

CITY OF LA GRANGE

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

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

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024

CALL MEETING TO ORDER- Mayor Black calls meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

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

APPROVAL TO RECORD MEETING MINUTES BY HEATHER WOODCOX-

Mayor Black requested approval from the council to allow Heather Woodcox to take minutes of the meeting. Councilmen Davenport made motion to approve, second by Councilwoman Pollard. The motion in favor passed unanimously 6 to 0.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT-

*Kevin Cronin
*Trey Kamer
*Elsie Carter

*Debbie Pollard
* Laura Taylor
*Joe Davenport

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT-

*Andrea Essenpreis
* Bill Lammlien

APPROVAL OF April 8, 2024, AGENDA-

Councilwoman Pollard made motion to approve April 8, 2024, Agenda, second by Councilman Davenport. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 6 to 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 4, 2024, CITY COUNCIL MEETING-

Councilwoman Carter made motion to approve March 4, 2024, City Council minutes, second by Councilman Cronin. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 6 to 0.

CITY ADMINISTRATION-

A. PAYABLES-

Councilman Cronin made motion to approve payables, second by Councilman Davenport. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 6 to 0.

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

Councilman Kamer made motion to approve both reports, second by Councilman Davenport. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 6 to 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

*Eagle Scout-Will be putting up the dog tags for the 43 veterans-May 4th to put up dog tags on flag poles. Should Tags face the same direction of the banners. Mayor suggested facing the sidewalk side so they can be seen.

*Kevin Jefferies- County Magistrate- wanted to thank all the emergency responders for all their help and service provided during and after the bad storm/tornado on Tuesday April 2.

MAIN STREET DIRECTOR'S REPORT- RUSS MORRIS

*In the process of looking for a new Main Street Director. The Farmers Market starts on Saturday April 20th. Blue Hydrangea coming up. Had a great turn out for Derby Day Parade. Pat Day attended and all the children seem to have had a great time!

TOURISM COMMISSION REPORT- DONNA SABO

Has been working closely with JR about the LaGrange Historic signs. Kim Buckler handles all of the LaGrange Tourism signs. The maximum number of 3 signs legally aloud, the current ones are grandfathered in so they cannot change or modified. Wanted to mention that the restaurant and gas station sign was taken down possibly because of the construction. Feb 2025 will be the 175th anniversary of the first train that came through LaGrange. Will have a budget for council to approve at next month's meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT-

SCOTT TREECE-LAGRANGE UTILITIES-

Madison Project- Lines are complete, testing being done and expected to start hooking residents up. The Oldham Reserve project- is under review by the Division of water. Updated Cost Estimate- \$4,750,000. (\$100,000 of that is to move dirt pile on current easement). Planning to start updating and replacing lines in the Courts. Councilwoman Carter made motion to approve report, second by Councilwoman Pollard. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 6-0.

COREY RUSNAK- PUBLIC WORKS- NOT PRESENT

BRUCE GOODFLIESH- POLICE DEPARTMENT-

1000 CALLS FOR SERVICE, NO INCIDENTS DURING SPRING BREAK. HAD ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CAR STOLLEN RECOVERING USING THE FLOCK CAMERA.

STEVEN HALL- PARKS AND RECREATION-

Announced and sold out within 18 hours for mother/daughter dance, the last skate night April 12, replaced fencing at North Oldham Little League ball bark, upstairs gym almost completed.

STEPHANIE WENTHER- CODE ENFORCEMENT- Aaron Sullivan

City Cleanup day is on April 20th. Currently collecting annual Business License fees.

DENNIS MCCORMICK-FINANCIAL DIRECTOR

Mentioned Auditor will be present this coming Thursday.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT- TREY KAMER -

Wanted to thank the parks department for fixing part of the North Oldham ballfield fencing. Also wanted to thank Corey and his department for cart path construction and walls***, North Oldham Little League parade will be this Saturday, April 13. Will be giving them a check for \$100,000, to help with expenses on lighting and other maintenance at the ballfield. The parade starts at 8:45am. Would like to present check at the end of the parade during the presentation. Discussed entrance to Springs Park reconstruction, voted on one entrance and having 2 exit ways. Eagle Creek Clubhouse-hired project manager to help during the building process. Reported that the dirt needed for project was brought up to the OLDA board and approved providing dirt from Oldham Reserves needed for Eagle Creek project. Handed out and reviewed design plans for 309 W. Main construction. Reported that about \$600,000 total of which \$281,701 is the estimated funds the City would be responsible for if they choose to approve proceeding with the current proposed renovations at 309 W. Main Street.

Short Recess at 8:34 pm
Back in session at 8:44pm

Councilman Davenport made a motion to accept proposed renovation cost for 309 W. Main St., second by Councilman Kamer. Roll Call- 3 yes & 3 no. Mayor's vote- Yes. Motion passes 4 yes-3 no. Next meeting will be April 10, at 6:00pm located at City Hall.

B. BUDGET REPORT- JOE DAVENPORT -

Reported that he has been attending the Alley Loop meetings and walked the alleys with John Stewart. Budget meeting on March 11th, there was a presentation from the Railroad Museum representatives, OC Chamber, Tourism, and Main Street Program, to request funds for upcoming budget. Next meeting will be April 10, 2024, at 5:00pm located at City Hall.

C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT– Kevin Cronin–

The March meeting was canceled. Councilman Cronin sent an email to OLDA about best economic growth practices.

D. STREETS & ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT– Bill Lammlien –

*Not present and March meeting was canceled.

E. ORDINANCE REPORT– ELSIE CARTER –

Last Tuesday of the month- employee handbook, sign ordinance, and historic district guidelines.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

Donna Sabo- Saturday April 20th, F3 Group- convergence- group of men will be on main street for fellowship and workout- 7-8am

OLD BUSINESS- Trey Kamer- KU still has not replaced all of the streetlights that were out.

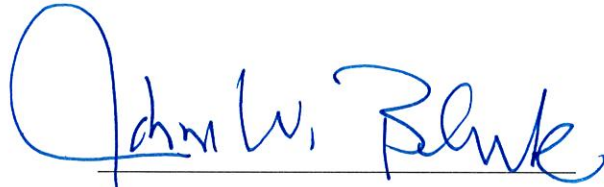
NEW BUSINESS-NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES-

Next meeting will be Monday May 6, at 6:30 p.m.

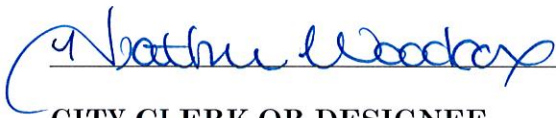
ADJOURN-

Councilman Davenport made motion to adjourn at 9:30pm, second by Councilwoman Pollard. The motion in favor of passed unanimously, 6 to 0.



JOHN BLACK, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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