

CITY OF LAGRANGE

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

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

MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025

WELCOME- MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:34PM

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT-

Mayor John Black
City Attorney, Beach Craigmyle
City Clerk, Heather Woodcox (Left meeting at 8:10pm)
Finance Director, Cindy Alvano

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

LATOSHA BOOKER-BISHOP	JASON TAYLOR	JASON KINSER
JOE DAVENPORT	LAURA TAYLOR	KENNETH POWELL
LUCY RICKETTS	TREY KAMER	

APPROVAL OF JULY 7TH, 2025 AGENDA

Additions to Agenda:

#11(A)-Amendment to Ordinances 110.02 & 111.10
#11(B)-Municipal Order-amending EDC Boundary Map- Exhibit A

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 JUNE 2ND, 2025, CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Motion to approve: Council Member Laura Taylor

Second by: Council Member Latosha Booker-Bishop

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

CITY ADMINISTRATION- CINDY ALVANO

PAYABLES

Motion to approve: Council Member Joe Davenport

Second by: Council Member Kenneth Powell

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

FINANCIAL REPORT-2024-2025 F/Y TRIAL BALANCES

BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENT REPORT

Motion to approve both Financial Documents: Council Member Joe Davenport

Second by: Council Member Lucy Ricketts

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

***Council Member Trey Kamer-** Report from the OLDA Meeting- he made motion to pass a 150 day Moratorium- OLDA Board....Discussion between Council Members and Attorney Craigmyle regarding OLDA's purpose and the current Interlocal Agreement.

***David Bizannes-**President of Oldham County Chamber and Economic Development and Executive Director of OLDA-explained OLDA's procedure processes and to answer any questions or concerns related to a Data Center or developments in LaGrange Parkway.

***Citizen-**wanted to voice concerns about OLDA's Board going on record stating that a Data Center could be good for LaGrange Parkway.

***Citizen-**Made recommendations regarding Comprehensive Plan

***Citizen-**Came to speak positively and voice his appreciation.

MAIN STREET DIRECTOR'S REPORT- SARAH GARRETT

*Track Side Tunes/Summer Fest- Great turn out

*Next Track Side Tunes- August 1st

*Book Fair-August 2 at City Place

*Farmer Market- Going great

*Hoping to present Facade Grant by next month

Short Break from 8:02pm to 8:13pm

REQUESTED APPROVAL FOR CINDY ALVANO TO STEP IN AND RECORD MEETING MINUTES FOR CITY CLERK:

Motion to approve: Council Member Trey Kamer

Second by: Council Member Jason Kinser

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

TOURISM COMMISSION REPORT- DONNA SABO

*Job to promote city – spoke on issues that have made it difficult to do.

*Answered questions regarding food trucks.

*July 10th guests coming from the Netherlands to see the train.

*Project Guild – Oldham County Day & pancake breakfast

*Friday night before Oldham Co. Day, live band at Springs Park

*Alley Loop Festival – Oct 11th, 2025.

*Working on a mural by Oldham Plaza

*Update on EDC cups & signage – waiting on final “rules” (5,000 cups to be first order). 6 places in EDC that can sell alcohol – first 500 cups will be given to each business at no charge.

*Presented Financial report- \$20k in checking & \$105,000 in CD

LAGRANGE UTILITIES REPORT- JOSH RAHM

*4th Street Sewer Project - Underway

*Oldham Reserve construction progress–started into Lakewood Valley

*1st St. Water rehab design –is in the design phase

Motion to approve Utility Report: Council Member Joe Davenport

Second by: Council Member Trey Kamer

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO.12-SERIES 2025 FOR FIRST READING-

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

Ordinance committee approved unanimously to repeal any ordinances related to the City’s commitment to pay a certain percentage/amount of health insurance premiums.

Attorney Craigmyle explained how all previous ordinances related to any specific City handbooks prior to 2024 are hereby repealed.

11(A). INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO.13-SERIES 2025 FOR FIRST READING-

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES 110.02 AND 111.10 EXEMPTING ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES FROM LICENSE OR PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.

****wanting to strike the word “temporary” from the language**

Council Member Kenneth Powell asked about the word “temporary”.

Attorney Craigmyle explained that removing the word “temporary” allows an entertainer to come into the City as many times as they want without paying for a business license.

Mayor asked Stephanie Wenter to come up front to discuss the use of “temporary”

Council Member Laura Taylor talked about the use of the word “temporary” and what was discussed about excluding the language in the ordinance.

More discussion to come in 2nd reading.

11(B). INTRODUCTION OF MUNICIPAL ORDER (01-2025)-

A MUNICIPAL ORDER AMENDING THE GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES (MAP OF EDC) OF THE COMMON AREAS OF THE LAGRANGE ENTERTAINMENT DESTINATION CENTER.

