

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

December 21, 2017

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Mr. Woodson and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. Woodson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on December 12, 2017.

On a motion by Mr. Gore seconded by Ms. Tucker, Council unanimously voted to authorize the Mayor and Assistant City Manager to execute a Probation Services Agreement.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Ms. Tucker, Council unanimously voted to authorize the Mayor and Assistant City Manager to execute a contract with Georgia Department of Transportation and CSX railroad regarding the Greenville Street Bridge Contract.

Council heard a first reading of 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.

Mandy Bonner, Executive Director of the LaGrange Humane Society, and Evie Ketler expressed their concerns about the modification of the Animal Adoption Ordinance. After discussion, Ms. Kelsey stated she would work with the group to address the screening process for any animal adopted when fees are waived or reduced. On a motion by Ms. Tucker seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council unanimously adopted 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 PROCEDURES AND FEES ASSOCIATED WITH CAT AND DOG ADOPTION; 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 10-30-28 of the Code of the City of LaGrange be amended by deleting said section, in its entirety, inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 10-30-28 to read as follows:

“Sec. 10-30-28. – Adoption of animals.

(a) Any dog not claimed by the owner within four (4) days or any other animals surrendered by the owner may be placed for adoption at any time at the discretion of the animal control officer. Adoption will be made only to individuals who express a humane intention for the maintenance and care of the animal.

Adoption Fees

Cats and kittens. \$50.00
Dogs and puppies \$75.00

(b) If the animal to be adopted has not already been spayed or neutered, upon payment of the adoption fee specified in subsection (a) of this section, the city shall issue to the owner a voucher in the amount of fifty-six dollars and fifty cents (\$56.50) for each dog and thirty-four dollars (\$34.00) for each cat adopted, which voucher may be negotiated to any participating veterinarian to offset the cost to spay and neuter the adopted animal.

(c) From time to time, and upon good cause shown, the City Manager is authorized to modify and/or waive adoption fees as established herein.”

SECTION 3:

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

SECTION 4:

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

INTRODUCED AND FIRST READING _____ December 12, 2017

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED _____ December 21, 2017

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ December 21, 2017

BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Teresa Taylor, Assistant City Manager

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Woodson, Council unanimously voted to appoint Sarah Barrintine to fill the unexpired term of Julia Dyar to the Historic Preservation Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Woodson, Council unanimously voted to appoint Mark Mitchell to the Troup County Parks and Recreation Board.

In good news closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor reported that Martin Zachary, a 4th grade student at LaGrange Academy, was proclaimed Mayor for the Day. Mayor Martin toured the LaGrange Police Department, City Hall, a LaGrange Fire Station, Great Wolf Lodge, and The Thread.

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

Mayor

Assistant City Manager