

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

September 26, 2017

Present: Mayor Thornton; Council Members Willie Edmondson, Tom Gore, LeGree McCamey, Mark Mitchell, Norma Tucker and Nick Woodson

Also Present: Assistant City Manager Teresa Taylor; City Attorney Jeff Todd; Director of Community Development Alton West; Senior Planner Leigh Threadgill; Communications Manager Katie Von Schoor

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Susan Gary Landry, the United Methodist District Superintendent and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Ms. Tucker seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on August 22, 2017.

Kelley Henderson of Action Ministries provided a brief presentation on their work with homelessness. No action was taken.

Neil and Trish Liechty came before the Mayor and Council to discuss their interest in opening a private cemetery at 1339 Upper Big Springs Road. They stated, since the City has no private cemeteries it would be a needed amenity. Council recommended staff to review.

Kimberly Dixon of Stop the Violence appeared before the Mayor and Council and provided a brief presentation on Stop the Violence/Are You Insured Social Demonstration event. Ms. Dixon explained the organization would host a mock funeral and would provide information on life insurance. She invited the Council Members to attend. No action was taken.

Mr. West presented a request to abandon an alley lying between Broome Street and Margarita Street. On a motion by Ms. Tucker seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on October 10, 2017.

Ms. Taylor presented copies of the August financial statements and payment of bills over \$2,000 for Council's information.

On a motion by Mr. Woodson seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council declared certain property located on East Render Street as surplus and authorized terms of the sale. A copy of the documents are on file in the City Manager's Office.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Woodson, Council unanimously adopted the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Transcontinental Gas Pipeline LLC:

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN AGREEMENT WITH TRANSCONTINENTAL
GAS PIPELINE COMPANY, LLC**

WHEREAS, Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company, LLC ("Transco") is expanding its facilities and offering additional firm capacity through the Southeastern Trail Project; and

WHEREAS, the City of LaGrange ("City") has requested 3,000 Dekatherms of firm transportation service for an initial term of 15 years at the negotiated rate under the proposed Southeastern Trail Project; and

WHEREAS, Transco and the City now desire to enter into an Agreement for use under Transco's Rate Schedule FT; and

WHEREAS, Transco and the City have agreed to seek in good faith the necessary approvals from their board of directors or equivalent management bodies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE that the Director of Utilities shall be authorized to enter into an Agreement with Transco for the services outlined in this resolution.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Mayor

Attest

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Ms. Tucker, Council unanimously adopted to reschedule the October 24, 2017 work session and Council meeting to October 26, 2017.

In good news closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor announced the bottom deck of the downtown LaGrange parking deck is officially open, Wild Leap Brewery officially opened on Saturday, October 23, 2017 and the cities of LaGrange, Hogansville, West Point, and Troup County are the recipients of this year's Georgia Initiative for Community Housing or GICH. Additionally, Ms. Van Schoor announced the Thread groundbreaking for Segment 2 would be hosted on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 4pm at Eastside Park.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Woodson, the committee voted unanimously to adjourn to executive session to discuss litigation. At the end of the executive session, on a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Mitchell, the committee voted unanimously to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the meeting.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Thornton.

Mayor

Assistant City Manager