Clarifies area around train museum & on Main Street and Jericho Rd. Includes north side of Jefferson St.

Council Member Trey Kamer questioned the “tourism” district of the city. Donna Sabo expressed the goal of EDC’s is to encourage people to the downtown area. Council Member Laura Taylor questioned if the map boundaries can be changed at a later date. Per Attorney Craigmyle, changing becomes more difficult based on what ABC allows.

Council Member Trey Kamer questioned if all businesses had been notified about the opportunity to participate in the EDC? Donna Sabo: Yes

Motion to approve: Council Member Jason Kinser

Second by: Council Member Jason Taylor with correction of (7st to 7th)

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

INTRODUCTION OF STEVE MAHONEY-NEW PARKS DIRECTOR

*110 applicants and dwindled it down to 5

*Hire date: 7/1/2025

*Steve Mahoney talked about his past, his connection to LaGrange & his “story telling”

*Upcoming public community events, growing day programs

DIRECTORS REPORT-

CITY BUS DEPARTMENT-KATIE BECHTOLD

- *Bus – hired a new part time driver.
- *Tri-annual audit of the FTA/TARC program as a sub-recipient of TARC.
- *Progress of FTA Grant application–shout-out to Lisa Long for helping

POLICE DEPARTMENT-CHIEF GREG COLLETT

- *June 2025 CAD activities, burglaries have increased with warmer weather.
- *Stolen vehicles update. Safety tips to avoid and/or deter thefts
- *Fireworks during trackside tunes went well
- *2 new patrol units received & hope to have them upfitted by end of July
- *New hiring campaign
- *Council Member Jason Kinser questioned how department meetings worked with officers working different shift. *Chief –attempts to meet with each shift if there is a pressing need or communication through emails/group texts.
- *Attorney Craigmyle questioned about new state law for UTV's that can be used on the roads.
- *Council Member Lucy Ricketts questioned about using golf carts in Le'Espirit or other "island subdivisions"
- *Mayor questioned regarding fireworks situation.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS-

PARKS & RECREATION- TREY KAMER

- *Committee met June 12th
- *Talked & reviewed roles within Parks department
- *Lighting at 309 W. Main & 400 Kentucky Ave
- *Still working on a plan for 400 Kentucky Ave.
- *Discussing Amphitheater ideas & area for Springs Park

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT- JASON KINSER

- *Last Committee meeting- discussed summer training at KLC
- *KIPTDA-Discussed a grant for walking across Interstate 71
- *Parking garage possibility – money left over from courthouse
- *Babage Group will meet with committee on July 10th

ORDINANCE & CODE ENFORCEMENT-LAURA TAYLOR

- *Committee met last week- discussed Entertainers Business license
- *Continued talks about parking ordinance
- *Working on a new sign ordinance
- *Discussed ethics code & committee will review before presentation to council

ROADS, PUBLIC SAFETY, POLICE, ENVIRONMENTAL – KENNETH POWELL

- *Met on June 12th – talked about storm water/culvert issues
- *Majority of conversation was about golf carts in neighborhoods

PUBLIC COMMENT-No Comments

OPEN DISCUSSION RELATED TO ANY OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Latasha Bishop-Booker talked about incidence of fireworks in neighborhoods

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

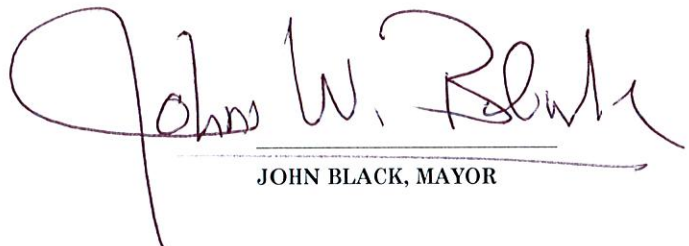
- *Special called City Council meeting scheduled for July 17, 2025, at 6:00 pm located in City Hall
- *Council Member Trey Kamer announced Oldham Little League advancements
- *Council Member Lucy Ricketts questioned about Oldham County Day-Will the City be participating? Mayor Black– yes, the city has to booth spots/tents. Discussed parade.
- *Council Member Jason Taylor asked about Regular Scheduled Council Meeting for September falling on Labor Day;
- *Since it is a holiday, meeting shall be held on the next regular weekday which is not a holiday per Lagrange Ordinance (32.21 Meetings). Conclusion: City Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 2nd.
- *NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE MONDAY AUGUST 4th, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion to Adjourn: Council Member Joe Davenport

Second by: Council Member Lucy Ricketts

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0



JOHN BLACK, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK OR DESIGNEE