

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

March 8, 2022

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Willie Edmondson; Council Members Nathan Gaskin, Tom Gore, Willie Edmondson, Mark Mitchell and Jim Arrington

Absent: Mayor Jim Thornton

Also Present: City Manager Meg Kelsey; City Clerk Sue Olson; Assistant City Manager Bill Bulloch; City Attorney Jeff Todd; Communications Manager Katie Van Schoor

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Edmondson, the invocation was given by Rev. Mark Davenport of City Light Church, and Mayor Pro-Tem Edmondson 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 February 22, 2022.

Alonzo Roberts and Fred Manley came before the Council to express their concerns about the renovations at the Griggs Center, and that the plans don't include renovating the pool in Phase I. They asked for clarity on how the City and County governments are working together on this project. Mr. Mitchell spoke on behalf of the Troup County Parks & Recreation Board, and noted that Mr. Roberts had spoken to the Board about their concerns. Mayor Pro-Tem Edmondson stated that the Council understands the need for the pool but that this is a County facility and project, and also stated that the City will support it in any way possible. No action was taken.

Police Chief Lou Dekmar and Officer Hope Everhart presented a Certificate of Appreciation to a citizen, John Walker, for his heroic act, assisting at the scene of a motor vehicle accident on February 26, 2022. Mr. Walker placed himself in harm's way, causing injuries to himself, to help rescue another person. Mayor Pro-Tem Edmondson thanked Mr. Walker for his actions.

Theron Truitt, Manager of an event center located on East Depot Street, came before the Council stating that he feels the LaGrange Police Department is harassing him at his place of business, causing patrons to be afraid to come to his business. Mr. Mitchell asked Ms. Kelsey to have the police department furnish records for calls for service at this location and report back to the Council. No action was taken.

Mr. Gaskin reported that, regarding the request for the Griggs Center Pool, we should all appreciate West Point Lake and its amenities, and that we should manage what we have.

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

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 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.

In good news, closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor reported that Sweetland Amphitheatre will be announcing its first five concerts for the 2022 year at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow morning. We will announce on our social media, our website (sweetlandamp.com) and by media release. We are excited to celebrate live music at Sweetland. Also, the City of LaGrange is excited to welcome the Atlanta Braves World Champions Trophy Tour Saturday, August 6th from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. LaGrange will be one of the 151 stops this summer to celebrate their championship win. This will be a free event at Sweetland Amphitheatre.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Edmondson.

Mayor

City Clerk