

**City of Locust Grove  
 Council Workshop Meeting Minutes  
 Public Safety Building – 3640 Highway 42  
 Locust Grove, GA 30248  
 Monday, February 18, 2019  
 6:00 PM**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Staff Present:</b>
Robert Price – Mayor	Tim Young – City Manager
Randy Gardner – Councilman	Misty Spurling – City Clerk
Willie Taylor – Councilman	Jennifer Adkins – Assistant City Clerk
Carlos Greer – Councilman	Anna W. Ogg – Main Street Manager
Otis Hammock – Councilman	Jack Rose – Public Works Director
Vernon Ashe – Councilman	Jesse Patton – Police Chief
Keith Boone – Councilman	Warren Tillery – SWWW Attorney
	<b>Staff Not Present:</b>
	Bert Foster – Community Development Director
	Andy Welch – City Attorney

Mayor Price called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Invocation given by Mayor Price

Councilman Boone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Hammock made the motion to approve the February 18, 2019 meeting agenda.

RESULT	APPROVED
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** –

- **Proclamation – Age Related Macular Degeneration Awareness Month – Dr. Benjamin Baumrind** –

City Clerk Misty Spurling read the proclamation aloud. Mayor Price asked Dr. Baumrind to step forward to the podium. Mayor Price presented the proclamation to Dr. Baumrind who accepted on behalf of Dr. Leiv Takle of Takle Eye Group. Dr. Baumrind gave a brief explanation about the disease and thanked Council and Mayor and the City of Locust Grove. Nothing further.

- **Presentation by Laura Luker with the Henry County Convention and Visitors’ Bureau (CVB) on FY 2018 activities, expenditures, and plans/promotions for 2019** –

Mrs. Laura Luker stepped forward to present an update for the CVB. Mrs. Luker introduced herself and said the CVB is funded through hotel/motel tax [24% of the Chamber's budget comes from Locust Grove collections] and is designated as a 501(c) [6] to tell about things to do in Locust Grove and for the promotion of tourism in Henry County. Mrs. Luker said the CVB is geared towards general marketing including videos, media, travel guides, and digital billboards. Discussion took place and Mrs. Luker said there were 620,000 views on videos alone. Further, Mrs. Luker said a research study was completed in 2018 from which the CVB received insights about visitors to Henry County and Locust Grove.

Mayor Price asked Mr. David Gill; president of the Chamber, if he would like to make any comments. Mr. Gill thanked Mayor and Council for allowing the City of Locust Grove to be such great partners with the CVB and in helping make Locust Grove a welcoming City. Further, Mr. Gill mentioned his retirement in a few months and said he has enjoyed the past years serving Henry County and Locust Grove. No further comments and discussion closed.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS –**

#### **1. Conditional Use request for the Marked Society for property located at 4982 Bill Gardner Parkway for Tattoo and Body Art Studio –**

City Manager Tim Young led discussion this is a request for conditional use for a tattoo studio submitted by Andy Cagle with The Marked Society. Mr. Young said this is the only application for Unlimited License and said it cannot be transferred to another body art studio. The applicant is present tonight to answer any questions.

Mayor Price said this is a public hearing and opened for public comments. No public comments and Mayor Price asked for comments or questions from Council.

Councilman Boone made a comment about the specifications for Unlimited License and asked if the applicant will have more than one business in the studio. Mr. Cagle replied no, the only business will be tattoo and body art. Councilman Boone asked why it is considered Unlimited License and Mr. Young replied Unlimited License is for a studio that offers body art as a sole business or with more than two body artists. Nothing further, and Mr. Young said this item will move forward for action at the next meeting on March 4, 2019.

Mayor Price closed public hearing.

#### **2. Ordinance to amend Title 17, 17.04, dealing with the parking and storage of commercial vehicles –**

City Manager Tim Young led discussion this is an Ordinance for amendment to the 'Definitions' section of the Zoning Ordinance to provide more detail to the definition of a commercial vehicle. Mr. Young reviewed section one and section two of the proposed ordinance. Discussion took place regarding parking of commercial vehicles.

Mayor Price said this is a public hearing and opened for public comments. No public comments and Mayor Price asked for comments from Council.

Councilman Greer asked if Class two and Class three are only weight and Mr. Young replied it is weight and classification. Discussion took place for consideration to change classification for vehicles [Dually Trucks] with weight over 14,000 pounds. Mr. Young said only class one and class two vehicles can be parked in residential lots and discussion took place. Mr. Young said we can revisit class one and class two restrictions and limitations. Councilman Greer said there needs to be a clear definition of “for hire” on a marked vehicle for a business. Discussion took place on about parking in subdivision driveways or on street and who will enforce. Mr. Young said Code Enforcement will enforce [zoning violations as proposed in the amendment], and that Police enforce parking on the street in terms of violation. No further questions or comments and Mayor Price closed the public hearing.

**NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –**

**3. Resolution to accept contracts with Clear Channel, Whiteway, and Lamar Outdoor Advertising leases for FY 2019 (North and South I-75/I-16) –**

City Manager Tim Young led discussion this is for acceptance of the contracts for tourism advertising. Mr. Young said we are adding three additional locations for Northbound traffic through the Macon Metro area along I-75 and Riverside Parkway area, near I-475, and in the I-16 area by Golden Isles Parkway. The CVB will fund \$18,000 and we will fund the remainder from our advertising budget in local H/M funding. Nothing further.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Hammock made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution **#19-02-029.**

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #19-02-029
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

**CITY OPERATION REPORTS / WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**MAIN STREET OPERATIONS –ANNA W. OGG**

Main Street Director Anna Ogg led discussion Main Street Inc is looking to make changes in the bylaws and how the statement of expectation reads. Mrs. Ogg said planning for the Peach Stand Road Race is going well and save the date for May 25, 2019. Main Street, Inc. adopted new program boundaries to match tax credit programs with combined incentives. The HPC has worked hard at capturing the history of Locust Grove to share. The DDA established a 2019 workplan and is working on final approval. The City of Locust Grove is working on an event for March 28,2019 at Claude Gray Park for Child Abuse Prevention Month in April. Mrs. Ogg said materials will be at the Public Safety Building for purchase and funds will go toward a scholarship to a high school junior or senior in foster care. Further, Mrs. Ogg said the logo redesign is going smoothly and the 2019 advertising campaign as well. Lastly, Mrs. Ogg said if your schedules allow; attend the CVB presentation on March 12, 2019 at 8:30 AM at the Chamber to get detailed data on Locust Grove. Nothing further.

**PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATIONS– JESSE PATTON**

Chief Patton stepped forward and reviewed the monthly report and collections for January 2019. Total collections were \$83,392 with 21 investigations including ten for Detective Shoemaker and eleven for

Detective Yarian. Chief Patton said we are having a consistent overcrowding in our Court services each week; therefore, we need to add an additional court date; preferably, [2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday] of each month. Also, there is a new mandate on citations that will begin implementing accusations on each charge which will impact our budget. Corner Lot Towing hosted training at no charge at the Public Safety Building and has expressed interest in offering a flag training class to Public Works at no cost. David Gulley has officially transitioned to Drug Task Force, and our prospective future officer Tyler Wilkerson is doing well at the academy. He added that we are looking forward to hiring him upon completion. Further, Chief Patton said he is looking into getting a new firearms training system which is now portable and more affordable. This will be part of the Chase It Up foundation and funds have been offered to the department to pay for a portion or potentially all the system. The system costs approximately \$5,000 and we feel it will be a great benefit to the department.

Councilman Boone asked if this is the same system the County has and Chief Patton replied yes, and our department has used their system. Council said they all are in favor of the purchase. Nothing further.

### **PUBLIC WORKS – JACK ROSE –**

Public Works Director Jack Rose gave an update. Mr. Rose said his department is continuing with upgrades to MXUs and meters. Further, normal repairs for water leaks, new building construction, and sewer collection is ongoing. We had made repairs at the Strong Rock Well along with normal maintenance upkeep and repairs. Nothing further.

### **ADMINISTRATION – TIM YOUNG**

- **Resolution on the adoption of the Joint Henry County/Cities Hazard Mitigation Plan–**

City Manager Tim Young stepped forward and led discussion this is the latest update, which is a requirement every few years as regulations change. This is an update and will be for adoption at the next meeting in March. He stated this is the Locust Grove portion due to the large size of the document. Nothing further.

- **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2018 –**

City Manager Tim Young led discussion this is the draft set of adjustments to the General Fund and Enterprise Funds. Mr. Young said Fiscal Year 2018 was good and now getting close to closing out the year. This will be for final adoption of Ordinance in March 2019. Nothing further.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS – TIM YOUNG FOR BERT FOSTER (ABSENT) –**

- **Special Event – Grand Opening Sales Event in Al-Jannah Subdivision –**

City Manager Tim Young said this is a request from Victoria Reimer with LGI Homes for a grand opening sales event in Al-Jannah at Locust Grove Station on March 9, 2019. The event will be from 8 am to 6 pm. Mr. Young said this will need to be added to the agenda for action since the event is scheduled soon. Mr. Young said someone from LGI Homes is present to answer any questions.

Mr. Seth Yerman, stepped forward to comment. Mr. Yerman said this is a grand opening event and all are invited. Mr. Yerman said there are 66 lots and we are booking appointments now for this big sales event. Mr. Young asked him to elaborate on the event where they have prospective

residents “race” to claim their respective home or lot on the property. Mr. Yerman state that they are prequalified and do the race as a way to build excitement in their development. Nothing further and discussion closed.

**INSERT VOTE HERE to add to the agenda and to approve**

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (ARB) –**

- 4. Resolution – new detached accessory building to be located at Circle K (5080 Bill Gardner Parkway) –** City Manager Tim Young led discussion this is a request to add a storage building at Circle K. The applicant is wanting to convert the door to a roll up door and we are suggesting them have no windows as a preference or to install security bars on them otherwise.

Councilman Boone said he would like to make sure the roof on the storage building matches that of the Circle K. Nothing further and discussion closed.

**CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –**

City Manager Tim Young said after the storms on Tuesday; we are moving our server to the Public Safety Building, which is less susceptible to power loss. We are also working on getting a third quote for cleaning services for City Hall for cleaning after hours. Nothing further.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS- NONE**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – NONE**

**ADJOURNMENT-**

Mayor Price asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Hammock made the motion to adjourn.

RESULT	ADOPTED
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN-FAVOR MEETING ADJOURNED @ 7:16 PM.

Notes taken by:

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Misty Spurling, City Clerk