

CITY OF LA GRANGE

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

CITY HALL / COMMUNITY CENTER @ 6:30 P.M.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024

CALL MEETING TO ORDER- Mayor Black calls meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT- Mayor Black and Beach Craigmyle, City Attorney.

APPROVAL TO RECORD MEETING MINUTES BY HEATHER WOODCOX-

Mayor Black requested approval from the council to allow Heather to take minutes of the meeting. Councilwoman Debbie Pollard made motion to approve, second by Councilwoman Elsie Carter. The motion in favor passed unanimously 7 to 0.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT-

*Kevin Cronin
*Andrea Essenpreis
*Elsie Carter
*Joe Davenport

*Debbie Pollard
*Trey Kamer
*Laura Taylor

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT-

*Bill Lammlien

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 5, 2024, AGENDA-

Mayor Black requested to add Hollenback and Oakley to the agenda, after item #5-Approval of minutes. Councilman Davenport motioned to approve the February agenda, second by Councilman Kamer. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 3, 2024, CITY COUNCIL MEETING-

Councilwoman Taylor made a correction to the minutes under Old Business. It was not Councilman Kamer that asked about the completion of the new I71 ramps, it was Councilwomen Taylor. Councilman Kamer made motion to approve January 3, 2024, City Council minutes with correction made, second by Councilman Davenport. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

HOLLENBACK & OAKLEY PRESENTAION-UPDATE FROM OLDA ON OLDHAM RESERVES PLANS-

John Hollenback and Greg Oakley displayed a PowerPoint presentation showing current and future plans for Oldham Reserves property. Announced that they expect the I71 ramps to be completed by April or sooner. In April 2023 they completed Master Infrastructure Plan and Budget update. Focus Items for 2024:

- *Start construction of new pump station and sanitary force main
- *Multifamily Development
- *Attract mixed-use retail and office users to the park.
- *Continue working with LGE/KU on potential sub-station site in Oldham Reserve.

Councilwoman Essenpreis asked if there would be any developments directly next to the I71 ramps. There will be smaller plats available for higher end/quicker service, like fast food places, but they think the sit-down restaurants will go further up the hill.

CITY ADMINISTRATION-

A. PAYABLES-

Councilwoman Taylor questioned about Public Works radios and Police vehicle maintenance performed at LaGrange Service Center. Councilman Kamer made motion to approve payables, second by Councilwoman Pollard. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

B. FINANCIAL REPORT TRIAL BALANCES & BANK BALANCES / INVESTMENT REPORT-

Councilman Kamer made motion to approve both reports, second by Councilwoman Carter. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Lee Crawford- spoke during public comment.

Stephanie Wenthler, accompanied by Polly, Director of Oldham Co. Animal Control. –

Resident's 2 dogs in Falcon Ridge escaped their fence from their backyard and attacked another resident's dog. Owners of the dogs that escaped have taken full responsibility and are following all current restrictions required by law.

MAIN STREET DIRECTOR'S REPORT- TERESA BOLING (NOT PRESENT)

TOURISM COMMISSION REPORT- DONNA SABO

Currently working on an interactive map. In the design process on T-shirts for merchants on Main St. The Commission is currently prepping for the new year's budget and will be presenting it to the Council for approval soon. Councilman Kamer discussed the possibility of the Tourism Committee allocating funds to help with concrete work need at the North Oldham Little League Baseball Fields for the upcoming State Tournaments that are being held there. Councilman Kamer also discussed Tourism's involvement with the new office facility and exactly how much the Committee would be willing to put towards the project. She will be presenting these items to the Committee and will report back at the March City Council Meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT-

JOSH RAHM-LAGRANGE UTILITIES-

75% of the new sewer plant project completed. Fort Pickens project, still waiting on materials. Councilwomen Carter made motion to approve report, second by Councilwomen Pollard. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

COREY RUSNAK- PUBLIC WORKS-

Reported on Springs Park Phase 2-still waiting on the design plans for the Restrooms. Met previous week about the fill sight at Eagle Creek, could possibly provide about 113 parking spaces. Meeting with Dam specialist next week. They will be starting construction on the cart paths tomorrow. Planning to start sidewalks on Kentucky St. down to Anita Springs.

GREG COLLETT- POLICE DEPARTMENT-

Reported on incidents and citations from January. Received a new Ford SUV and sending it to be upfitted. They have had roof issues at the Police Department. Reminded everyone to make sure to remove valuables from their vehicles and lock them due to an increase in vehicles being broken into.

STEVEN HALL- PARKS AND RECREATION-

Volleyball league started on 2-4-24. Pickleball League will be starting in 2 weeks. They are currently working on the development of the gym upstairs. Reported the next few months are fully booked on room rentals for the community center.

