

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

March 27, 2018

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

Also Present: City Manager Meg Kelsey; Assistant City Manager Teresa Taylor; City Attorney Jeff Todd; Communications Manager Katie Van Schoor; Director of Community Development Alton West

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Minister Angela Watson of Confidence Missionary and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on March 13, 2018.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on making an application for the 2018 Community Development Block Grant Program. No public comments were received.

Chief Dekmar and Lieutenant Eric Lohr appeared before the Council and presented the 2018 graduates of the LaGrange Citizen Police Academy. The class learned about topics consisting of constitutional policing, community outreach, use of force and procedural justice.

A representative from Faith Alliance of Metro Atlanta appeared before the Mayor and Council providing a brief overview of their organization. Members thanked the City of LaGrange for being trailblazers in the trust building initiative. No action was taken.

Mr. West presented a request from Sean Hammett to annex two parcels on Gordon Road into the City of LaGrange. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to proceed with the annexation request.

Mr. Cajen Rhodes, the Director of Troup County Parks and Recreation appeared before the Mayor and Council to discuss a grant for the renovation of the McCluskey Tennis Court and the construction of a new pro-shop. Mr. Rhodes stated the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Troup County Commission both voted unanimously in favor of receiving the grant from the Callaway Foundation. On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council unanimously voted to accept a grant to renovate the McCluskey Tennis Center and allow future naming of the facility as the C. Leon Pitts Pavilion.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council voted to authorize the following resolution authorizing the submittal of the 2018 CDBG grant:

RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO OBTAIN
FY 2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS
TO REPLACE WATER LINES IN SOUTHEAST LAGRANGE

WHEREAS, the City of LaGrange Mayor and Council has identified the need to make upgrade outdated old galvanized water lines in southeast LaGrange;

WHEREAS, the city received funding in 2010 to replace a number of lines in the area but many more lines need to be replaced;

WHEREAS, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are sufficient to address identified needs of the facility;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has asked the staff to prepare an application to request funds during the 2018 fiscal grant funding cycle;

WHEREAS, the staff has prepared or had prepared the necessary documentations to submit to the Department of Community Affairs to request funding during the 2018 grant cycle;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have agreed to provide sufficient matching funds and in-kind services to complete this project;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City of LaGrange Mayor and Council will submit a FY 2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to address water line replacement in Southeast LaGrange.

SO RESOLVED this _____ day of March, 2018

Mayor

Assistant City Manager

In good news closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor announced the recent award of \$10,000 for the Tony Hawk grant for the Skate Plaza was funded to address a safety concern in our community as local skateboarders were banned in 2016 from skating in the local parking decks.

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

Mayor

Assistant City Manager