

**MINUTES
LAGRANGE CITY COUNCIL
IN-PERSON MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2021**

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, Leslie Wright, Andrea Essenpreis, Elsie Carter, Joe Davenport, Jason Taylor, Bill Lammlein (Zoom) and Debbie Pollard (Zoom).

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2021 AGENDA Councilwoman Carter made motion to approve September 2021 agenda, second by Councilwoman Wright. The motion in favor of passed unanimously, 8 to 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 2, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING Councilwoman Wright made motion to accept minutes from August 2, 2021 City Council meeting, second by Councilwoman Pollard. The motion in favor of passed unanimously, 8 to 0.

PAYABLES FOR AUGUST 2021 Councilman Kamer made motion to approve August 2021 payables, second by Councilwoman Essenpreis. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 8 to 0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS Councilwoman Wright made motion to approve August 2021 financial reports, second by Councilman Kamer. The motion in favor of passed unanimously 8 to 0.

LAGRANGE MAIN STREET REPORT Beach Craigmyle is on the Main Street board and said the board is in search of a main street manager.

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

LAGRANGE TOURISM COMMITTEE Councilwoman Essenpreis gave a report. Councilman Lammlein made a comment about replacing the banners.

PUBLIC COMMENT Nora Lee Moock, 101 Duncan Avenue, made comment about traffic on Main Street. Darlene Armes, 106 Duncan Avenue, questioned on the new subdivision on Jericho Road.

JIM SILLIMAN, COUNTY ENGINEER – EDEN PARKWAY EXTENSION CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AMENDMENT #3 Jim Silliman explained the amendment. Councilwoman Pollard made motion to approve, second by Councilwoman Wright. The motion in favor of passed unanimously, 8 to 0.

DAVID BIZIANES WITH OLDHAM COUNTY CHAMBER David Bizianes with Oldham County Chamber did a power point for City Council.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (1) COREY RUSNAK/PUBLIC WORKS – discussed bids on brick repair for City Hall building. Dixie Restoration was \$73,200 and Haire Construction was \$55,712.

Councilman Lammlein made motion to approve low bid of \$55,712 with the caveat of getting more specific on exactly what will be done and materials that will be used, second by Councilwoman Carter. The motion in favor of passed unanimously, 8 to 0.

Fall paving bids, Hawk Construction was \$253,765, Louisville Paving was \$275,498 and Riverside was \$240,576. Corey Rusnak is recommending rejecting all bids to continue to get better pricing.

(2) CHIEF COLLETT/POLICE DEPT - discussed monthly activity report

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS Councilman Davenport discussed the Parks Committee meeting for August 11, 2021. Discussion on skate park and basketball goals. Next meeting will be September 8, 2021 at 5:00 in City Hall. Discussion on Artisan Park roads. There will be a special meeting on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Councilman Kamer discussed the budget committee meeting from August. The committee recommended disbursements from the ARPA. Katie Bechtold is needed to replace a bus and is requesting \$13,000; Hight Point requested \$100,000 but from committee recommended \$50,000; LaGrange Utilities requested \$150,000. Councilman Kamer made motion to allocate \$13,000 for a new bus, second by Councilwoman Wright. The motion in favor of passed unanimously, 8 to 0. Councilwoman Essenpreis made motion to allocate \$50,000 to High Point, second by Councilman Lammlein. The motion in favor of passed unanimously, 8 to 0. Councilman Kamer made motion to allocate \$150,000 with contingent leaving the \$1500 to LaGrange Utilities, second by Councilwoman Pollard. The motion in favor of passed 7-yes to 1-no (Taylor). Budget committee will meet on September 15, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Councilman Taylor stated the ordinance committee will meet on September 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 10-2021 FOR FIRST READING – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2-2021 ADOPTING THE CITY OF LAGRANGE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 21/22 Second reading and public hearing will be October 4, 2021.

NEW APPOINTMENT OF HEATHER HOTTENROTH TO TOURISM COMMISSION TO REPLACE STEVE WALLACE WHICH TERM WILL END 10/7/2022 Councilman Davenport made motion to accept Heather Hottenroth, second by Councilwoman Carter with contingent. Councilman Davenport did not want to change his motion for contingent, so Councilwoman Carter withdrew her motion and vote fails.

RECOGNITION OF TOM CLEMONS Mayor Black recognized Tom Clemons with City Council

NEW APPOINTMENT OF JASON KINSER TO TOURISM COMMISSION TO REPLACE TOM CLEMONS WHICH TERM WILL END 10/7/2022 Councilwoman Pollard made motion to accept, second by Councilwoman Carter. The motion in favor of passed 6-yes to 2-no (Lammlein, Essenpreis).

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 11-2021 FOR FIRST READING – AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A GENERAL TAX FOR THE CITY OF LAGRANGE, KY Beach Craigmyle, City Attorney, discussed the tax rate. Second reading and public hearing will be October 4, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT Blaine Anderson made comment of tax rate and budget

NEW BUSINESS None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – NEXT MEETING DATE IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021

ADJOURN Councilman Davenport made motion to adjourn at 11:25 p.m., second by Councilwoman Wright. The motion in favor of passed unanimously, 8 to 0.

JOHN BLACK, MAYOR

ATTEST:

STEPHANIE COOPER, CITY CLERK