

CITY OF LAGRANGE

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

CITY HALL / COMMUNITY CENTER @ 6:30 P.M.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

WELCOME- MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:33PM

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

****Council Member Latosha Bishop joined meeting at 6:34pm**

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

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2025 AGENDA

Changes made under Director's Report- Corey Rusnak in place of Katie Bechtold
Motion to approve with changes: Council Member Joe Davenport
Second by: Council Member Trey Kamer
Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 4TH, 2025, CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Motion to approve: Council Member Joe Davenport
Second by: Council Member Lucy Ricketts
Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

CITY ADMINISTRATION- CINDY ALVANO

➤ **PAYABLES**

Motion to approve: Council Member Lucy Ricketts
Second by: Council Member Joe Davenport
Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

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

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

➤ **BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENT REPORT**

Motion to approve both reports: Council Member Kenneth Powell
Second by: Council Member Joe Davenport
Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

REPUBLIC SERVICES FRANCHISE CONTRACT RENEWAL-CINDY ALVANO

Todd Preher, Republic Services Municipal Sales Manager- Provided brief explanation on the proposed rates for LaGrange residents under the new contract. The proposed contract is a 5-year contract instead of a 3-year contract.

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

UPDATE ON HEALTH INSURANCE RATES-CINDY ALVANO

Cindy Alvano- Provided brief explanation on the new health insurance rates for city employees for the 25-26 F/Y.
Motion to approve new benefit rates: Council Member Latosha Booker-Bishop
Second by: Council Member Jason Taylor
Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

NEW FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT POSITION-CINDY ALVANO

Cindy Alvano- Provided brief explanation to city council regarding the need for a new financial accountant assistant.

Motion to approve new hire: Council Member Lucy Ricketts

Second by: Council Member Joe Davenport

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

PUBLIC COMMENT-

***Keven Jefferies, OC Magistrate-** Updating Council on HWY 53 realignment-State has chosen option 1.

***Citizen-**Came to speak about the utility project on 4th street. She wanted to thank the utility department and public works department for responding quickly when issues arose.

***Citizen-** Requesting help with traffic control on Allen Lane. People speeding and close-call incidents.

***JONATHAN REHNER AND ROB HUCKABY- CLARK DIETZ ENGINEERING PRESENTATION**

***La Grange Acres stormwater system assessment presentation (documents attached)**

***Presented findings from assessment done on Wilborn Park bridges.**

Break-8:33pm- 8:45pm

MAIN STREET DIRECTOR'S REPORT-SARAH GARRETT

***Last Trackside Tunes will be 9-5-25**

***Last Trackside Farmers market will be 9-6-25**

***2 new Facade Grants submitted**

***Last Farmers Market will be 9-25-25**

***Welcome Center hours are- 9am-5pm and office phone number is 502-269-0126.**

***Merchant monthly meetings- 2nd Tuesday of every month.**

TOURISM COMMISSION REPORT-DONNA SABO

***Working with Great Day Live- meeting one Saturday morning.**

LAGRANGE UTILITIES REPORT- JOSH RAHM

***4th Street Sewer Project – Completed-Paving scheduled to start next Tuesday.**

***Oldham Reserve construction progress-50% completion-pump station has not started yet.**

***Courts-sending out for new bids.**

***1st St. Water rehab design – waiting on CSX and division of water for approval**

***East Peak and Trilogy sewer extension-approved just waiting on Division of water.**

Motion to approve Utility Report: Council Member Kenneth Powell

Second by: Council Member Jason Kinser

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

PRESENTATION BY THE TOURISM COMMISSION HONORING VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND BEAUTIFICATION EFFORTS.

