

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

January 9, 2018

Present: Mayor Jim Thornton; Council Members Willie Edmondson, Tom Gore, LeGree McCamey, Mark Mitchell, Norma Tucker and Nick Woodson

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Reverend Michael Jackson of Confidence Missionary Baptist Church and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on December 21, 2017.

City Attorney Jeff Todd swore in Mayor Jim Thornton and Council Members Jim Arrington and Tom Gore. Judge Donald Boyd swore in Council Member Nathan Gaskin.

Mayor Thornton made brief remarks and began the regular meeting of the City Council.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a Special Use Permit for a Group Treatment Facility located at 99 Johnson Street. A number of people spoke in both favor and opposition of the permit. On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted to authorize the special use permit with Mr. Gore, Mr. Mitchell, and Mr. Arrington in favor and Mr. Gaskin, Mr. McCamey and Mr. Edmondson in opposition (3-3), with Mayor Thornton voting in favor.

Ms. Threadgill presented a request for a sign variance for 150 Tom Hall Parkway, Great Wolf Lodge. Ms. Threadgill stated the request was due to the size of the project and the Board of Planning and Zoning appeals recommended approval. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council unanimously voted to hold a public hearing on February 13, 2018.

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

On a motion by Mr. Gore seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council unanimously voted 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 MODIFY THE LAWFUL SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN CITY STREETS TO CONFORM TO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RECOMMENDATIONS; 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 subsection (b) of Section 10-20-4 of the Code of the City of LaGrange be amended by deleting therefrom the paragraph beginning "Callaway Church Road," inserting in lieu thereof a new paragraph, in proper alphabetical order and regarding Callaway Church Road, to read as follows:

“*Callaway Church Road* from its intersection with Lafayette Parkway – State Route 109, South to the city limits, 45 miles per hour.”

SECTION 2:

That subsection (b) of Section 10-20-4 of the Code of the City of LaGrange be amended by deleting therefrom the paragraph beginning “Hammett Road,” inserting in lieu thereof a paragraph, in proper alphabetical order and regarding Hammett Road, to read as follows:

“*Hammett Road* from its intersection with Youngs Mill Road to the city limits, 45 miles per hour.”

SECTION 3:

That Section 10-20-4 of the Code of the City of LaGrange be amended by deleting therefrom subsection (a)(2), regarding State Route Number 14, inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 10-20-4(a)(2) to read as follows:

“(2) State Route Number 14:

- a. S.R. 14 from a point 900 feet east of S.R. 109, the west city limits (M.P. 14.48), to a point 50 feet west of Farrell Drive (M.P. 14.96), a distance of .48 mile, 45 miles per hour.
- b. S.R. 14 from S.R. 1 (M.P. 17.32) to a point 100 feet west of Sanford Street (M.P. 18.83), a distance of 1.51 miles, 35 miles per hour.
- c. S.R. 14 from a point 100 feet west of Sanford Street (M.P. 18.83) to a point 100 feet west of Iris Drive, the east city limits (M.P. 20.15), a distance of 1.32 miles, 45 miles per hour.
- d. S.R. 14 CO from Vernon Street (M.P. 0.00) to Morgan Street (M.P. 1.16), a distance of 1.16 miles, 35 miles per hour.
- e. S.R. 14 Spur from a point 50 feet north of S.R. 219, the south city limits (M.P. 0.01), to a point 150 feet south of Cooley Road, the north city limits (M.P. 1.50), a distance of 1.49 miles, 55 miles per hour.
- f. S.R. 14 Spur from a point 850 feet north of Busch Drive, the south city limits (M.P. 3.53), to a point 0.20 miles south of S.R. 109 (M.P. 3.70), a distance of 0.17 mile, 55 miles per hour.
- g. S.R. 14 Spur from a point 0.20 miles south of S.R. 109 (M.P. 3.70) to a point 370 feet north of A&WP Railroad, the north city limits (M.P. 4.45), a distance of 0.75 mile, 45 miles per hour.”

SECTION 4:

That subsection (b) of Section 10-20-4 of the Code of the City of LaGrange be amended by inserting therein, in proper alphabetical order, a paragraph relating to the speed limits for Ann Bailey Way, to read as follows:

“Ann Bailey Way from its intersection with State Route 1 to its intersection with State Route 219, 35 miles per hour; provided, however, that on Ann Bailey Way from a point 1154 feet west of S.R. 1 to a point 1620 feet west of Scholar Lane, the speed limit shall be 25 miles per hour from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., school days only.”

SECTION 5:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6:

This Ordinance after adoption by the Council and upon approval by the Mayor shall become effective immediately.

INTRODUCED AND FIRST READING _____ December 21, 2017

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED _____ January 9, 2018

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ January 9, 2018

BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Teresa Taylor, Assistant City Manager

On a motion by Mr. Gore seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council unanimously voted to reappoint Carolyn Haamid to a one year appointment to the Community Action for Improvement Board.

On a motion by Mr. Gore seconded by Mr. Mr. Mitchell, Council unanimously voted to reappoint Sam Mitchell to a five year term on the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

On a motion by Mr. Gore seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council unanimously voted to appoint Jim Thornton, Mark Mitchell, LeGree McCamey, Willie Edmondson, Tom Gore, Nathan Gaskin, Jim Arrington and Meg Kelsey to one year terms on the LaGrange Governmental Finance Corporation.

On a motion by Mr. Gore seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council unanimously voted to reappoint Luther Jones to a one year term on the LaGrange Troup County Memorial Park Board.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council unanimously voted to reappoint James Baker to a one year term as Municipal Court Judge.

On a motion by Mr. Gore seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council unanimously voted to reappoint Ton Gore to a one year term on the Records Committee.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council unanimously voted to appoint Jim Thornton, LeGree McCamey, Willie Edmondson, Tom Gore, Mark Mitchell, Nathan Gaskin and Jim Arrington to one year terms on the Solid Waste Management Authority.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Gore, Council unanimously voted to reappoint Carrie Hightower to a one year appointment on the Troup County Board of Health.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council unanimously voted to appoint Nathan Gaskin to a one year appointment on the Troup County FEMA Board.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Gore, Council unanimously voted to reappoint Ricky Wolfe to a five year appointment on the Development Authority.

On a motion by Mr. Gore seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council unanimously voted to reappoint Richard Freeman to a three year appointment on the LaGrange Memorial Library Board.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Gore, Council unanimously voted to appoint LeGree McCamey as Mayor Pro-Tem for 2018.

In good news closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor stated that at the last City Council meeting, the city had the honor of having a mayor for a day – Mayor Martin – the honor was an item up for bid at a Humane Society fundraiser. As a result, the LaGrange Daily News, Troup County News, several other news organizations – including the Atlanta Journal Constitution picked up the story. Ms. Van Schoor also welcomed Councilman Jim Arrington and Nathan Gaskin to the council.

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

Mayor

Assistant City Manager