

**MINUTES
LA GRANGE CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 5, 2022**

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

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT John Black, Mayor, Stephanie Cooper, City Clerk, and Beach Craigmyle, City Attorney.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT Trey Kamer, Debbie Pollard, Jason Taylor, Elsie Carter, Bill Lammlein, Leslie Wright, Joe Davenport and Andrea Essenpreis.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2022 AGENDA Councilwoman Wright made motion to approve December 2022 agenda, second by Councilwoman Carter. The motion in favor of passed unanimously, 8 to 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 7, 2022, CITY COUNCIL MEETING Councilwoman Pollard made motion to approve minutes from November 7, 2022, City Council meeting, second by Councilwoman Wright. The motion in favor of passed unanimously, 8 to 0.

PAYABLES FOR NOVEMBER 2022 Councilwoman Wright made motion to approve November 2022 payables, second by Councilman Davenport. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 8 to 0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS Councilman Lammlein made motion to approve November 2022 financial report, second by Councilwoman Pollard. The motion in favor of passed 7-yes to 1-no.

PUBLIC COMMENT Lee Crawford spoke on skill world pitch. Brandy Dunk, 515 North 4th Avenue, complimented LaGrange Utilities for fixing the sewer on a holiday weekend.

LAGRANGE MAIN STREET REPORT Teresa Boling did a monthly report on upcoming events and past events

LAGRANGE TOURISM – DONNA SABO Jason Kinser spoke on behalf of Tourism Committee.

LAGRANGE UTILITIES REPORT Scot Treece did a monthly report. Councilwoman Carter made motion to approve report, second by Councilwoman Wright. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 8 to 0.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 14-2022 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION TAX

Councilman Lammlein made motion to approve Ordinance 14-2022, second by Councilwoman Pollard. Councilwoman Carter made motion to go into public hearing, second by Councilwoman Wright. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 8 to 0. Debbie Pate, 7100 West Hwy 42, opposed to compensation tax. Jason Kinser, 119 West Main Street, opposed to compensation tax. Lisa Paris, 306 West Jefferson Street, opposed to compensation tax. Michelle Elliott is opposed to compensation tax. Blaine Anderson, 1414 Grandview Ct., opposed to compensation tax. Brandy Dunk, 515 North 4th Avenue, is opposed to compensation tax. Frances Decker, 723 Latimer Avenue, is opposed to compensation tax. Robin Vessels, 1320 Bluegrass Pkwy, is opposed to compensation tax. Valerie Shannon, 306 North 5th Street, supports the compensation tax. David Bizanies, 307 West Madison, work for Oldham County Chamber of Commerce and supports compensation tax. John Stewart, 201 Maple Ct, supports compensation tax. Jim Urban, Oldham County Planning and Development, and lives at 3407 Eastbrook, supports compensation tax. Bob Dye, 10502 Mountain Ash Lane, supports compensation tax. Teresa Boling asked if there are other options for people to pay compensation tax. Kevin Cronin, 523 Anita Springs Ct., asked question about incentives for new businesses. Councilwoman Carter made motion to go out of public hearing, second by Councilwoman Essenpreis. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 8 to 0. Discussion among City Council. Mayor Black calls for the question and takes vote: Taylor-no, Kamer-no, Wright-no, Davenport-yes, Carter-yes, Essenpreis-yes, Pollard-yes and Lammlein-yes. The motion passed with 5-yes to 3-no.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 13-2022 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING NUMBER OF CHICKENS THAT CAN BE KEPT WITHIN CITY LIMITS

Councilwoman Wright made motion to introduce Ordinance 13-2022, second by Councilwoman Essenpreis. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 8 to 0. Councilwoman Pollard made motion to go into public hearing, second by Councilwoman Wright. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 8 to 0. No comment. Councilwoman Wright made motion to go out of public hearing, second by Councilwoman Essenpreis. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 8 to 0. Discussion among City Council. Mayor Black does a roll call vote – Taylor-yes, Kamer-no, Wright-yes, Davenport-yes, Carter-no, Essenpreis-yes, Pollard-no and Lammlein-no. The vote is a tie 4-yes to 4-no. Mayor Black votes no and Ordinance 13-2022 fails.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARKS COMMITTEE REPORT – JOE DAVENPORT/CHAIRMAN – Next committee will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT – TREY KAMER/CHAIRMAN – Next committee will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Councilman Kamer made motion to approve \$15,600 from the ARPA funds for swing set at Springs Park, second by Councilman Davenport. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 8 to 0.

ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT – JASON TAYLOR/CHAIRMAN
No report

- DIRECTOR’S REPORT**
- (1) COREY RUSNAK/PUBLIC WORKS – no report
 - (2) CHIEF COLLETT/POLICE DEPT – monthly activity report
 - (3) STEPHANIE WENTHER/CODE ENFORCEMENT – compensation tax for 3rd quarter
 - (4) STEPHEN HALL/PARKS DIRECTOR – November report

PUBLIC COMMENT None

NEW BUSINESS None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – NEXT MEETING DATE IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022

ADJOURN Councilwoman Wright made motion to adjourn at 10:30 p.m., second by Councilwoman Pollard. The motion in favor of passed unanimously, 8 to 0.

JOHN BLACK, MAYOR

ATTEST:

STEPHANIE COOPER, CITY CLERK