Donna Sabo- presented Pam Leveritt and Patrick Welborn with appreciation letters from the mayor for their countless volunteer hours for the city.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO.15-SERIES 2025 FOR FIRST READING-

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPLACING THE CODE OF ETHICS ORDINANCE

Sponsored by Council Member Lucy Ricketts

Council Member Lucy Ricketts gave a summary of Ordinance No.15, Series 2025.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO.16-SERIES 2025 FOR FIRST READING-

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PARKING ORDINANCE

Sponsored by Council Member Laura Taylor

Council Member Laura Taylor gave a summary of Ordinance No.16, series 2025.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO.14-SERIES 2025-

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A GENERAL TAX

Mayor Black introduced Ordinance no.14, series 2025

Motion to approve: Council Member Lucy Ricketts

Second by: Council Member Latosha Booker-Bishop

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

Motion to go into Public Hearing: Council Member Trey Kamer

Second by: Council Member Latosha Booker-Bishop

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

Public Hearing- No comment

Motion to go out of Public Hearing: Council Member Trey Kamer

Second by: Council Member Jason Kinser

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

Open Discussion between Council-

Council Member Jason Kinser- questioned if the city should lower the rate even further and spoke in favor of reducing the tangible rate as well. Council would like to ways to discuss the yearly rate if possible.

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.14, Series 2025 passes unanimously: 8-0

DIRECTORS REPORT-

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT-COREY RUSNAK

Reported updates on street paving projects

New Bucket Truck-received this past weekend

Surplus old bucket truck-surplus written determination approval

Motion to approve: Council Member Jason Kinser

Second by: Council Member Trey Kamer

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

Currently trying to fill vacant positions.

PARKS DEPARTMENT-STEVE MAHONEY

Great turnout on the Free haircut event-over 70 free hair cuts

Presented an update on things currently going on within the department

Working on updating the Parks website.

Working on installing cameras at all the parks.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS-

PARKS & RECREATION- TREY KAMER

Committee met on 8-14-25

Reported about Golf Course improvements

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT- JASON KINSER

Next Committee meeting will be 9-11-25

ORDINANCE & CODE ENFORCEMENT-LAURA TAYLOR

Worked on Code of Ethics Ordinance and Parking Ordinance

Still working on Sign Ordinance

Next Committee Meeting will be 9-09-25

NEW APPOINTMENT OF SARA LOSE TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION TO FINISH TOMMY GOWIN'S TERM EXPIRING ON 1/1/2027.

Motion to approve: Council Member Trey Kamer

Second by: Council Member Lucy Ricketts

NEW APPOINTMENT OF ANDREA MANCINI TO THE TOURISM BOARD FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM FROM 9/1/2025 TO 9/1/2027.

Motion to approve: Council Member Trey Kamer

Second by: Council Member Laura Taylor

NEW APPOINTMENT OF LUKE TOMPARY TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS TO FINISH WAYNE MORGAN'S TERM UNTIL 2/1/2027.

Motion to approve: Council Member Trey Kamer

Second by: Council Member Kenneth Powell

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION FOR BRIAN REA BY COUNCIL MEMBER JASON TAYLOR

PUBLIC COMMENT-No Comment

OPEN DISCUSSION RELATED TO ANY OLD OR NEW BUSINESS- No Comment

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

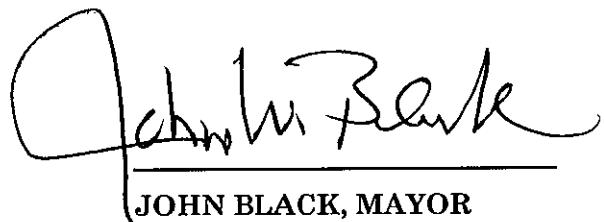
City Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 6th, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT- 10:23PM

Motion to Adjourn: Council Member Trey Kamer

Second by: Council Member Laura Taylor

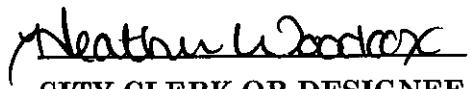
Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0



John Black

JOHN BLACK, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Heather L. Doerksen

CITY CLERK OR DESIGNEE