

CITY OF LAGRANGE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

CITY HALL / COMMUNITY CENTER @ 6:30 P.M.

Monday, May 4, 2026

WELCOME- Meeting called to order at 6:33pm.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT-

Mayor John Black
Finance Director, Cindy Alvano
Attorney, Beach Craigmyle
City Clerk, Heather Woodcox

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' PRESENT-

Latosha Booker-Bishop	Jason Taylor	Kenneth Powell
Lucy Ricketts	Laura Taylor	Jason Kinser
Joe Davenport	Trey Kamer	

APPROVAL OF MAY 4, 2026, AGENDA

Motion to approve: Council Member Joe Davenport

Second by: Council Member Kenneth

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 6, 2026, CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Correction on Page 2 under Public Comment- Raymond S. Should be Randy.

Motion to approve: Council Member Trey Kamer

Second by: Council Member Lucy Ricketts

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 13, 2026, SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Motion to approve: Council Member Lucy Ricketts

Second by: Council Member Joe Davenport

Motion in favor passed: 7-YES/ 0-NO / 1-ABSTAIN TREY KAMER

CITY ADMINISTRATION- CINDY ALVANO

➤PAYABLES

Motion to approve: Council Member Jason Kinser

Second by: Council Member Lucy Ricketts

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

➤FINANCIAL REPORT-2025-2026 F/Y TRIAL BALANCES

Motion to approve: Council Member Jason Kinser

Second by: Council Member Latosha Booker-Bishop

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

➤BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENT REPORT

Motion to approve: Council Member Lucy Ricketts

Second by: Council Member Joe Davenport

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

PUBLIC COMMENT-

Kevin Jeffries-Updated Council on upcoming plans around Oldham County.

Joe Pierce-Spoke on concerns

PUBLIC COMMENT- Continued

Randy S.-Spoke about issue related to speeding on Horton Rd.

Richard Rankin-Horton Rd.-Spoke on issue with speeding on Horton Rd.

Blain Anderson- Announcement this coming Monday, May 11th at La Grange Baptist Church-Peace Officer Memorial Service at 7:00pm

MAIN STREET PROGRAM REPORT- SARAH GARRETT

- ❖ Updated Council on things happening with the Main Street Program.
- ❖ Handed out a brochure for upcoming RailFest.
- ❖ Working with Tourism on RailFest. Currently have 72 vendors lined up for RailFest.
- ❖ Volunteer Hours-just under 100 hours for April-cleaning alleys
- ❖ Farmers Market has started and is every Saturday morning.
- ❖ Working on SamTech Cares Grant-could receive up to \$75,000.

LAGRANGE UTILITIES REPORT-JOSH RAHM

Utilities Assistant Director Josh Rahm provided a departmental report, including:

- ❖ Updates on water and sewer infrastructure projects.
- ❖ Progress on Oldham Reserve sewer extension and other utility improvements.

Motion to approve Utility Report: Council Member Joe Davenport

Second by: Council Member Jason Kinser

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO.6-SERIES 2026-

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PERSONNEL AND PAY CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

Motion to approve ordinance: Council Member Latosha Booker-Bishop

Second by: Council Member Lucy Ricketts

Motion to go into Public Hearing: Council Member Trey Kamer

Second by: Council Member Latosha Booker-Bishop

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

Attorney Craigmyle-Summarized Ordinance No. 6, Series 2026.

HR Director-Katie Bechtold-Summarized how and why Personnel Pay Classification plan was created.

Public Hearing:

Blain Anderson- requested clarification on the scale

Speaking in favor-

Mary Ellen Kinser- spoke in favor of creating the pay classification and requested clarification from Attorney Craigmyle on duties of council and mayor within this Pay Classification Plan. Questioned if personnel performance reviews are required.

Steve Mahoney-Spoke in favor and thought it was important to have a guideline for the city and all employees.

Motion to go out of Public Hearing: Council Member Jason Kinser

Second by: Council Member Trey Kamer

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

Discussion between Council Members:

Attorney Craigmyle- Gave brief explanation on what the purpose of the Pay Classification Plan is.

Personnel Committee Chair, Council Member Lucy Ricketts- Gave brief explanation and broke down the Pay Classification Ranges and where each department landed within those ranges.

Council Member Jason Kinser and Council Member Latosha Booker-Bishop-spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance.

Motion to table Ordinance No. 6.-2026 until next Council meeting made by Council Member Lucy Ricketts

Second by: Council Member Jason Kinser

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

BREAK- 8:53PM-9:04PM

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO.7-SERIES 2026 FOR FIRST READING-

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING 67.80 ACRES OF LAND INTO THE CITY OF LA GRANGE.

