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### **LaGrange City Council Members Norma Tucker and Nick Woodson to Retire**

*LaGrange, Ga. January 4, 2018* – On Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup>, City Councilwoman Norma Tucker and City Councilman Nick Woodson will retire from the board.

Norma Tucker served the City of LaGrange for twelve years, or three terms.

Nick Woodson served for twenty years, or five terms.

Tucker is only the second woman to serve on the LaGrange City Council in the more than 180 years the board has been in existence.



*Former City Councilwoman Kay Durand shared a few words and hugged Councilwoman Norma Tucker before her last meeting*

Former City Councilwoman Kay Durand was the first female to serve on the board. She spoke on behalf of Tucker at Tucker's last City Council meeting December 21<sup>st</sup>.

"Norma, thank you so much for your twelve years of service to the City of LaGrange," Durand said.

“As a female, I could not be prouder of the work that you have done. Thank you so much for everything you’ve accomplished.”

“It’s been a blessing to represent the City of LaGrange and the community. I pray that I’ve been a blessing to others as everyone has been to me,” Tucker said.

“Thank you LaGrange and thank you to everyone who has worked to help me be the best possible leader I can be.”



*City Councilwoman Norma Tucker receives a key to the city and an engraved rocking chair from Mayor Jim Thornton and City Manager Meg Kelsey*



*City Councilman Nick Woodson receives a key to the city and an engraved rocking chair from Mayor Jim Thornton and City Manager Meg Kelsey*

At the City’s annual Christmas luncheon, Tucker and Woodson were honored for their service with a key to the city and an engraved rocking chair.

LaGrange Police Chief Lou Dekmar also honored the two long time city councilmembers with an LPD watch.

After twenty years on the LaGrange City Council, Nick Woodson admits he will miss being a city councilman.

“LaGrange is truly full of a lot of great people,” Woodson said.



*LPD Chief Dekmar presents Councilmembers Nick Woodson and Norma Tucker with an LPD watch*

“My best memory has to be working with Tom Hall. He was the smartest man I ever knew. He would listen to everything I had to say and helped work out any problems we had. I really miss him.”

Tom Hall passed away in February 2016. He was the LaGrange City Manager from 1994 up until his unexpected passing in 2016.



*Nick Woodson with his wife Joan*

“My advice to the new councilmembers would be to simply do what’s right. If you tell the truth and do what’s right, you won’t forget what you said and you’ll tell the same story every time,” said Woodson.

January 9th, Jim Arrington will take Woodson’s seat on the city council representing District 1.

Nathan Gaskin will take Tucker's seat on the city council representing District 2.

The LaGrange City Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 208 Ridley Avenue at 5:30 p.m.

To see Norma Tucker's farewell speech go to [www.facebook.com/lgtv.org/videos/1682240861797655/](http://www.facebook.com/lgtv.org/videos/1682240861797655/)

To see Nick Woodson's farewell speech go to [www.facebook.com/lgtv.org/videos/1682246271797114/](http://www.facebook.com/lgtv.org/videos/1682246271797114/)

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