

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

April 26, 2022

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

Absent: Council Member Willie Edmondson

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. Anthony Criswell, First Baptist Church on the Square, 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 April 12, 2022.

Mayor Thornton presented a 25 year service award to Sgt. Gary Atkins, LaGrange Fire Department. Mayor Thornton expressed his appreciation to Mr. Atkins for his years of service and dedication to the citizens of LaGrange. Chief Brant also expressed his appreciation and thanked Mr. Atkins for his service.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on amending the city's election district lines. Kevin Littlefield, Chairman of the Troup County Democratic Party, came before the Council and stated that he believed the Mayor and Council had done the best that they could with the situation, referring to the death of Council Member LeGree McCamey. Mayor Thornton thanked Mr. Littlefield for coming. No other comments were received and Council heard the first reading of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY; TO AMEND THE CHARTER SO AS TO MODIFY THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TWO ELECTION DISTRICTS OF THE CITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Staff member and Youth Council Advisor Adam Speas introduced the graduating class of the LaGrange Youth Council. Chair Milly Criswell, Vice-Chair Addie Eiland, Sustainability Committee Chair Devin Dents and Mentorship Committee Chair Sydney Edelson gave the Council an overview of their projects and accomplishments for this past year. Mr. Dents then presented a check for \$1,155.87 to Dr. Robert Tucker, Calumet Neighborhood Association President. The money was raised the Youth Council's fundraiser called iSweatGreen, and the proceeds will help fund Pat's Garden, a community garden in the Calumet neighborhood. Mayor Thornton presented each graduating member with a certificate and thanked them for the hard work and effort they have put into this program.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to declare property located off of Callaway Church Road as surplus and authorized staff to advertise and receive sealed bids for the property, with a minimum bid of \$152,000.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to declare property located 645 Hudson Road as surplus and authorized staff to advertise and receive sealed bids for the property, with a minimum bid of \$73,000.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to declare the following items as surplus and to be placed on govdeals.com for sale:

UNIT #	ASSET #	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VIN	DEPT
8106		2002	FORD	FOCUS	1FAFP33P32W204412	COM DEV
2218		2007	FORD	FOCUS	1FAFP36N67W228186	COM DEV
8101		2002	FORD	FOCUS	1FAFP33P42W232039	COM DEV
3778		2008	FORD	RANGER	1FTYR10D58PB12734	SEWER
2114		2006	CHEVROLET	IMPALA	2G1WS551869431549	POLICE
4440		2003	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	15CEK14V13Z173232	ELECTRIC
3730		2002	DODGE	RAM 2500	3B6MC36682M224921	STREET
4371		2003	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	1GCNKPE05DZ201685	GAS
2321		2009	CHEVROLET	IMPALA	2G1WS57M371171118	POLICE
4244		2011	FORD	F350	1FT8W3B61BEB328D8	SEWER
2222		2003	FORD	EXPEDITION	1FMRU15WX3LC02907	FIRE
4166		1997	JOHN DEERE	855	LV0855E202094	WATER
3662		2005	EXMARK	MOWER	MHP3615KAC	LANDSCAPE
4368		1998	HUSQVARNA	MOWER	YTH1848XP	GAS
4140		2013	FORD	F250	1FDBF2A67DEA19977	WATER
2169		1996	FORD	CROWN VIC	2FALP71W6TX144698	FIRE
						METER
4234		2009	FORD	RANGER	1FTYR10D09PAD8217	READER
1203		2005	CHEVROLET	AVEO	KL1TG52695B390008	DATA PROS
4137		2008	FORD	F250	1FTSX21R18EC82662	WATER
2250		1994	FORD	CROWN VIC	2FALP71W5RX159475	FIRE
2263		2000	JEEP	CHEROKEE	1J4FT28S5YL107830	FIRE

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Gore, 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 ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY SO AS TO MODIFY THE MINIMUM PARKING TABLE REQUIREMENTS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL USES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEPARABILITY; 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 Minimum Parking Table found within Section 25B-35-2(4) be amended by deleting the entry for “Industrial and agricultural uses,” inserting in lieu thereof a new entry for “Industrial and agricultural uses” to read as follows:

“Industrial and agricultural uses 1 space per 1,500 square feet of floor area for industrial & agricultural uses with less than 500,000 square feet of floor area and .5 spaces per 1,000 square feet of floor area for industrial & agricultural uses with more than 500,000 square of floor area.”

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 _____ April 12, 2022 _____

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED _____ April 26, 2022 _____

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ April 26, 2022 _____

BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor _____

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk _____

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Mitchell, 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 NAME CERTAIN STREETS IN CROSSVINE VILLAGE SUBDIVISION; 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:

As provided in Section 15-5-6 of the Code of the City of LaGrange, those streets located within Crossvine Village, Unit Two, Phase One and shown as “Freshwater Court, Sweetwood Court and Windstream Drive,” respectively, within the bounds of Crossvine Unit Two, Phase One on that drawing entitled “CROSSVINE VILLAGE, PHASE ONE, UNIT 2” which drawing is attached hereto for the purposes of a more complete description, be and the same are hereby named: “Freshwater Court, Sweetwood Court and Windstream Drive.”

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In good news, closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor reported that we are very proud of what our LaGrange Youth Council accomplished in the past year. She invited the Council to attend the Mental Health Night at Sweetland Monday, May 2nd in honor of May and Mental Health Awareness Month, doors open at 6:00 p.m. She also invited them to also fellowship with our young leaders next door at Visit LaGrange for a taco bar.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. by Mayor Thornton.

Mayor

City Clerk