

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

December 12, 2017

Present: Mayor 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 Von Schoor

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Ms. Tucker 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 November 28, 2017.

Ms. Threadgill presented a request to for a Special Use Permit for a Group Treatment Facility located at 99 Johnson Street. Ms. Threadgill stated historically the location was used for a similar use. The Board of Planning Zoning recommended approval. Pastor Rowland and Yvonne Lopez spoke in favor of the project. Dr. Kelly Veal stated the proposed treatment center would offer treatment for people have gone through a trauma. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on January 9, 2018.

Council received a Notice of Claim for damages filed on behalf of Brian Winston. On a motion by Mr. Woodson seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to deny the claim.

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

Ms. Threadgill presented a resolution authorizing the submittal of application for funding from Georgia Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trail Programs. On a motion by Mr. Gore seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council unanimously voted to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF
GEORGIA RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION
CITY OF LAGRANGE

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF TROUP

WHEREAS, at the regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of LaGrange, Georgia held on the 12th day of December, 2017 a motion was made and duly seconded that the City of LaGrange shall submit an application for funding from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Recreational Trails Program in order to construct a new multi-use, recreational trail for non-motorized use on property adjoining Panther Way and within the LaGrange College Campus, and

WHEREAS the City of LaGrange further states that in the event the City of LaGrange application is recommended for funding by the Department of Natural Resources, the City of LaGrange certifies and assures that it has the ability and intention to finance 100 percent of the total project cost and be reimbursed for 80 percent of eligible costs by the Department of Natural Resources,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of LaGrange, Georgia that it shall submit an application for funding from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Recreational Trails Program, and that it shall, in the event that the application is recommended for funding, take action to assure that it will finance 100 percent of the total project cost and be reimbursed for 80 percent of eligible costs by the Department of Natural Resources.

Read and unanimously adopted in the regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of LaGrange held on the 12th day of December, 2017.

ATTEST

Clerk

City of LaGrange
Troup County, Georgia

BY: _____

(Seal)

Jim Thornton, Mayor

Ms. Kelsey presented an amendment to the Retirement Plan. On a motion by Mr. Woodson seconded by Mr. Gore, Mr. Woodson, Mr. Gore and Mr. Mitchell voted to table the amendment with Ms. Tucker, Mr. Edmondson and Mr. McCamey voting in opposition. Mayor Thornton broke the tie by voting to table the amendment.

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 PROCEDURES AND FEES ASSOCIATED WITH CAT AND DOG ADOPTION; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

On a motion by Ms. Tucker seconded by Mr. Woodson, Council unanimously voted to reappoint Skip Smith, Rocky Grace and Charles Hudson Jr. to three year terms on the Historic Preservation Commission.

On a motion by Ms. Tucker seconded by Mr. Gore, Council unanimously voted to reappoint Jeff Anderson to a two year term on the Troup County Board of Elections.

On a motion by Ms. Tucker seconded by Mr. Gore, Council unanimously voted to reappoint Andy Fritchley to a two year term on the Troup County Parks and Recreation.

Ms. Stargell came before the Mayor and council to state some concerns she has in regards to a need for a speed hump in front of the Griggs Center, the need for a community center for the youth of LaGrange, the need for public transportation.

In good news closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor stated while LaGrange received a little bit of snow, our neighbors to the north were hit harder by Winter Storm Benji. City Electric Crews headed north to assist. The City of Marietta was extremely grateful for the assistance, and they thanked our crews for helping on social media.

On a motion by Ms. Tucker seconded by Mr. Woodson, the committee voted unanimously to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. At the end of the executive session, on a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Ms. Tucker, the committee voted unanimously to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the meeting.

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

Mayor

Assistant City Manager