

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

March 8, 2016

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

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

Absent: Council Member Norma Tucker

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton the invocation was given by Reverend Michael Jackson, Confidence Missionary Baptist Church and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on February 23, 2016.

A public hearing was held to discuss a request to rezone 0 Ridley Avenue from R-2, Residential, to C-3, General Commercial. No comments were received and 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 AMEND THE ZONING MAP AND ORDINANCES OF THE CITY SO AS TO RECLASSIFY THE USE ZONE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED ON RIDLEY AVENUE AND OWNED BY JOHNNA D. SMITH; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

A public hearing was held to discuss a request to rezone 1523 Vernon Road from G-I, General Industrial, to C-3, General Commercial. No comments were received and 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 AMEND THE ZONING MAP AND ORDINANCES OF THE CITY SO AS TO RECLASSIFY THE USE ZONE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 1523 VERNON ROAD AND OWNED BY ANGAMPALLY G. RAJEEV; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a Community Development Block Grant application by the City of LaGrange to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. No comments were received and on a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution approving the submittal of a grant application for CDBG funding:

RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO OBTAIN
FY 2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS
TO MAKE MODIFICATION/REPAIRS/RENOVATIONS
TO CANNON STREET SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the City of LaGrange Mayor and Council has identified the need to make necessary modification to the Cannon Street School which houses four non-profit organizations;

WHEREAS, these organizations all provide a valuable service to the community at large, children, youth, and young adults and their families;

WHEREAS, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are sufficient to address identified needs of the facility;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has asked the staff to prepare an application to request funds during the 2016 fiscal grant funding cycle;

WHEREAS, the staff has prepared or had prepared the necessary documentations to submit to the Department of Community Affairs to request funding during the 2016 grant cycle;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have agreed to provide sufficient matching funds and in-kind services to complete this project;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City of LaGrange Mayor and Council will submit a FY 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to address the identified needs.

SO RESOLVED this _____ day of March, 2016

Mayor

Deputy City Manager

Ms. Threadgill reviewed a recommendation from the Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals to amend the General Industrial (GI) Zoning District to allow consumer firework retail sale facilities and stands as principal and accessory uses. During the 2015 legislative session the Georgia General Assembly enacted legislation which legalizes consumer fireworks to be sold and required local governments to adopt regulations allowing retail sales of larger fireworks within their community. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Woodson, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on April 12, 2016 to gain citizen input.

Ms. Threadgill reviewed an additional recommendation from the Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals to amend the C-1, Neighborhood and C-3, General Commercial zoning districts to amend regulations for exterior building requirements to provide flexibility for quality building materials to be approved by the Community Development Director that are not specifically outlined in the code. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on April 12, 2016 to gain citizen input.

Ms. Kelsey discussed a request to increase the amount of funding for demolition under the Memorandum of Understanding between Paramount Acquisitions, the City of LaGrange and Downtown LaGrange Development Authority. The City had designated up to \$300,000 to demolish the former Mansours building back in 2010. Recent bids solicited came in at \$321,780.

On a motion by Mr. Woodson seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council voted unanimously to increase the amount to \$321,780 to demolish the building.

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

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council voted unanimously to declare the following items as surplus:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>MODEL</u>	<u>SERIAL #</u>
2126	2007 Chevrolet	Impala	2G1WS55R979288733
2146	2003 Dodge	Intrepid	2B3HD46V83H500930
2168	2007 Chevrolet	Impala	2G1WS55R279284801
2178	1997 Ford	Crown Vic	2FALP71W3VX224754
2185	2009 Ford	Crown Vic	2FAHP71V49X147945
2192	2007 Chevrolet	Impala	2G1WS55R379287786
2195	1999 Ford	Crown Vic	2FAFP71WXXX238702
2313	2008 Chevrolet	Impala	2G1WS553189263077
3032	1999 Dodge	Ram	3B7KC26Z5XM524236
3146	1997 Ford	LT9513	1FDZS96T6VVA31024
4154	1995 Ford	555-D	A433670
4156	1996 Hudson	HTD18D	10HHTD1D6T1000074
4519	2005 Ford	Ranger	1FTYR10U85PA67543

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for Lead Inspection and Risk Assessor Services for the 2014 CHIP Grant.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Woodson, Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for Energy Audit Services for the 2014 CHIP Grant.

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 RETIREMENT PLAN FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED ADOPTION AGREEMENT AND ADDENDUM TO THE ADOPTION AGREEMENT; TO UPDATE THE PLAN TO COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE FEDERAL LAWS AND GUIDANCE; TO ALLOW SURVIVING SPOUSES OF PARTICIPANTS WHO DIE IN-SERVICE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE AUTO-A IN-SERVICE DEATH BENEFIT AND THE ALTERNATIVE DEATH BENEFIT; TO CLARIFY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR LUMP SUM DEATH BENEFIT; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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 DESIGNATE PERMIT PARKING AREAS WITHIN CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL STREETS IN THE CITY; TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMITTING OF SAME; TO PROVIDE FOR SIGNAGE, LIMITATIONS AND PENALTIES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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 AMEND THE TOW AWAY ZONES ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL STREETS AND AREAS WITHIN THE CIY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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 AMEND THE CODE SO AS TO MODIFY PARKING PROHIBITIONS RELATED TO THE FORMER CITY POOL PARKING LOT; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council unanimously voted to appoint Carrie Hightower to fill an unexpired term on the Troup County Board of Health.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Woodson, Council voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by City of LaGrange ("Participant") that Patrick Bowie is hereby appointed to serve as this Participant's primary voting delegate for the Electric Cities of Georgia, Inc. Board of Director Elections, with authority to cast all votes to which this Participant is entitled. Meg Kelsey is appointed as alternate voting delegate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions and ordinances, in actual conflict herewith be and the same shall thereupon stand superseded, repealed and terminated, respectively.

This _____ day of _____, 2016.

City of LaGrange

ATTEST:

Mayor

Clerk

[SEAL]

Ms. Kelsey reminded the Council of an upcoming GMA District 4 Spring meeting to be held on March 31, 2016 in Senoia, GA.

In good news closing comments, Ms. Kelsey reported that when comparing the City of LaGrange electric rates with other Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia members, recent surveys show that LaGrange electric rates are among the lowest of all MEAG members.

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

Mayor

Deputy City Manager, Administration/Finance