

# CITY OF LAGRANGE

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025

**WELCOME-** MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:33PM

### **CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT-**

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

### **CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

### **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 AGENDA**

**Motion to approve with additions:** Council Member Joe Davenport

**Second by:** Council Member Lucy Ricketts

**Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 7, 2025, CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Correction to minutes-**Kenneth Taylor should be \*Kenneth Powell\* under Officials Present

**Motion to approve with correction:** Council Member Lucy Ricketts

**Second by:** Council Member Joe Davenport

**Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 17, 2025, SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Motion to approve:** Council Member Kenneth Powell

**Second by:** Council Member Joe Davenport

**Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0**

### **CITY ADMINISTRATION- CINDY ALVANO**

#### **> PAYABLES**

**Motion to approve:** Council Member Trey Kamer

**Second by:** Council Member Kenneth Powell

**Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0**

#### **> FINANCIAL REPORT-2025-2026 F/Y TRIAL BALANCES**

#### **> BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENT REPORT**

**Motion to approve both reports:** Council Member Jason Kinser

**Second by:** Council Member Lucy Ricketts

**Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT-**

**David Bizannes-**Came to thank the Council on behalf of Oldham County Chamber of Commerce for the collaboration and renovations to Eagle Creek Golf Course.

**Kevin Jeffries-OC Magistrate-** Update on all the road construction projects happening throughout the county.

**Citizen-** Came to speak in opposition regarding OLDA Board appointment.

**Citizen-** Came to speak in support regarding OLDA Board appointment and request for support to have OLDA meetings broadcasted/streamed for the public.

**John Stewart-** Addressed and offered to request to have the OLDA meetings streamed.

**Donna Sabo-** Spoke regarding all Commissions and Boards, volunteers make up those positions and it's hard to find people to serve on those positions.

**Citizen-** Came to speak about OLDA and concerns they would like OLDA to consider.

**MAIN STREET DIRECTOR’S REPORT- KAREN ELDRIDGE**

- \*Working on Facade Grants-2 Grants have been approved to date
- \*New Businesses in town
- \*Farmers Market- Going great

**TOURISM COMMISSION REPORT- DONNA SABO**

- \*Completed promo video with Rail Fan
- \*Alley Loop Festival – Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025. LaGrange Idol/Children’s Area
- \*Working on a mural by Oldham Plaza
- \*Presented Financial report

**Presented Council with Proposed Budget for approval-**

**Motion to approve Tourism Budget:** Council Member Trey Kamer  
**Second by:** Council Member Lucy Ricketts  
**Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0**

**LAGRANGE UTILITIES REPORT- SCOT TREECE**

- \*4th Street Sewer Project –Under Construction stage- still on schedule to be completed when school starts
- \*Oldham Reserve construction progress–50% completion
- \*1st St. Water rehab design – waiting on CSX and division of water for approval
- \*East Peak and Trilogy sewer extension-waiting on Division of water for approval.

**Motion to approve Utility Report:** Council Member Joe Davenport  
**Second by:** Council Member Kenneth Powell  
**Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO.14-SERIES 2025 FOR FIRST READING-  
AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A GENERAL TAX**

Attorney Craignyle-Summary of Ordinance No.14.

**SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO.12-SERIES 2025-  
AN ORDINANCE EXPRESSLY REPEALING ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES ADOPTING OR AMENDING PERSONNEL  
POLICIES PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF LA GRANGE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK 2024 EDITION**

Katie Bechtold-HR Director- Gave Council brief explanation. Council Member Laura Taylor is sponsoring Ordinance No 12.  
Attorney Craignyle gave a brief explanation on the purpose of this Ordinance.

**Motion to approve:** Council Member Laura Taylor  
**Second by:** Council Member Jason Kinser  
**Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0**

**Motion to go into Public Hearing:** Council Member Trey Kamer  
**Second by:** Council Member Jason Kinser  
**Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0**

**Public Hearing:**  
**Public Works Director, Corey Rusnak**-questions regarding how and when the employees will be informed if there are changes to the percentages paid.  
**Robin Vessels**- Spoke in opposition relating to employee benefits and set percentages the city will cover.

