

CITY OF LA GRANGE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY HALL / COMMUNITY CENTER @ 6:30 P.M.
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024

CALL MEETING TO ORDER- Mayor Black calls meeting to order at 6:36 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 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 *Debbie Pollard
*Trey Kamer * Bill Lammlien
*Elsie Carter *Joe Davenport

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT-

*Andrea Essenpreis
*Laura Taylor

APPROVAL OF MARCH 4, 2024, AGENDA-

Councilwoman Pollard made motion to approve March 4, 2024, Agenda, second by Councilwoman Carter. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 6 to 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 5, 2024, CITY COUNCIL MEETING-

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

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

Councilman Davenport noted that he had a couple questions, but they were answered by the Finance Director, Dennis McCormick prior to the meeting starting.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT -

-OPERATION PARENT-PRESENTATION- Displayed a PowerPoint presentation and a short video about their upcoming TNT Event. Councilman Kamer recommended requesting that the county match what the city can appropriate and then decide from there. Councilman Lammlien made motion, second by Councilwoman Carter, to fund \$20,000 out of the City's National Opioid Grant Funds. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 6-0. Mayor offered to request that the county match those funds and if the county is not able to, then the City will meet to decide if more funds can be allocated.

Mayor Black- read a message from Lee Crawford, who could not be present during the meeting.

MAIN STREET DIRECTOR'S REPORT- TERESA BOLING

Presented January's report and a long with their yearly report. The new stage has been approved, that will be used at some of the Trackside Tunes events, but they will use the old stage as well. Trackside Tunes have been extended from May to October. All the bands have been booked. The Main Street Derby Day Event is coming up and Pat Day will attend. There will be Pony Rides, Craft Show, Fashion Show, and a lot of activities for kids and families to participate in. They have started a weekly newsletter. There are 3 properties on Main Street for sale now.

TOURISM COMMISSION REPORT- DONNA SABO

At their February Board meeting they discussed construction plans at 309 W. Main.

They recently donated grant funds to the following:

\$5,000 to the Historic Museum to create a walkway.

\$1,000 to LaGrange Farmers Market

\$27,000-to Main Street Program

DIRECTOR'S REPORT-

SCOTT TREECE-LAGRANGE UTILITIES-

Madison Project- Project projected to be completed by May 15th.

Oldham Reserve project- is under review.

Technical Review coming up for Zhale Smith and Massie School rd., Franklin and W. Madison and possible car wash going in where Ponderosa was.

Planning to start updating and replacing lines in the Courts.

LaGrange Utilities will be taking over the service at the new golf course clubhouse. Oldham County currently services the golf course.

Councilman Kamer made motion to approve report, second by Councilwoman Pollard. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 6-0.

COREY RUSNAK- PUBLIC WORKS- NOT PRESENT

GREG COLLETT- POLICE DEPARTMENT-

Stated that residents need to make sure to only call the Department's office phone line for non-emergency conditions like needing a copy of a report or citation. If it is a situation where an officer needs to respond, call Oldham County Dispatch at (502) 222-0111.

The department currently has 2 surplus vehicles and needs approval from Council, so they can be sent to auction, or they can utilize our services with Enterprise Fleet. Councilman Davenport made motion approving the Department to surplus the 2 vehicles, second by Councilman Kamer. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 6-0.

STEVEN HALL- PARKS AND RECREATION-

Reported that they would be starting to paint the gym within the next week. Councilman Lammlin requested that the Community Center be referred to by its accurate name of the James D. Beaumont Community Center. Planning to try and bring back Friday night Dancing in the Streets, which is normally held on the Friday night before Oldham County Day.

STEPHANIE WENTHER- CODE ENFORCEMENT- NOT PRESENT

DENNIS MCCORMICK-FINANCIAL DIRECTOR

Gave an update on the progress of the current audit in progress. There was a conference call held that morning with the auditor and they are expecting to have the 2021-2022 audit completed and presented during the May 2024 City Council meeting.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2-2024-

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO RELEASE OF LIGHTER THAN AIR OBJECTS

Councilwoman Carter made motion to adopt Ordinance 2-2024, second by Councilman Lammlin. Motion made by Councilwoman Pollard to open public hearing, second by Councilman Lammlin. Councilwoman Pollard made motion to close public hearing and go back into regular session, second by Councilman

Cronin. Councilman Cronin questioned if there were any exemptions with the floating lanterns. Mayor Black does a roll call vote:

