

CITY OF LAGRANGE, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

February 27, 2024

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Quay Boddie, Council Members Nathan Gaskin, Tom Gore, Mark Mitchell, Leon Childs.

Also Present: City Manager Patrick Bowie; Assistant City Manager Bill Bulloch; City Attorney Jeff Todd; City Clerk Melissa Robertson; Director of Community Development Alton West & Communications Director Katie Van Schoor

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Quay Boddie, and the invocation was given by Pastor L W Booker. Mayor Pro Tem led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin, seconded by Mr. Boddie, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on February 13, 2024, Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council January 28, 2024, Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council January 31, 2024, Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council February 1, 2024, Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Council February 20, 2024, and Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Council February 21, 2024.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Boddie, Council voted unanimously to appoint Patrick Bowie as City Manager and authorized the Mayor to execute an employment agreement between the City and Mr. Bowie.

Mayor Pro Tem Boddie presented a 25 year service award to Scott Lewis, System Administrator. Mr. Boddie expressed the gratitude of the Mayor and Council for Scott's long career.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Childs, Council voted unanimously to approve the Infrastructure for Phase One of the Rocklyn Homes, Townhome Development. At the completion of the vote Mr. Childs asked that I document in the minutes he had "reservations about the project."

Mr. Bowie shared a bit of good news for our utility customers in that natural gas prices have continued to fall allowing us to pass that savings along to our customers. The average resident's electrical bill is expected to drop by 5.9% and on the gas side it will decrease about 11.9%.

Council heard the first reading on the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY; TO AMEND CHAPTER 10-20 OF THE CODE IN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT IN SCHOOL ZONES WITHIN THE CITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Upon a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to appoint Barrett Orendorff to a three (3) year term on the Troup County Parks and Recreation Commission.

The Marketing and Communications Department shared a special video they created honoring a great man that we lost way too soon, our beloved Mayor Willie T. Edmondson.

Mr. Jay Edmondson, Mayor Edmondson son came before the Council to thank the City and the LaGrange Police Department for organizing such a wonderful tribute to his father after his death. Mr. Edmondson spoke on continuing his father's mission of uniting LaGrange and honoring the legacy.

There being no other business, Mayor Pro Tem Quay Boddie adjourned the meeting.

Mayor

City Clerk