

# CITY OF LA GRANGE

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

CITY HALL / COMMUNITY CENTER @ 6:30 P.M.  
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER-** Mayor Black calls the meeting to order at 6:31 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 Woodcox to record the minutes of the meeting. Councilman Davenport made motion to approve, second by Councilwoman Essenpreis. The motion in favor passed unanimously 8 to 0.

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT-**

\*KEVIN CRONIN   \*ANDREA ESSENPREIS   \*DEBBIE POLLARD  
\*TREY KAMER   \*BILL LAMMLEIN   \*LAURA TAYLOR  
\*ELSIE CARTER   \*JOE DAVENPORT

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT-**

\*N/A

### **APPROVAL OF JUNE 3, 2024, AGENDA-**

Mayor Black announced that Ordinance 7 (adoption of new employee handbook), was to be postponed until the July meeting. Mayor Black also requested Municipal Order #2, which was item #4 on the agenda to be removed. Councilman Davenport made the motion to approve said changes to the agenda, second by Councilwoman Pollard. Motion in favor passed unanimously 8-0.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 6, 2024, CITY COUNCIL MEETING-**

Councilwoman Pollard made motion to approve May 6, 2024, City Council minutes, second by Councilman Cronin. The motion in favor passed unanimously 8 to 0.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATION-**

#### **A. PAYABLES-**

Councilman Davenport made motion to approve payables, second by Councilman Lammlein. The motion in favor passed unanimously 8 to 0.

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

Councilwoman Carter made motion to approve both reports, second by Councilwoman Pollard. The motion in favor passed unanimously 8 to 0.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT –**

\*Kevin Jefferies, Oldham County Magistrate- Gave an update on the new I71 ramps and discussed the plan for HWY 53 closure for bridge repairs.

### **MAIN STREET DIRECTOR'S REPORT- KAREN ELDRIDGE**

Introduced Gabrielle Sands-LaGrange Main Street's Office Manager. Announced that they will be starting the interview process for the new Main Street Director. Discussed purchase options for a new stage and will be looking into a couple of options. Councilwoman Pollard suggested speaking to the county and see if they would consider donating funds towards the purchase of a new stage.

### **TOURISM COMMISSION REPORT- DONNA SABO-**

Councilman Davenport made motion to approve the 2024-2025 Tourism annual budget, second by Councilwoman Essenpreis. motion in favor passed unanimously 8 to 0.

Requested to reappoint Shirley Thompson to the Tourism Commission for a two-year term from 6/3/2024 to 6/3/2026. Councilwoman Carter made motion to approve, second by Councilman Kamer. The motion in favor passed unanimously 8 to 0.



**TOURISM COMMISSION REPORT- DONNA SABO- CONTINUED...**

**NEW APPOINTMENT OF JAMIE BOWLING TO THE TOURISM COMMISSION FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM FROM 6/3/24 TO 6/3/26.**

Councilman Davenport made motion to approve new appointment, second by Councilwoman Pollard. The motion in favor passed unanimously 8 to 0.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT-**

**\*SCOTT TREECE-LAGRANGE UTILITIES-**

- Madison Line- at the clean-up and restoration stage, paving is to start next week.
- Fort Pickens project- 75% completed.
- Sewer rehab project- engineers are currently in town working on the project.
- Councilman Davenport made motion to approve report, second by Councilman Cronin. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 8-0.

**\*COREY RUSNAK- PUBLIC WORKS-**

- Kentucky Street sidewalk construction is almost complete.

**\*CHIEF COLLETT- POLICE DEPARTMENT-**

- Currently hiring-they have 1 officer in the interview process.
- A new vehicle is currently being equipped and should be ready in 1-2 weeks.

**\*STEVEN HALL- PARKS AND RECREATION-**

- Announced updates about the July 5 event at Springs Park.
- Announced that the Mosaic dedication will be on June 29<sup>th</sup>.
- The splash pad is now open.

**\*STEPHANIE WENTHER- CODE ENFORCEMENT-**

- Just finished collecting annual business licenses and collecting for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter compensation tax. Councilwoman Essenpreis asked if there had been an increase in business licenses, Stephanie stated that she is always seeing increases.

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 8, SERIES 2024-**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF LAGRANGE, KENTUCKY ANNUAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025-**

Councilwoman Pollard made motion to approve Ordinance 8, Series 2024, second by Councilman Kamer. Motion made by Councilman Kamer to go into public hearing, second by Councilwoman Carter. The motion in favor passed unanimously 8 to 0. No public comment. Councilwoman Pollard made motion to close public hearing, second by Councilwoman Essenpreis. The motion in favor passed unanimously 8 to 0. Open discussion among City Council. Mayor Black does a roll call vote:

LAMMLIEN-YES	DAVENPORT-YES	POLLARD-YES	CRONIN-YES
ESSENPREIS-YES	KAMER-YES	CARTER-YES	TAYLOR-NO

Motion in favor of passed 7-YES / 1-NO.

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 9, SERIES 2024-**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF LAGRANGE, KENTUCKY ALCOHOL REGULATORY FEES BUDGET FOR THE FISCALYEAR JULY 1, 2024, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025.**

Councilwoman Essenpreis made motion to approve Ordinance 9, Series 2024, second by Councilman Kamer. Motion made by Councilwoman Pollard to go into public hearing, second by Councilman Kamer. The motion in favor passed unanimously 8 to 0. No public comment. Councilwoman Carter made motion to close public hearing, second by Councilwoman Pollard. The motion in favor passed unanimously 8 to 0. Open discussion among City Council. Mayor Black does a roll call vote:

LAMMLIEN-YES	DAVENPORT-YES	POLLARD-YES	CRONIN-YES
ESSENPREIS-YES	KAMER-YES	CARTER-YES	TAYLOR-YES

Motion in favor of passed 8-YES / 0-NO.