STEPHANIE WENTHER- CODE ENFORCEMENT-

Currently collecting Compensation Tax payments. They will be sending out Business license renewals in March. Reported that Aaron (Code Enforce. Assistant) will be working on the City's website. Next Code Board Meeting is February 8 at 1:00PM, located at City Hall.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT- CONTINUED

DENNIS MCCORMICK-FINANCIAL DIRECTOR

Announced that a new investment account was created with money that was previously earning little to nothing in interest and is now earning about 5% interest. Asked Council for approval to be added as a designate authorized signatory on all the city's current bank accounts. Councilman Kamer made motion to approve Mr. McCormick, second by Councilwoman Pollard. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 1-2024-

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 50 AND 52 OF THE LA GRANGE ORDINANCE CODE RELATING TO ADMINISTRATION OF LA GRANGE UTILITIES COMMISSION, A SPECIAL PURPOSE GOVERNMENT ENTITY, AND CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO ITS WATERWORKS SYSTEM-

Councilwoman Carter made motion to approve Ordinance 1-2024, second by Councilman Cronin. Councilwoman Pollard made motion to go into Public Comment, second by Councilman Kamer. Councilman Kamer made motion to close Public Comment, second by Councilwoman Pollard. Councilman Kamer and Mayor Black questioned if the ordinance passed, would the city have to disband the Utility Commission. Legal Council from KLC did not recommend disbanding the Commission due to bonds and properties that are currently under that Commission's name. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 2-2024 FOR FIRST READING-

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO RELEASE OF LIGHTER THAN AIR OBJECTS

Attorney Craigmyle summarized Ordinance 2-2024 for first reading. The second reading and public hearing will be March 4, 2024.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 3-2024 FOR FIRST READING-

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF LAGRANGE REVISING, AMENDING, RESTATING, CODIFYING, AND COMPILING CERTAIN EXISTING GENERAL ORDINANCES.

Attorney Craigmyle summarized Ordinance 3-2024 for first reading. Addressed the importance of this ordinance. The second reading and public hearing will be March 4, 2024.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 4-2024 FOR FIRST READING-

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE AND ADOPTING THE HISTORIC DISTRICT GUIDELINES.

Attorney Craigmyle requested to hold off this Ordinance due to the Historic District Commission currently discussing changes in their guidelines.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 5-2024 FOR FIRST READING-

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Black summarized Ordinance 5-2024 for first reading. Reported that the Ordinance Committee voted in favor of it to be present to Council. The second reading and public hearing will be March 4, 2024.

CPI COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR MAYORS AND LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBERS.-

Councilwoman Carter made motion to accept the CPI Cost of Living Adjustment of 3.4%, second by Councilman Davenport. Councilman Kamer questioned when the increase would go into effect. It would be retroactive back to January 1, 2024. Councilwoman Taylor questioned if this was something that had to be passed by ordinance. It does not have to be passed by ordinance.

REAPPOINTMENT OF DEBBIE POLLARD TO THE LAGRANGE UTILITY COMMISSION FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM FROM 2/1/2024-2/1/2025.

Councilwoman Carter made motion to reappointment Councilwoman Pollard, second by Councilman Davenport. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

REAPPOINTMENT OF SUSAN BOREN TO THE TOURISM COMMISSION FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM FROM 2/5/2024 TO 2/5/2026.

Councilwoman Pollard made motion to reappointment Susan Boren, second by Councilwoman Essenpreis. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

APPROVAL TO HIRE LISA LONG FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION.

Councilwoman Pollard made motion to hire Lisa Long for the Administrative Assistant position, second by Councilman Davenport. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT– TREY KAMER** –309 West Main Street project, demolition of interior complete. Meeting with the engineer to review plans and will be taking it to the Committee to review the cost. Eagle Creek’s groundbreaking had a great turnout. Special meeting will be February 8, 2024, at 5:00 pm at 309 W. Main St. Regular meeting will be held on February 15, at 5:00 pm.
- B. **BUDGET REPORT– JOE DAVENPORT** –7 Counties presented at the last Committee meeting. Next meeting will be held on February 15, 2024, at 6:00 pm at City Hall.
- C. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT– ANDREA ESSENPREIS**– January meeting discussed the cemetery issue. Next meeting will be February 21, 2024, at 5:00pm at City Hall.
- D. **STREETS & ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT– KEVIN CRONIN** – Discussed new elementary school. Next meeting will be held on February 21, 2024, at 5:00 pm at City Hall.
- E. **ORDINANCE REPORT– ELSIE CARTER** – Next meeting to be held on February 27, 2024, at 5:00 pm at City Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

No public comment

OLD BUSINESS- NONE

NEW BUSINESS- NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES-

~~Next meeting will be Monday March 4, at 6:30 p.m.~~

EXECUTIVE SESSION- KRS 61.810-(1)(b)

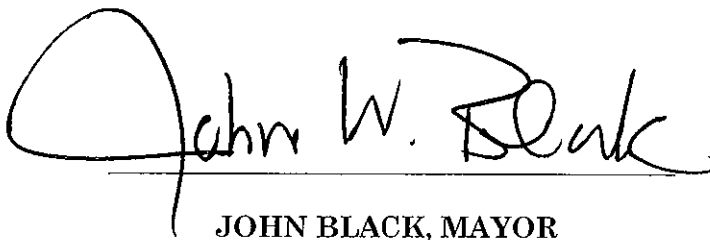
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Councilwoman Pollard made motion to go into Executive Session, second by Councilwoman Essenpreis. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

Councilman Davenport made motion to go back into regular session, second by Councilman Cronin. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

ADJOURN-

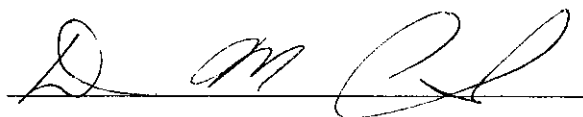
Councilman Kamer made motion to adjourn at 9:41 p.m., second by Councilman Davenport. The motion in favor of passed unanimously, 7 to 0.



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JOHN BLACK, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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