

**MINUTES  
LAGRANGE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING  
APRIL 1, 2019**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER** Mayor Black calls meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT** Trey Kamer, Mary Boulton, Joe Davenport, Leslie Wright, Andrea Essenpreis, Bill Lammlein, Debbie Pollard and Elsie Carter

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Councilwoman Carter made motion to approve April agenda, second by Councilwoman Pollard. The motion in favor of passed unanimously, 8 to 0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 4, 2019 CITY COUNCIL MEETING** Councilwoman Pollard made motion to approve March 4, 2019 City Council minutes, second by Councilwoman Essenpreis. The motion in favor of passed unanimously, 8 to 0.

**PAYABLES FOR MARCH 2019** Councilman Davenport made motion to approve March payables, second by Councilwoman Wright. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 8 to 0.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS** Councilman Davenport made motion to approve financials, second by Councilman Lammlein. The motion in favor of passed unanimously, 8 to 0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Stacie Rockaway, Field Representative for Thomas Massie, explained to Council the services that are offered. Robin Vessels, 1320 Bluegrass Pkwy, commented on open records request, complained about the spelling of her name & address and the end of the compensation tax. Elizabeth Kirkwood, 1515 Dawkins Road, spoke on the compensation tax. Deanna Housley, 1120 Keane Avenue, requested speed humps and/or stop signs in Pear Orchard. Tracy Mings, 604 Lakeview Drive, made comment about the sunset in compensation tax ordinance.

**LAGRANGE MAIN STREET REPORT** Karen Eldridge was present for a monthly report.

**LAGRANGE UTILITIES REPORT** Ted Chisholm was present for a monthly report.

**OLDHAM COUNTY FOUNDATION REQUEST/TRAVIS RICE & JOANNE HEPPERMAN** Travis Rice did a presentation on the Workforce Readiness Project. The program would run thru Arvin Center. Matt Watkins, Principal of Arvin Center, would be head of program and it is designed to be a 3-year training program that would enable people to commute to and from Arvin Center and receive training from some non-profit organizations and thru Arvin Center.

**CHIEF COLLETT – 1) DON WRIGHT, CHAPLAIN OF THE LAGRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2) OFFICER EDDIE MUNDO REMEMBRANCE** Chaplain Don Wright announced a Peace Officer Memorial on May 13, 2019 at LaGrange Baptist Church from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 2-2019 CLOSING SUMAC ALLEY** Councilman Davenport made motion to approve Ordinance 2-2019, second by Councilwoman Carter. Councilman Lammlein made motion to go into public hearing, second by Councilman Kamer. The motion in favor of passed unanimously, 8 to 0. Stephanie Wenther, City of LaGrange Code Enforcement Officer, gave a brief explanation of Sumac Alley. Mayor Black asked if there is anyone in support of closing Sumac Alley. Ted Chisholm, 412 East Jefferson Street, Director of LaGrange Utilities, is in support of closing Sumac Alley. Mayor Black asked if

there is anyone in opposition of closing Sumac Alley. Chris Smith, 202 Maple Court, is opposed to closing of alley because of a fence that would block the driveway to his house. Chris Smith provided a letter as stated: *I, Christopher Smith, do hereby rescind to the City of LaGrange the closing of Sumac Alley that includes section 1 and section 2. I own the property that is in or abutting in the public way or portion thereof to be closed which is section 1 and section 2. I am providing City of LaGrange with notarized rescission to the closing of this public way. I, Christopher Smith, rescind any previous consents or signatures in closing of Sumac Alley. This letter supersedes all other agreements on my part. I, Christopher Smith, am the property owner of this area.* Councilman Kamer made motion to close public hearing, second by Councilman Lammlein. The motion in favor of passed unanimously, 8 to 0. Discussion among City Council. Councilman Kamer made motion to table for 30 days until next meeting, second by Councilwoman Carter. The motion in favor of passed unanimously, 8 to 0.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS – ROADS, PUBLIC SAFETY, POLICE & ENVIRONMENTAL/1) LAGRANGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARKING LOT 2) STOP SIGN @ 3<sup>RD</sup> & MADISON STREET**

\*LaGrange Elementary School – The agreement will be Mr. Kincaid will have the ability to come out 13 ft. and where the black SUV was parked (from pictures on projector) that would be where the barriers would be. Mr. Schultz agreed what we are going to do, and we included that parking blocks along that 13 ft line would be suffice. Mr. Schultz is requiring no gate to the street so that would give Mr. Kincaid access to the street any time he chooses to. Where there are concerns was the front door but by moving sidewalks back at their (OCBE) expense we would maintain the street. Councilwoman Carter made motion to accept agreement, second by Councilwoman Pollard. Stephanie Cooper, City Clerk, left for a break and Heather Woodcox was replacement. Councilman Kamer made motion for Heather Woodcox sit in for Stephanie Cooper, second by Councilwoman Essenpreis. The motion in favor of passed unanimously, 8 to 0. Mayor Black asked for the vote on agreement. The motion in favor of passed unanimously, 8 to 0.

\*Stop sign at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Madison Street – Councilman Lammlein made motion to approve a four way stop at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Madison Street, second by Councilwoman Wright. The motion in favor of passed unanimously, 8 to 0.

\*Councilwoman Essenpreis made motion to put two no truck signs at Cherrywood entrance, second by Councilwoman Pollard. The motion in favor of passed unanimously, 8 to 0.

**LAGRANGE HISTORIC DISTRICT GUIDELINES COMMITTEE REPORT**

Councilwoman Boulton announced next meeting will be April 16 at 6:00 p.m. Councilman Lammlein announced Economic Development committee meeting will be on April 15 at 6:00 p.m. at City Place. Councilman Kamer discussed about the Buildings, Budget, Finance & Utilities committee on March 20. Next meeting will be April 17 at 5:00 p.m. Councilman Kamer discussed about the Personnel, Insurance, Boards & Commissions committee on March 27. Next meeting will be on April 24 at 5:00 p.m.

**FINANCIAL 2019/2020 AUDIT APPROVAL CONTRACT FOR RFH, CPAs & CONSULTANTS**

Councilman Kamer made motion to approve contract with RFH for 2019/2020 audit, second by Councilwoman Pollard. The motion in favor of passed unanimously, 8 to 0.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS – BID AWARDS FOR WEST GRANGE DRIVE**

Public Works Director, Corey Rusnak, went over the bids that were opened at the March 4 City Council meeting. Councilman Lammlein made motion to approve bid to Bowen Excavating for \$148,255, second by Councilwoman Wright. The motion in favor of passed unanimously, 8 to 0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Councilwoman Wright asked about the City giving to scholarships. Mayor Black promoted the Community Center for birthday parties, any events; Mayor Black discussed the lights at 4 way of Hwy 53 and Hwy 146.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – NEXT MEETING DATE**

May 6, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURN** Councilwoman Pollard made motion to adjourn at 9:55 p.m., second by Councilwoman Wright. The motion in favor of passed unanimously, 8 to 0.

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JOHN BLACK, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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STEPHANIE COOPER, CITY CLERK