**Motion to go out of Public Hearing:** Council Member Joe Davenport  
**Second by:** Council Member Trey Kamer  
**Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0**

**Open Discussion between Council-**  
Council Member Laura Taylor-Spoke in favor and gave explanation on the purpose of this Ordinance.  
Council Member Lucy Ricketts-Spoke in favor and commented on making sure employees are taken care of.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**Ordinance No.12, Series 2025 passes unanimously: 8-0**

**SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO.13-SERIES 2025-  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES 110.02 AND 111.10 EXEMPTING ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES FROM  
LICENSE OR PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.**

**Motion to approve:** Council Member Laura Taylor  
**Second by:** Council Member Jason Taylor  
**Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0**

**Motion to go into Public Hearing:** Council Member Jason Kinser  
**Second by:** Council Member Kenneth Powell  
**Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0**

**Public Hearing-**

**Citizen-**Request for Council to consider removing all Business License requirements for all  
**Donna Sabo-**question relating to how independent entertainers handle ASCAP Fees

**Motion to go out of Public Hearing:** Council Member Lucy Ricketts  
**Second by:** Council Member Laura Taylor  
**Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0**

**City Council Discussion-**

Council Member Kenneth Powell- Question regarding the fairness of independent performers/entertainers setting up at a licensed establishment every day of the year and not having to pay a license fee.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Latosha Booker-Bishop	NO	Lucy Ricketts	NO
Jason Kinser	OBSTAIN	Jason Taylor	YES
Joe Davenport	NO	Kenneth Powell	NO
Trey Kamer	NO	Laura Taylor	YES

**Ordinance No.13, Series 2025 Does not pass: 5-NO / 2-YES / 1-ABSTAIN**

**MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2, SERIES 2025- KATIE BECHTOLD**

AN ORDER AMENDING PERSONNEL POLICIES AND SETTING PROCUREMENT'S STANDARDS FOR FTA GRANTS

**Katie Bechtold-City Bus Supervisor-**Gave brief explanation of this Municipal Order and how it is required to apply for the transportation grant for City Bus Funding.

**Motion to approve:** Council Member Jason Kinser  
**Second by:** Council Member Trey Kamer  
**Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0**

**Brief Break- 8:40PM – 8:52PM**

**DIRECTORS REPORT-**

**➤ PARKS DEPARTMENT-STEVE MAHONEY**

- \*Presented an update on things currently going on within the department
- \*Gaining parks property ownership on google
- \*Working on social media streamlining
- \*Eagle creek signage updates
- \*Upcoming back to school free haircuts event this coming Sunday

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS-**

**➤ PARKS & RECREATION- TREY KAMER**

- \*Committee met 7-9-25
- \*Talked about pest control
- \*Reviewed assessment of Wilborn park bridges

**➤ ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT- JASON KINSER**

- \*Last Committee meeting- 7-10-25
- \*Badge group met with committee to present federal grants available.
- \*Discussing parking garage for downtown LaGrange
- \*Expressed a serious need for a sidewalk crossing the bridges of I71 north and I71 south, hoping one of the federal grants would help with those costs.
- \*Next Committee meeting will be 8-21-25 at 6:00pm

**➤ ORDINANCE & CODE ENFORCEMENT-LAURA TAYLOR**

- \*July meeting was cancelled
- \*Working on Code of Ethics Ordinance and Parking Ordinance
- \*Still working on Sign Ordinance
- \*Next Committee Meeting will be August 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM

**➤ PERSONNEL & INSURANCE COMMITTEE-**

- \*Next meeting 8-11-25 at 6:00PM

**REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN STEWART TO THE OLDHAM-LAGRANGE DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY (OLDA) FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM FROM 8/1/2025 TO 8/1/2029.**

**Motion to approve:** Council Member Joe Davenport

**Second by:** Council Member Kenneth Powell

**Roll Call Vote:**

Latosha Booker-Bishop	YES	Lucy Ricketts	YES
Jason Kinser	ABSTAIN	Jason Taylor	NO
Joe Davenport	YES	Kenneth Powell	YES
Trey Kamer	YES	Laura Taylor	NO

**REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN STEWART TO OLDA BOARD FOR A 4 YEAR TERM PASSES-  
5-YES/2-NO / 1-ABSTAIN**

**PUBLIC COMMENT-NO COMMENT**

**OPEN DISCUSSION RELATED TO ANY OLD OR NEW BUSINESS**

Council thanked Major Corey Adams for his service with the LaGrange Police Department after his recent resignation.

Council Member Jason Taylor- ride along

Council Member Latosha Booker-Bishop-upcoming event: free back to school haircuts

Council Member Joe Davenport requested to reschedule Budget Committee meeting to 8-14-25 at 6:00PM

**ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

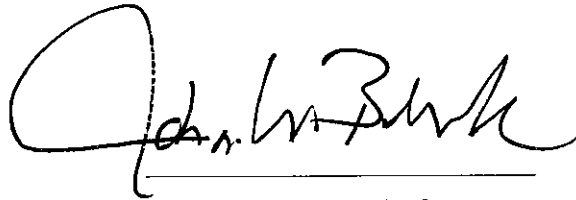
\*City Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT-9:33 PM**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Council Member Kenneth Powell

**Second by:** Council Member Latosha Booker -Bishop

**Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0**



JOHN BLACK, MAYOR

**ATTEST:**

  
CITY CLERK OR DESIGNEE