

**MINUTES
LA GRANGE CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 7, 2023**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER Mayor Black calls meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT John Black, Mayor and Stephanie Cooper, City Clerk

Beach Craigmyle, City Attorney, was present.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT Trey Kamer, Debbie Pollard, Laura Taylor, Elsie Carter, Bill Lammlin, Kevin Cronin and Andrea Essenpreis. Joe Davenport was absent.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2023 AGENDA Councilwoman Carter made motion to approve August 2023 agenda, second by Councilman Cronin. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 3, 2023, CITY COUNCIL MEETING Councilman Kamer made motion to approve minutes from July 3, 2023, City Council meeting, second by Councilwoman Essenpreis. The motion in favor of passed unanimously, 7 to 0.

CITY ADMINISTRATION

A. PAYABLES – Councilwoman Pollard made motion to approve, second by Councilwoman Carter. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

B. FINANCIAL REPORT TRIAL BALANCES – Councilman Lammlin made motion to approve, second by Councilwoman Pollard. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

C. BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENT REPORT – Councilwoman Pollard made motion to approve, second by Councilwoman Carter. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT Valerie Shannon, 306 North 5th, spoke to City Council about the alley behind her residence. Denise Watts-Wilson said she had no luck with the youth council. Ethan Boling, 305 East Main Street, told City Council about the new business Escape Room. Kelly Rogers, 521 Madison, spoke to City Council about the alley next to her house that goes behind Valerie Shannon’s house at 306 North 5th Street.

MAIN STREET DIRECTOR’S REPORT – TERESA BOLING Teresa Boling does a monthly report.

TOURISM COMMISSION REPORT No report

SUPERINTENDENT JASON RADFORD WITH OLDHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS Jason Radford shared presentation with City Council on the upcoming new school year.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 13-2023 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LA GRANGE AT 2219 NORTH HWY 53 DOLLAR GENERAL STORE

Ryan Fischer, Senior Planner with Oldham County Planning and Development, presented a summary of the application. Jim Silliman, Oldham County Engineer presented the permitting requirements, blue line stream, basin and letter of map amendment. Councilwoman Carter made motion to approve, second by Councilman Cronin. Councilwoman Pollard made motion to go into public hearing, second by Councilwoman Essenpreis. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0. Michael Swansburg, Swansburg & Smith, PLLC, 117 Main Street, La Grange, was present and representing the applicant. Re-zoning of 1.410 acres of property from CO-1 to C-1 to build a Dollar General Store. Will Stevens, Vantage Engineering, discussed sidewalks and state highway does not support sidewalks. Jay Hall, owner of land, commented on Dollar General Store being built on north side of Hwy. 53 and as long as it is permitted by law Jay Hall will put in a deed restriction to not have an adult entertainment. Councilman Lammlein made motion to go out of public hearing, second by Councilwoman Pollard. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0. Discussion among City Council. Councilwoman Carter made an amendment to her motion to amend the #5 binding element to read as "Applicant shall pay the cost of adding sidewalks in KYTC right of way once they are extended to the property." Mayor Black does a roll call vote: Taylor-yes, Kamer-no, Cronin-yes, Carter-yes, Essenpreis-yes, Pollard-yes and Lammlein-yes. The motion passes with 6-yes to 1-no (*Kamer*).

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 14-2023 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE OLDHAM COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE

Second reading and public hearing will be Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

SCOT TREECE – LA GRANGE UTILITIES – Councilman Cronin made motion to accept report, second by Councilman Kamer. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

COREY RUSNAK – PUBLIC WORKS – Absent

MAJOR BRUCE GOODFLEISCH – LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Collett was absent and did July 2023 activity report.

STEPHEN HALL – PARKS AND RECREATION – One year anniversary on Springs Park, rentals are up, livestream of City Council meetings

STEPHANIE WENTHER – CODE ENFORCEMENT – violations and parking issues

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT** – Phase 2 starting date at Springs Park, Eagle Creek Golf Course, 309 West Main; recommendation of purchase on Perkinson property adjacent to Springs Park for \$325,000.

- B. **BUDGET REPORT** – JOE DAVENPORT – Councilman Davenport was absent, and Councilman Kamer gave a report. The committee made a recommendation to delay the lighting package on Commerce Parkway which was \$150,000 and recommended delay on elevator project which was \$250,000. Councilman Kamer made motion based off what the Parks committee had made a recommendation and the Budget committee and made a recommendation to move forward with the purchase or authorizing Mayor Black to move forward with 400 Kentucky Street, second by Councilwoman Essenpreis. Mayor Black does a roll call vote: Taylor-no, Kamer-yes, Cronin-yes, Carter-yes, Essenpreis-yes, Pollard-yes and Lammlein-yes. The motion passes with 6-yes to 1-no (*Taylor*). From the ARPA funds interest, Councilman Kamer made motion to purchase spirit sticks (*incentive for perfect attendance*) for La Grange Elementary School at \$1,400, second by Councilwoman Pollard. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.
- C. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT** – ANDREA ESSENPREIS – No meeting for August 2023
- D. **STREETS & ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT** – BILL LAMMLEIN – drainage issues, sidewalks, I-71 overpass
- E. **ORDINANCE REPORT** – ELSIE CARTER – Next meeting will be August 29, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

NEW APPOINTMENT OF TREY KAMER TO OLDA BOARD TO FINISH FRAN SCOTT’S TERM UNTIL 8/1/2024 Councilwoman Carter made motion to appoint Trey Kamer, second by Councilwoman Pollard. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

NEW APPOINTMENT OF AL EARLY TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS TO FINISH WALLACE BULLARD’S TERM UNTIL 9/8/2024 Councilwoman Pollard made motion to appoint Al Early, second by Councilwoman Taylor. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 15-2023 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 40.02 REGARDING METHODS OF PROCUREMENT Second reading and public hearing will be Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 16-2023 – AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A GENERAL TAX FOR THE CITY OF LA GRANGE, KY Second reading and public hearing will be Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS None

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES Next City Council meeting will be on
Tuesday, September, 2023

ADJOURN Councilman Cronin adjourned meeting at 10:32 p.m., second by
Councilwoman Essenpreis. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to
0.

JOHN BLACK, MAYOR

ATTEST:

STEPHANIE COOPER, CITY CLERK