

FEBRUARY 8, 2021

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, February 8, 2021, at their meeting room, County Office Building, 114 W. Michigan Street, LaGrange, Indiana 46761, at 8:30 a.m., with the following present: Council Members, Charles F. Ashcraft, Jeffrey L. Brill, Peter A. Cook, Harold D. Gingerich, Steven E. McKowen, Ryan J. Riegsecker, and Michael G. Strawser; and LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. Mr. Peter Cook brought the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT

Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to recommend Mr. Peter Cook for appointment to the LaGrange County Economic Development Commission. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The nomination will go to the County Commissioners and they will appoint.

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE LAGRANGE COUNTY CODE

Mr. Peter Cook presented the following Ordinance for consideration:

COUNTY OF LAGRANGE
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-02-08

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE LAGRANGE COUNTY CODE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of County of LaGrange ("Commissioners") is the legislative body on behalf of LaGrange County, Indiana ("County");

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code Section ("IC §") 36-1-5-3, the Commissioners requested the County Attorney to compile the several ordinances and resolutions (collectively, "ordinances") of the County into a complete, simplified code;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance 2020-12-21, the Commissioners adopted a document entitled the LaGrange County Code ("Code") for adoption as the County code;

WHEREAS, the LaGrange County Council ("Council") is the fiscal body of the County;

WHEREAS, the Council cooperated in commissioning the Code;

WHEREAS, the Code contains the several ordinances of general applicability that were originally adopted by the Council;

WHEREAS, the Council understands and acknowledges that the original ordinances, whenever they may conflict with the Code, are still effective law; *and*

WHEREAS, the Council desires to ratify the actions of the Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF LAGRANGE, INDIANA THAT:

SECTION I – RATIFICATION

- A. The Council hereby ratifies and approves the LaGrange County Code, as adopted by the Commissioners in County Ordinance 2020-12-21.
- B. The Council hereby declares its desire that all original Council ordinances and resolutions of general applicability that were adopted before the adoption of the Code and that have not been since repealed shall be considered reordained by the adoption of the Code.

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- C. The Council hereby declares its desire that any competent authority with jurisdiction to interpret the Code should give the Code the maximum force and effect under the law except to the extent that the Code may conflict with the original ordinances adopted by the Council, in which case the respective original ordinances shall control.

SECTION II – MISCELLANEOUS

A. References.

1. Reference to another section of this ordinance or another law, document, fund, program, or public office, shall extend and apply to the same, as may be subsequently amended, elected, revised, recodified, renamed, or renumbered from time to time.
2. Reference in this ordinance to a public servant, office, commission, committee, board, or fund, without reference to another jurisdiction, shall be construed as though it were preceded or followed, as appropriate, by the words “(of) LaGrange County (Indiana).”
3. Should a provision of this ordinance require an act to be done which, by law, an agent or deputy as well may do as the principal, the requirement is satisfied by the performance of the act by an authorized agent or deputy.

- B. Conflicts. No part of this ordinance shall be interpreted to conflict with any local, state, or federal laws, and all reasonable efforts should be made to harmonize same.

- C. Severability. Should any section or part thereof of this ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any other portion thereof, and for this purpose the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

- D. Continuance. The express or implied repeal or amendment by this ordinance of any other ordinance or part of any other ordinance does not affect any rights or liabilities accrued, penalties incurred, or procedures begun prior to the effective date of this ordinance. Those rights, liabilities, and proceedings are continued, and penalties shall be imposed and enforced under the repealed or amended ordinance as if this ordinance had not been adopted. To the extent the provisions contained in this ordinance substantially restate the provisions of a prior ordinance or resolution, such provisions shall not be deemed to be a new enactment of the old ordinances, but rather shall be deemed to be the continuation of the original provisions.

- E. Effective Dates. This ordinance shall be considered effective upon adoption.

Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Jeff Brill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS

Mr. Peter Cook read the following Resolution to Transfer Funds:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the following increases and decreases be made in order to meet the expenses of the units of government for the year 2021.

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	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – EXTENSION</u>		
1000-023-03-3013 Postage	100.00	
1000-023-04-4011 Office Supplies		100.00
<u>LIT-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u>		
1112-000-03-6502 2020 Carry Over Edit Funds	59,815.57	
1112-000-01-1522 Health Insurance		59,815.57
<u>PARKS NON-REVERTING</u>		
1179-000-04-4022 Duff Lake Fen Park Project	18,000.00	
1179-000-03-3022 SOGL/NFWF Grant 20-23 – Match		18,000.00
<u>PARKS AND RECREATION</u>		
1219-000-04-4051 Pickup truck	4,305.00	
1219-000-04-4052 Mower trade	3,450.00	
1219-000-04-4054 Utility Vehicle		7,755.00
<u>IMMUNIZATION GRANT</u>		
8122-000-02-2011 POD Supplies	11,570.00	
8122-000-04-4010 Equipment		11,570.00

Mr. Charles Ashcraft made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Mike Strawser seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LEGAL CLAIMS


Mr. Harold Gingerich presented the legal claims in the amount of \$16,250.00 for December 2020 from Beers, Mallers, Backs & Salin. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve. Mr. Steven McKowen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

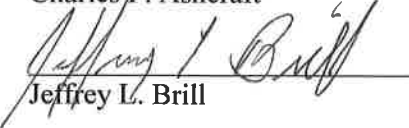
MINUTES

Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to approve the January 11, 2021 regular session minutes. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Ryan Riegsecker made a motion to adjourn and meet on any subsequent day necessary to carry on the business of the Board. Mr. Mike Strawser seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.



Charles F. Ashcraft

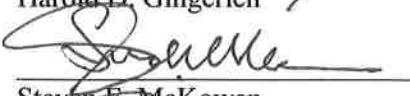

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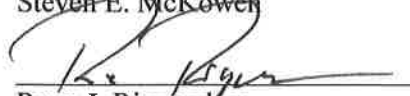
Peter A. Cook

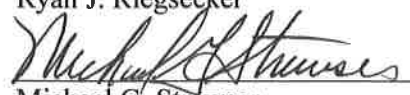
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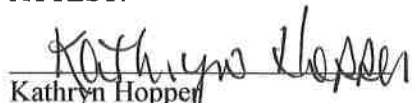

Harold D. Gingerich


Steven E. McKowen


Ryan J. Riegsecker


Michael G. Strawser

ATTEST:


Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor