

# CITY OF LA GRANGE

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER-** Mayor Black calls 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 to take minutes of the meeting. Councilwoman Laura Taylor made motion to approve, second by Councilwoman Elsie Carter. The motion in favor passed unanimously 7 to 0.

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT-**

\*Bill Lammlein  
\*Andrea Essenpreis  
\*Elsie Carter  
\*Joe Davenport

\*Kevin Cronin  
\*Trey Kamer  
\*Laura Taylor

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT-**

\*Debbie Pollard

### **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2024 AGENDA-**

Councilman Davenport motioned to approve the January agenda, second by Councilman Cronin. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 4, 2023, CITY COUNCIL MEETING-**

Councilman Kamer made motion to approve December 4, 2023, City Council minutes, second by Councilman Davenport. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATION-**

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

Councilwoman Essenpreis questioned audit expense and Councilman Davenport questioned homestead exemption payables. Councilman Davenport made motion to approve payables, second by Councilman Kamer. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

#### **B. FINANCIAL REPORT TRIAL BALANCES-**

Councilman Davenport questioned why miscellaneous income balance was so high. Balance includes unexpected cyber security grant received and National opioid settlement payments received. Councilman Lammlein made motion to approve, second by Councilwoman Essenpreis. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

#### **C. BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENT REPORT-**

Councilman Davenport made motion to approve, second by Councilman Cronin. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – No comment.

### **MAIN STREET DIRECTOR'S REPORT- TERESA BOLING**

No financial statement due to not having a meeting in December 2023. Merchants reported an increase in sales. Finished peppermint trail on January 3, 2024. Had a lot of registrations for the drawing for prizes.

Partnered with Rawlings for late night shopping. Replaced roof on bicycle shop. Alley loop is now entering Phase 2. Chocolate Crawl will be February 3, 2024, and tickets go on sale next week. This year is the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday for Oldham County and they have begun discussing ideas for celebrations. City Of LaGrange will have a float this year for Oldham County Day.

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

Presented a monthly balances report. Suggested moving speakers on Main Street and adding speakers at Springs Park. Possibly getting a mobile DJ booth that links to the speaker system.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT-**

#### **SCOT TREECE-LAGRANGE UTILITIES-**

50% of the new sewer plant project completed. Fort Pickens project, waiting on materials. Oldham Reserve project just received revisions and estimated 6-6.5 million. Financials- reported loss on sewers due to pumps at south station needing repairs. Councilman Davenport made motion to approve report, second by Councilman Cronin. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

#### **COREY RUSNAK- PUBLIC WORKS-**

Reported having issues with Springs Park grading. Planning to start sidewalks in Springs Park. Mentions the department has been down 2 employees due to medical reasons.

#### **BRUCE GOODFLEISCH- POLICE DEPARTMENT-**

Reported on incidents and citations from December.

#### **CHRISTIAN DIEHL- PARKS AND RECREATION-**

Dock is complete at Wilborn Park.

#### **STEPHANIE WENTHER- CODE ENFORCEMENT-**

City Clean-up Day will be April 20, 2024, from 10 am-2 pm. Currently working with KU auditing all city owned streetlights. Following up on streetlights that have been reported out and still need to be replaced.

### **REAPPOINTMENT OF JULIE HECKMAN TO THE LAGRANGE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION-**

Councilwoman Carter made motion to reappointment Julie Heckman, second by Councilman Lammlein. The new two-year term will be from 1/01/2024 to 1/01/2026.

### **NEW APPOINTMENT OF JEANNE ALLERT TO THE LAGRANGE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION-**

Councilman Lammlein made motion to approve new appointment, second by Councilwoman Essenpreis. The new two-year term will be from 1/01/2024 to 1/01/2026.

### **SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 17-2023-**

#### **AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO RELEASE OF LIGHTER THAN AIR OBJECTS-**

Councilwoman Taylor made motion to approve Ordinance 17-2023, second by Councilman Davenport. Motion made by Councilman Lammlein to go into public comment, second by Councilman Essenpreis. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0. No public comment. Councilman Davenport made motion to close public comment, second by Councilwoman Carter. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0. Open Discussion among City Council. Councilman Lammlein and Councilwoman Carter recommend the number of items should be zero. They both believe it would control items being released at all. Councilwoman Essenpreis questioned how it would be enforced. Code Enforcement Officer would issue tickets to violators, and they would have to appear before the Code Enforcement Board. Mayor Black does a roll call vote:

Lammlein- NO	Essenpreis- YES	Carter- NO	Taylor-YES
Davenport-YES	Cronin- NO	Kamer- NO	

The motion in favor of does not pass, 3-YES to 4-NO.

**SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 20-2023-**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING REGULATIONS RELATING TO SHORT TERM RENTAL PROPERTY-**

Councilwoman Lammlein made motion to approve Ordinance 20-2023, second by Councilman Cronin. Motion made by Councilwoman Taylor to go into public comment, second by Councilwoman Carter. Albert Harrison came forward to correct Attorney Craigmyle's reference to circumference, he believes the correct term should have been radius. Attorney Craigmyle agrees. Councilman Davenport made motion to close public comment, second by Councilwoman Essenpreis. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0. Open Discussion among City Council. Councilman Kamer questioned if this ordinance, if passed, would only pertain to new permits and anyone who was issued a permit prior to this would be grandfathered in. Code Officer Wenthert and Attorney Craigmyle agreed that permits issued prior to this would be grandfathered in if they did not allow their current permit lapse. Mayor Black does a roll call vote:

Lammlein- YES	Essenpreis- YES	Carter-YES	Taylor-YES
Davenport-YES	Cronin- YES	Kamer- YES	

The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 1-2024 FOR FIRST READING –**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 50 AND 52 OF THE LA GRANGE ORDINANCE CODE RELATING TO ADMINISTRATION OF LA GRANGE UTILITIES COMMISSION, A SPECIAL PURPOSE GOVERNMENT ENTITY, AND CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO ITS WATERWORKS SYSTEM-**

Scot Treece, director of La Grange Utilities, explained how Kentucky League of Cities reached out about the need to update our ordinance to reflect the current law. Attorney Craigmyle summarized Ordinance 1-2024 for first reading. The second reading and public hearing will be February 5, 2024.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT– TREY KAMER** –309 West Main Street project, demolition of interior to start soon. Eagle Creek's putting green relocating soon. Explained how the planned payment procedures are to take place for the construction of the new Golf Course Club House. Announced that on February 2, 2024, the city will be having a groundbreaking ceremony for the new club house and construction is scheduled to begin on February 5, 2024. They received 2 estimates for parking lots and voted to go with Meridian. Springs Park Phase 2 will include bathrooms by the skatepark. Next meeting will be January 10, 2024, at 6:00 pm at City Hall.
- B. **BUDGET REPORT– JOE DAVENPORT** – Gave report from December meeting; Councilman Kamer gave an update on ARPA and Dennis McCormick gave presentation for Financial Director position. Committee voted 3-0. Next meeting will be held on January 10, 2024, at 5:00 pm at City Hall.
- C. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT– ANDREA ESSENPREIS**– December meeting was canceled. Next meeting will be January 17, 2024, at 6:30 pm at City Hall.
- D. **STREETS & ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT– BILL LAMMLEIN** – Did not meet in December. Next meeting will be held on January 17, 2024, at 5:00 pm at City Hall.
- E. **ORDINANCE REPORT– ELSIE CARTER** – Committee to re-visit Ordinance 17-2023- the release of lighter than air objects. Next meeting to be held on January 23, 2024, at 5:00 pm at City Hall.

**HIRING OF DENNIS MCCORMICK, CPA FOR FINANCE DIRECTOR-**

Councilman Kamer made motion to hire Dennis McCormick, second by Councilman Cronin. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-**

Stephanie Cooper- Spoke in public comment.  
James Cooper- Spoke in public comment.  
Pat Kirby- Spoke in public comment.

**OLD BUSINESS-**

Councilwoman Taylor about completion of new ramps to I71, expected to be completed by spring.

**NEW BUSINESS-**

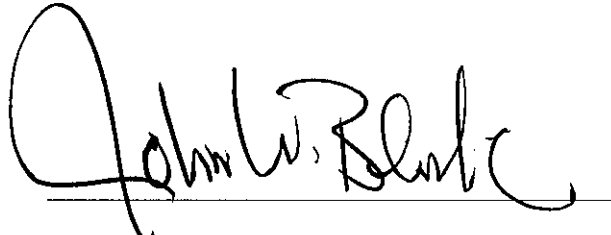
Councilman Kamer requested permission from council to send an email, representing them, to the OLDA board.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES-**

Next meeting will be Monday February 5, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

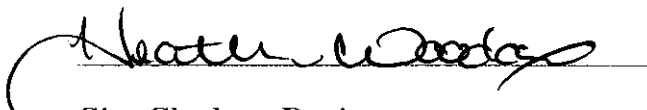
**ADJOURN-**

Councilman Davenport made motion to adjourn at 8:57 p.m., second by Councilwoman Essenpreis. The motion in favor of passed unanimously, 7 to 0.



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JOHN BLACK, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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City Clerk or Designee