

**City of Locust Grove
Special Called Meeting Minutes
3640 Highway 42
Locust Grove, GA 30248
Thursday, March 21, 2019
5:15 PM**

Members Present:	Staff Present:
Robert Price - Mayor	Tim Young – City Manager
Willie Taylor – Councilman	Misty Spurling – City Clerk
Randy Gardner – Councilman	Jennifer Adkins – Assistant City Clerk
Otis Hammock – Councilman	Bert Foster – Community Development Director
Carlos Greer–Councilman/Mayor Pro Tem	Jesse Patton – Police Chief
Vernon Ashe – Councilman	Warren Tillery – City Attorney SWWW
Keith Boone – Councilman	Staff Not Present:
	Jack Rose – Public Works

Mayor Price called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING ITEMS –

- 1. Bill Gardner Safety/Operations Improvement Project** – City Manager Tim Young led discussion Council suggested in February 2017 at the retreat to look at road improvements at Bill Gardner Parkway. We have met with GDOT several times for review and collaboration on feasibility of improvements and costs to do such major improvements. The original cost estimate was \$1.6 million; however, the latest cost is \$1.82 million and explained the increase is due to improvements for pavement concerns. Discussion took place on the scope of work for each phase of the project.

Councilman Boone asked if pavement is best for this project with continued growth and Mr. Young replied the design was created so that if done correctly; it will last until we do a major change with the interchange itself

Discussion took place about timing and completion of project if construction started in June; final paving would be around Thanksgiving. We have the funds to complete; however, would deplete our funds considerably. Funds currently reserve is \$3.9 million and would decrease by \$2 million if project begins.

Discussion took place on the project at the overhead bridge and moving sidewalks to one side and adding an extra turning lane. Mr. Young suggested we put the project under the bridge on hold until we review with GDOT about reconfiguring to add the extra lane on Bill Gardner Parkway. We will delay and follow up after the meeting with GDOT in May. Discussion closed.

- 2. Market Place Sewer Line “F” Extension** – City Manager Tim Young led discussion this is a required sewer line and originally designed to go under I-75; however, postponed, because of the recession and no immediate need for it. The original estimate was \$474,000 - \$762,000 and the latest estimate is \$880,000; however, the result of bids for the project came with a lowest bid

amount of \$1.235 million. This project can start within 60-days and will open development in several locations. Nothing further and discussion closed.

3. Former Council Chamber Conversion for Office Space – City Manager Tim Young led discussion the estimate we received last fall was for \$115,000; however, it will be close to \$135,000. Discussion took place on payment allocations from general fund and SPLOST IV leftovers from building renovations. Councilman Greer asked if this renovation includes the restrooms and Mr. Foster replied yes and we are ready to start immediately upon approval. Nothing further.

4. Proposed Water/Sanitary sewer extension/rehabilitation projects – City Manager Tim Young led discussion we still have funds in operating account for this project. Discussion took place on meter upgrades and the next step of adding an AMI System to allow instant readings and prevention of leaks.

Discussion took place on a potential rehab project near Skyland for a 12-inch line that runs along the entire Southside of the lake and possibly eliminate the lift station as well. We are working on options with GB Turnipseed and will have more information coming up.

Discussion took place about our growing needs for water. We are constantly purchasing from the County; however, we need to research options for a potential water plant at Indian Creek above the sewer plant. This can be designed in modules and added into Capital Improvement Program. Nothing further.

5. SPLOST IV Remaining Items – City Manager Tim Young led discussion on planned projects and reviewed potential projects to study on the overhead screen. Mr. Young said some projects include the Bill Gardner lane addition, Crossing study/overhead bridge, and the previous Chamber conversion. Nothing further.

6. Maintenance and Operations (M&O) plus smaller capital needs FY 2019 – City Manager Tim Young led discussion on smaller capital items needed including another vehicle for P/D. Mr. Young said we are budgeted for two; however, we need a third due to some aging Crown Victoria's.

Mr. Young said we need to add a position in Utility Billing because we are approaching the need to add two billing cycles. Also, a Planner in Community Development and a Finance Officer for assistance with the City Clerk. Discussion took place regarding the mentioned positions needed and how the budget will be affected. Mr. Young said this would increase the budget by \$200,000 plus benefits. Discussion took place.

Mr. Young led discussion regarding smaller capital items needed including replacement of the TV in the court room to allow for more visibility. Also, upgrade to the A/V (audio/visual) system as well potentially next year with revenues from impact fees.

Mayor Price asked about progress with the traffic light at the Post Office. Mr. Young replied he thought it was operating and Bert said GDOT is working on it.

Mayor Price asked if Council has any questions.

Councilman Greer said we talked about some sidewalk projects last year and asked the status. Mr. Young said he has not included those; however, will add to pedestrian improvements.

Councilman Hammock asked about the dark intersections that need street lights. Mr. Young replied we are in process and we will revise the list. Discussion took place on center island improvements at French Market and this, too, is an item we will meet with GDOT on coordination. Nothing further.

Councilman Boone asked about the status of laptops for Council. Mr. Young said he will work on getting quotes for Microsoft Surface tablets.

Councilman Greer asked about LG Griffin Road and improvements to paving. Mr. Young said that area is mostly County road. Discussion took place. Mr. Young said in January, we paid \$5,000 for a company [RoadBotics] to drive our roads so that we could review areas that are in need for upgrade and showed some of the progress on needs. Nothing further.

Mr. Young gave an update we are upgrading websites to bring more transparency into place. We are now on ClearGov, a company that provides financial transparency to local governments, which will give a breakdown of revenues and expenditures and other helpful information for our use and residents. This will be available when the new website debuts. Nothing further.

ADJOURNMENT –

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

RESULT	APPROVED – ADJOURN MEETING
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED MEETING ADJOURNED @ 7:05 PM.

Notes taken by:

Misty Spurling, City Clerk