Attorney Valerie Shannon with Brammell Law Office representing Welch Developers, owners of Parkside Estates, LLC- Read Ordinance No.7, Series 2026 in its entirety.

Council requested development plans relating to driveway measurements, plat maps of development, etc. to be presented at the second reading and public hearing on June 1st, 2026.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO.8-SERIES 2026 FOR FIRST READING-

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF LAGRANGE, KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027, BY ESTIMATING FUNDS FOR OPERATIONS OF CITY GOVERNMENT.

Financial Director, Cindy Alvano-Introduced Ordinance No.8, Series 2026, 2026-2027 Fiscal Year General Fund Budget.

Mayor Black-Informed Council that within this proposed budget is plans for an Archway being constructed to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the City of La Grange being established. Mentions other itemized items being proposed within this budget.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO.9-SERIES 2026 FOR FIRST READING-

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF LAGRANGE, KENTUCKY ALCOHOL REGULATORY FEES BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027.

Financial Director, Cindy Alvano- Introduced Ordinance No.9, Series 2026, 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Regulatory Alcohol Budget.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO.10-SERIES 2026 FOR FIRST READING-

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF LAGRANGE, KENTUCKY ANNUAL CITY BUS BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027.

Financial Director, Cindy Alvano- Introduced Ordinance No.10, Series 2026, 2026-2027 Fiscal Year City Bus Budget.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO.11-SERIES 2026 FOR FIRST READING-

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF LAGRANGE, KENTUCKY ANNUAL STORM WATER MS4 BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027.

Financial Director, Cindy Alvano- Introduced Ordinance No.11, Series 2026, 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Stormwater Budget.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO.12-SERIES 2026 FOR FIRST READING-

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF LAGRANGE, KENTUCKY ANNUAL MUNICIPAL ROAD AID BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027.

Financial Director, Cindy Alvano- Introduced Ordinance No.12, Series 2026, 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Municipal Road Aid Budget.

DIRECTORS REPORT-

➤KATIE BECHTOLD-HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR

Informed Council that the final report for ARPA funds has been submitted and no issues were found.

Announced the city has 2 new employees, a police officer and a parks laborer. Transportation Grant was applied to fund the City Bus services.

➤COREY RUSNAK-PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Informed Council of recent Gov Deal sales of old Bucket Truck and Street Sweeper.

L&N LAKE (WILBORN LAKE) DAM-Proposal of Correction Action Plan by Clark Dietz Engineering. Updated Council on upcoming projects the department has planned.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS-

PARKS & RECREATION- TREY KAMER

Committee met Discussed upcoming events scheduled and improvements needed at Wilborn Park Pavillion.

Next meeting will be on May 13th at 5:00pm.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE- LAURA TAYLOR

Special Meeting held on April 13th to review the entire Code of Ethics Ordinance-

Proposing changes: Section 22-Regarding personal emails being used in certain occasions is aloud and Section 12-proposed including immediate family.

Next meeting will be on May 6 at 5:00pm.

PERSONNEL AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE-LUCY RICKETTS-

Next meeting will be on May 18th 6:00pm location at 309 W. Main St. Tourism office.

STREETS AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE- KENNETH POWELL

Committee met and discussed Horton Rd Speed Hump Petion and voted 3-0 to deny installation. Discussed other road safety issues throughout the city. Committee also discussed County's Resolution relation the speed humps see attached.

PUBLIC COMMENT- No comment

OPEN DISCUSSION RELATED TO ANY OLD BUSINESS-

Council Member Trey Kamer commented and made recommendations on tabled Ordinance No.6, Series 2026.

Council Member Lucy Ricketts and Council Member Latosha Booker-Bishop also commented and asked Council for recommendations on tabled Ordinance No. 6, series 2026

Council Member Laura Taylor-Made recommendation related to tabled Ordinance No 6, Series 2026 as well.

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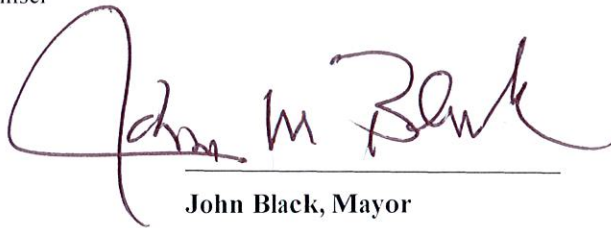
Council Member Kenneth Powell- presented council with the county's resolution not allowing speed humps, bumps etc. Recommends that the city follow and pass a similar Resolution not allowing them.

ADJOURNMENT-10:38PM

Motion to Adjourn: Council Member Jason Kinser

Second by: Council Member Kenneth Powell

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0



John Black, Mayor

Attest:



Heather Woodcox, City Clerk