Lammlein- YES Pollard- YES Carter- YES
Davenport-YES Cronin- NO Kamer- YES

The motion in favor of passed 5-YES-1-NO.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 3-2024-

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

Attorney Craignyle reviewed the ordinance. Councilman Davenport made motion to adopt Ordinance 3-2024, second by Councilman Cronin. Councilwoman Carter made motion to open public hearing, second by Councilwoman Pollard. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 6-0. No comment. Councilman Davenport made motion to close public hearing, second by Councilman Cronin. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 6-0. Ordinance passes unanimously 6-0.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 5-2024-

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Kamer gave a brief presentation on the research that has been done on City's with similar populations and explained that as of two years ago, the City of LaGrange was ranked in the twenty-five percent rage regarding the salaries of elected officials. Councilman Davenport explained that if the Ordinance passed, the new rate would not go into effect until January 1, 2025. Motion made by Councilwoman Carter to adopt Ordinance 5-2024, second by Councilman Lammlein. Councilwoman Pollard made motion to open public hearing, second by Councilman Kamer. Councilman Davenport made motion to close public hearing, second by Councilman Cronin. Motion passes unanimously 6-0. Mayor Black does a roll call vote:

Lammlein- YES Pollard- YES Carter- YES
Davenport-YES Cronin- NO Kamer- YES

The motion in favor of passed 5-YES-1-NO.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 6-2024 FOR FIRST READING-

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING 3.726 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT ZHALE SMITH ROAD AND HIGHWAY 53-

Attorney Craignyle gave summary of Ordinance 6-2024. The property owner is requesting that the property be annexed into the city limits.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT– TREY KAMER –

Reported that they have been working on the contract for the restaurant at the new Eagle Creek Club House. Construction continuing at 309 W. Main St. Info coming soon from North Oldham Little League. There have been recent discussions relating to updating and increasing parking at the golf course. The Special Committee Meeting will be held on March 6, 2024, at 5:00pm located at City Hall. Regular Meeting will be held on March 13, 2024, at 5:00pm, and will be meeting at 309 W. Main St.

B. BUDGET REPORT– JOE DAVENPORT –

Councilwoman Pollard reported that Latasha Booker Bishop, Karen Horton, and Demetrius Booker attended the last committee meeting requesting funds for the upcoming Juneteenth Celebration that is held at the Oldham County History Museum. Councilman Kamer made motion to fund \$2,500 from the interest that has accrued in the ARPA Investment account, and that the payment be made out to the Oldham County History Center, designated for the Juneteenth Celebration. Second by Councilwoman Pollard. Motion passes unanimously 6-0. Next meeting will be March 11, 2024, at 6:00pm located at City Hall.

C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT- Kevin Cronin-

Councilman Cronin reported that the committee met on February 21st. Next meeting will be March 20th @ 6:00pm.

D. STREETS & ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT- Bill Lammlien -

The committee had visitors from Prestwick Estates requesting reimbursement for sidewalk repairs that were done by private contractors. The committee requested proper documentation needed to reimburse said expenses. Received survey for right-of-way at the corner of HWY 53 and Adams Street but it did not have dimensions on it.

D. ORDINANCE REPORT- ELSIE CARTER -

Currently working on the Sign Ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

No public comment

OLD BUSINESS-

Councilman Kamer- would like council to have a special meeting, if possible, to discuss things council would like to see in Oldham Reserves.

10 min Break- @ 8:42pm

Back in session @ 8:54pm

Discussion continued with different suggestions and opinions on possible business for Oldham Reserves, that would be great for LaGrange.

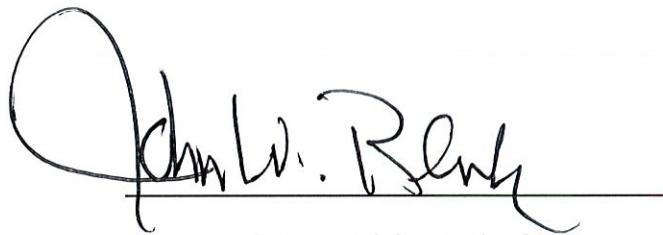
NEW BUSINESS-NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES-

Next meeting will be Monday April 8, at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURN-

Councilman Kamer made motion to adjourn at 9:45pm, second by Councilman Davenport. The motion in favor of passed unanimously, 6 to 0.



JOHN BLACK, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK OR DESIGNEE