

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

July 12, 2016

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

Also Present: City Manager Meg Kelsey; City Attorney Jeff Todd; Director of Community Development Alton West

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Reverend Tom Farr, First Baptist Church on the Square and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Ms. Tucker, Council approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on June 28, 2016.

On a motion by Ms. Tucker seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to appoint Meg Kelsey as City Manager and authorized the Mayor to execute an employment agreement between the City and Ms. Kelsey.

City Attorney Jeff Todd swore in City Manager Meg Kelsey.

Pete Skandalakis, District Attorney, appeared before the Mayor and Council and expressed his thanks for funding an additional prosecutor to work on gang cases for the City of LaGrange. Mr. Skandalakis spoke of the need for transparency of funding and will provide the Council with quarterly status.

Coleman Cody, representative of the Heart of West Georgia, appeared before the Council and presented a check in the amount of \$9,500 to fund rowing machines for the fire department and 4 AEDs.

Boyd Austin, Mayor of Dallas, Georgia, appeared before the Mayor and Council and brought greetings from the Georgia Municipal Association. He brought Congratulations to Ms. Kelsey in her new role as the City Manager of LaGrange.

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

Mayor Thornton announced that Patrick Bowie had been re-elected to another 3 year term on the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG) Board of Directors.

Reverend Jeffrey Henderson appeared before the Mayor and Council and invited the community to a prayer vigil for the police department on July 13, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. on the Square. Chief Dekmar thanked the community for the outpouring of support for the LaGrange Police Department.

In closing comments, Ms. Kelsey recognized employees in the landscape department for their show of support and appreciation to the Police Department following the recent Dallas Shootings that killed 5 police officers.

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

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Mayor

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Deputy City Manager, Administration/Finance