**MINUTES**

**LA GRANGE CITY COUNCIL**

**OCTOBER 2, 2023**

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

**CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT** John Black, Mayor (Zoom) and Stephanie Cooper, City Clerk

Beach Craigmyle, City Attorney, was present.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT** Laura Taylor, Trey Kamer, Kevin Cronin, Joe Davenport and Elsie Carter were present. Debbie Pollard and Andrea Essenpreis were on Zoom. Bill Lammlein was absent.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2023 AGENDA** Councilwoman Pollard made motion to approve October 2023 agenda, second by Councilman Davenport. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 5, 2023, CITY COUNCIL MEETING** Councilwoman Carter made motion to approve minutes from September 5, 2023, City Council meeting, second by Councilwoman Pollard.

The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

**CITY ADMINISTRATION**

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

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Councilwoman Carter spoke on behalf of Lee Crawford.

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

**TOURISM COMMISSION REPORT**  None

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

SCOT TREECE – LA GRANGE UTILITIES – Jonathan Yates presented monthly report. Scot Treece was absent. Councilwoman Pollard made motion to approve report, second by Councilman Kamer. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

COREY RUSNAK *(Zoom)* – PUBLIC WORKS – Phase 2 on skate park, paving on West Crystal

CHIEF COLLETT – LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT – September 2023 activity report by Bruce Goodfleisch

STEPHEN HALL – PARKS AND RECREATION –

STEPHANIE WENTHER – CODE ENFORCEMENT – no report

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. **PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT** – TREY KAMER – completion of skate park and 309 West Main; Councilman Kamer made motion for art painting at skate park, second by Councilwoman Carter. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

B. **BUDGET REPORT** – JOE DAVENPORT – Financial Director

C. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT** – ANDREA ESSENPREIS – Iron man will be in August 2024

D. **STREETS & ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT** – BILL LAMMLEIN – Councilman Cronin told City Council of drainage issues, corner of Cedar & Washington to move the Watchman by the Buddy Pepper house to railroad museum

E. **ORDINANCE REPORT –** ELSIE CARTER –

**SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 18-2023 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE NONELECTIVE OFFICE OF FINANCE DIRECTOR** Councilwoman Pollard made motion to approve, second by Councilwoman Carter. Councilwoman Pollard made motion to go into public hearing, second by Councilman Kamer. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0. Randy Davis explained to City Council about the financials issue. Councilman Kamer made motion to go out of public hearing, second by Councilman Cronin. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0. Discussion among City Council. Mayor Black does a roll call vote: Kamer-yes, Cronin-yes, Davenport-yes, Carter-yes, Essenpreis-yes, Pollard-yes and Taylor-yes. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 19-2023 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE OLDHAM COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO SHORT TERM RENTAL PROPERTY** Beach Craigmyle, City Attorney, summarized Ordinance 19-2023. Second reading and public hearing will be held on November 6, 2023.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** None

**OLD BUSINESS** None

**NEW BUSINESS** Mayor Black told City Council of Becca Crowder’s resignation letter. Councilman Davenport made motion to accept resignation letter, second by Councilwoman Pollard. The motion in favor of passed 6-yes to 1-no *(Carter)*.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES**  Next meeting will be November 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURN** Councilman Taylor adjourned meeting at 8:42 p.m., second by Councilwoman Essenpreis. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 7 to 0.

 **JOHN BLACK, MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**STEPHANIE COOPER, CITY CLERK**