**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 10, SERIES 2024-**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF LAGRANGE, KENTUCKY ANNUAL CITY BUS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025.**

Councilwoman Pollard made motion to approve Ordinance 10, Series 2024, second by Councilwoman Essenpreis. Motion made by Councilwoman Carter to go into public hearing, second by Councilman Kamer. The motion in favor passed unanimously 8 to 0. No public comment. Councilwoman Essenpreis made motion to close public HEARING, second by Councilman Kamer. The motion in favor passed unanimously 8 to 0. Open discussion among City Council. Mayor Black does a roll call vote:

LAMMLIEN-YES            DAVENPORT-YES                            POLLARD-YES                            CRONIN-YES  
ESSENPREIS-YES        KAMER-YES                                 CARTER-YES                            TAYLOR-YES

Motion in favor of passed 8-YES / 0-NO.

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 11, SERIES 2024-**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF LAGRANGE, KENTUCKY ANNUAL STORM WATER MS4 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025.**

Councilman Kamer made motion to approve Ordinance 11, Series 2024, second by Councilwoman Essenpreis. Motion made by Councilwoman Pollard to go into public hearing, second by Councilman Kamer. The motion in favor passed unanimously 8 to 0. No public comment. Councilwoman Pollard made motion to close public hearing, second by Councilwoman Carter. The motion in favor passed unanimously 8 to 0. Open discussion among City Council. Mayor Black does a roll call vote:

LAMMLIEN-YES            DAVENPORT-YES                            POLLARD-YES                            CRONIN-YES  
ESSENPREIS-YES        KAMER-YES                                 CARTER-YES                            TAYLOR-YES

Motion in favor of passed 8-YES / 0-NO.

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 12, SERIES 2024-**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF LAGRANGE, KENTUCKY ANNUAL MUNICIPAL ROAD AID FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025.**

Councilman Kamer made motion to approve Ordinance 12, Series 2024, second by Councilwoman Carter. Motion made by Councilwoman Pollard to go into public hearing, second by Councilwoman Essenpreis. The motion in FAVOR passed unanimously 8 to 0. No public comment. Councilwoman Kamer made motion to close public hearing, second by Councilwoman Essenpreis. The motion in favor passed unanimously 8 to 0. Open discussion among City Council. Mayor Black does a roll call vote:

LAMMLIEN-YES            DAVENPORT-YES                            POLLARD-YES                            CRONIN-YES  
ESSENPREIS-YES        KAMER-YES                                 CARTER-YES                            TAYLOR-YES

Motion in favor of passed 8-YES / 0-NO.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**\*PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT- TREY KAMER -**

- At the last committee meeting, 2 individuals gave a presentation, asking for a 2-year lease at the Community Center for continuing education and English classes.
- Eagle Creek project- currently making selection on materials like bricks, stones, and colors. the foundation and basement have been poured. They have also been discussing expanding the parking lot.
- 309 W. Main Street house project-Permits have been submitted to the County.
- Next Committee Meeting- June 12 @ 6:00pm.

**\*BUDGET REPORT- JOE DAVENPORT -**

- Discussed grants for Main Street. Teresa Boling is requesting a donation from the Opioid Settlement Funds for a Children's Drug Prevention Program.
- Mayor would like the Economic Development Committee to handle how the City's 50/50 grant should and/or could be spent.
- Next Committee Meeting- June 12 @ 5:00pm.

**\*ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT- ANDREA ESSENPREIS-**

- Met with KIPTA at the last Committee Meeting and discussed House Bill 723, which is a federal grant that the state will match. The City would present a project to KIPTA and then KIPTA would walk the city through the process to prepare the grant.
- Next Committee Meeting- June 19 @ 6:30pm.



**\*STREETS & ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT- BILL LAMMLIEN -**

-Discussed the speed limit on S. Hwy 53 at the last Committee meeting. Police will be conducting a survey.

-Next Committee meeting- June 19 @ 5:30pm.

**\*ORDINANCE REPORT- ELSIE CARTER -**

-Councilwoman Carter announced that she would like to do a general ordinance review and requested a copy of the City's Ordinances.

-Next Committee Meeting- June 25 @ 5:30pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-**

\*NO COMMENT

**OLD BUSINESS-**

\*NO COMMENT

**NEW BUSINESS-**

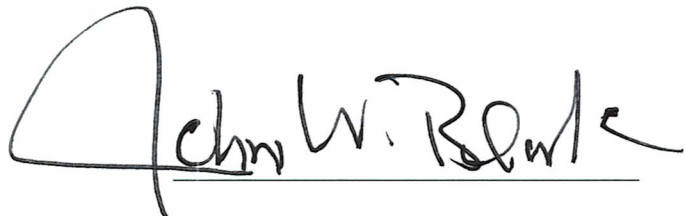
\*NO COMMENT

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPDATES-**

The next City Council meeting will be July 1, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURN-**

Councilman Davenport made motion to adjourn, second by Councilman Cronin. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 8 to 0.

  
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JOHN BLACK, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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CITY CLERK OR DESIGNEE

