

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

January 12, 2016

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

Also Present: City Manager Tom Hall; Deputy City Manager Meg Kelsey; City Attorney Jeff Todd; Community Development Director Alton West; Senior Planner Leigh Threadgill

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton the invocation was given by Reverend Adam Roberts, Director of Spiritual Life & Chaplain, LaGrange College and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Attorney Jeff Todd swore Council Members Willie Edmondson, LeGree McCamey and Mark Mitchell.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on December 22, 2015.

Mr. Charles Conerly, Attorney with Smith Conerly LLP, appeared before the Mayor and Council with concerns and questions regarding a proposed connector road from Vernon Road to Country Club Road. No action was taken.

Mr. Hall discussed a request to rezone 2241 Mooty Bridge Road from PUD, Planned Unit Development, to R-44, Single Family Residential. The Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommended approval finding that 1) it didn't have a negative impact on the neighborhood or community 2) fit with the future land use plan and 3) did not constitute spot zoning. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on February 9, 2016.

Mr. Hall discussed a request to rezone 504 Ridley Avenue from R-2, residential to OIR, Office Institutional Residential. The Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommended denial finding that 1) it had a negative impact on the neighborhood or community 2) did not fit with the future land use plan and 3) constituted spot zoning. On a motion by Mr. Woodson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on February 9, 2016.

Mr. Hall discussed a request for a condition use permit for 321 Greenville Street to operate a homeless shelter. The Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommended approval. On a motion by Ms. Tucker seconded by Mr. Woodson, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on February 9, 2016.

Mr. Hall discussed a request to rezone 2037, 2159, and 2301 Whitesville Road from R-44, residential to C-3, general commercial. The Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommended approval of the request on January 11, 2016 to re-set the clock for review and action by the Mayor and Council. This re-review was necessitated by a delay in the DRI process. On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Ms. Tucker, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on February 9, 2016.

Mr. McCamey briefly discussed a meeting held on January 12, 2016 of the Transportation Study Committee. The seven member committee is exploring ways to address the transportation needs within the community.

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

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

On a motion by Ms. Tucker seconded by Mr. Woodson, Council unanimously voted to reappoint Tommy Wood a five year term on the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

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

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

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

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

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

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Ms. Tucker, Council unanimously voted to reappoint Wayne Pittman to a three year appointment on Troup Council on Aging.

On a motion by Mr. Woodson seconded by Mr. Gore, Council unanimously voted to reappoint Norma Tucker to a one year appointment on the Troup County FEMA Board

On a motion by Ms. Tucker seconded by Mr. Woodson, Council unanimously voted to reappoint Speer Burdette to a three year term on the Troup County Parks and Recreation Board.

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

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Woodson, Council unanimously voted to appoint Norma Tucker Mayor Pro-Tem for 2016.

On a motion by Ms. Tucker seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council unanimously voted to appoint Mark Mitchell as the voting delegate for a Special Membership Meeting at GMA Mayor's Day to be held on January 24, 2016 at 11:45 a.m.

In good news closing comments, Mr. Hall reported the City of LaGrange had been selected as the gas supplier for a 72 unit multi-family complex, Abbey Glenn, near the KIA manufacturing facility in West Point.

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

Mayor

Deputy City Manager, Administration/Finance