. This program would be for LaGrange Police Department referrals only, and would not include other jurisdictions. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to approve the request, and asked Ms. Kelsey to check to see if ARPA funds can be used.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter purchase and/or sales transactions under \$500,000 for excess capacity.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council voted unanimously to approve the Fifth Amendment to Intergovernmental contract regarding conveyance of industrial property adjacent to Upper Big Springs Road. This will be an extension of 60 days and an additional \$100,000 non-refundable deposit.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin 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 SECTION 10-20-104 OF THE CODE IN ORDER TO DELETE THEREFROM CERTAIN LOADING/UNLOADING SPACES LOCATED ON MAIN 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 10-20-104 of the Code of the City of LaGrange be amended by deleting therefrom subsection (3), regarding a loading/unloading space on Main Street, in its entirety.

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 24, 2021

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED _____ September 14, 2021

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ September 14, 2021

BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk

On a motion by Mr. Gore seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Brian Shumate to the LaGrange Development Authority to fill the unexpired term of Ricky Wolfe.

In good news, closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor reported that this past Saturday, September 11th, our LaGrange Fire Department, under the direction of Chief John Brant, held their annual Stair Climb event at the new LaGrange High School Gym. 140 people participated and they raised nearly \$1,500 for the Terry Farrell Firefighters Fund. Ms. Van Schoor shared a video that describes why our firefighters feel 9-11 is so important.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. by Mayor Thornton.

Mayor

City Clerk