

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

October 13, 2020

IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS, THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS HELD AT DEL AVANT, 141 MAIN STREET, LAGRANGE, GA.

Present: Mayor Jim Thornton; Council Members Nathan Gaskin, Mark Mitchell, Tom Gore, Jim Arrington, Willie Edmondson, and LeGree McCamey

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Rev. Hugo Oropeza, First Hispanic Church of LaGrange, and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on September 22, 2020.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation to rezone property located adjacent to Hunnicutt Avenue. No comments were received and 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 ZONING MAP AND ORDINANCES OF THE CITY SO AS TO RECLASSIFY THE USE ZONE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED ADJACENT TO HUNNICUTT AVENUE AND OWNED BY PACOLET MILLIKEN ENTERPRISES, INC.; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation to include Farm Winery as a permitted use in the C-3 (General Commercial) Zoning District. No comments were received and 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 ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY SO AS TO MODIFY THE C-3 ZONING DISTRICT TO INCLUDE FARM WINERY AS A PERMITTED USE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Ms. Van Schoor introduced two of the 2020-2021 LaGrange Youth Council that could not attend the meeting on September 22, 2020. City Attorney Jeff Todd swore them in together and Mayor Thornton and Ms. Kelsey presented each of them with a LaGrange Youth Council pin.

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

Ms. Kelsey gave the Council an update on the City’s utility application policy, and the types of identification that are acceptable for credit assessment and identification. Based upon Ms. Kelsey’s recommendation, and upon motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to modify the appropriate policies necessary to accept Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for credit assessment purposes and a Consular Identification Card (CID) for the purposes of identification.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the submittal of the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Grant application. The Grant is a \$3 million grant for funding of The Thread.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to accept certain streets in Bryant Lake Subdivision, subject to the receipt of a letter of credit. Mayor Thornton continued to reside over the meeting but recused himself from any discussion or vote regarding this subject.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council voted unanimously to declare the following items as surplus and list them for sale on Govdeals.com.

**CITY OF LAGRANGE - OUT OF SERVICE
TO BE DECLARED SURPLUS**

VEHICLE #	MAKE/MODEL	VIN
3141	1986 Cat D7 Bulldozer	79Z01141
4350	1999 Ford 555E Backhoe	31015146
No #	1999 Straight Line Boring Machine	
3190	1996 Cat 826C Compactor	87X01869
3113	2006 Isuzu Packrat (Burnt)	JALE5B16867900424

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 ADOPT AND ASSESS A SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS; 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 NAME CERTAIN STREETS IN BRYANT LAKE SUBDIVISION; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to approve 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 NAME CERTAIN STREETS IN BRYANT LAKE SUBDIVISION; 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:

As provided in Section 15-5-6 of the Code of the City of LaGrange, those streets located within Bryant Lake Subdivision and shown as “Lana Lane, Loch Court, Grace Court and Lago Court,” respectively, within the bounds of Phase 1F on that drawing entitled “BRYANT LAKE SUBDIVISION, PHASE ONE-F” which drawing is attached hereto for the purposes of a more complete description, be and the same are hereby named: “Lana Lane, Loch Court, Grace Court and Lago Court.”

SECTION 2

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

SECTION 3:

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

INTRODUCED AND FIRST READING _____ September 22, 2020

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND ADOPTED _____ October 13, 2020

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ October 13, 2020

BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk

In good news, closing comments Ms. Van Schoor reported that we had an incredible start to the LLBTWFI pickup this weekend in the Hillside community with nearly 75 people participated in the event. She stated that the City is grateful to Mayor Pro Tem Nathan Gaskin for participating and our community partners, Kiwanis Club of LaGrange and DASH. We had members of Evangel Church & LaGrange Youth Council members. The next litter cleanup is Saturday, November 7th, 8:00 -10:00 a.m. in the LaGrange Academy parking lot. Ms. Van Schoor also recognized one of our very own LaGrange Youth Council members for helping to coordinate this cleanup – Zoie Mitchell. Also, since announcing starting back up the litter cleanup campaign, the City has had great feedback including from Lafayette Christian School for their Community Work Day. The City plans to partner with LCS and downtown LaGrange for a cleanup of downtown Tuesday, October 20th from 9:00 a.m. - noon and Wednesday, October 21st from 9:00 a.m. - noon.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m. by Mayor Thornton.

Mayor

City Clerk