

**City of Locust Grove
Council Meeting Minutes
3640 Highway 42
Locust Grove, GA 30248
Monday, November 4, 2019
6:00 PM**

Members Present:	Staff Present:
Robert Price - Mayor	Tim Young – City Manager
Otis Hammock – Councilman	Bert Foster – Assistant City Manager
Willie Taylor – Councilman	Misty Spurling – City Clerk
Randy Gardner – Councilman	Jennifer Adkins – Assistant City Clerk
Vernon Ashe – Councilman	Daunté Gibbs- Community Development Director
Carlos Greer–Councilman/Mayor Pro Tem	Jack Rose – Public Works Director
Keith Boone – Councilman	Jesse Patton – Police Chief
	Anna Ogg - Main Street Manager
	Andy Welch – City Attorney - SWWW

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

Invocation given by City Manager Tim Young

Councilman Gardner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Mayor Price asked for a motion to amend the agenda by adding a third item under Public Comments. Councilman Greer made the motion with second by Councilman Boone. All in favor and motion carried.

Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the November 4, 2019 meeting agenda as amended.

RESULT	APPROVED AS AMENDED
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

- **Resolution – In Memory of Willie B. Hatcher -**

City Clerk Misty Spurling read aloud the resolution on behalf of the Henry County community in memory of Mr. Willie B. Hatcher. This resolution is also supported by the Cities of Hampton, McDonough, and Stockbridge and Henry County.

- **Resolution for the week of November 12 – 15, 2019 as Kindness Week –**

City Clerk Misty Spurling read the resolution for Kindness Week aloud.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution **#19-11-084**. Nothing further.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-11-084
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

• **Presentation of Lieutenant Shoemaker and Lieutenant Ricks –**

Captain Long stepped forward to present Darryl Shoemaker with formal promotion to Lieutenant. Family, friends, and colleagues of Lieutenant Shoemaker were also present in the audience. Captain Long recognized Darryl Shoemaker’s service with the City including longevity, dedication, and hard work. Lieutenant Shoemaker said he has been with the City for 14 years, and he is looking forward to many more.

Captain Long continued to present Dan Ricks with formal promotion to Lieutenant. Family, friends, and colleagues of Lieutenant Ricks were also present in the audience. Captain Long recognized Dan Ricks service with the City including his dedication and hard work. He has proven in his time here he is capable to fulfill the duties required of this position. Nothing further.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS – NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. OCTOBER 7, 2019- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the October 7, 2019 regular meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED OCTOBER 7, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

2. OCTOBER 21, 2019- WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the October 21, 2019 workshop meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED OCTOBER 21, 2019 WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT –

3. SEPTEMBER 2019 - Financial Statement –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Hammock made the motion to approve the September 2019 Financial Statement

RESULT	APPROVED SEPTEMBER 2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

- 4. Ordinance for the purpose to rezone approximately 3.0 acres located in Land Lot 186 of the 2nd District; to amend Section 17.04.137 entitled “Historic District Overlay”; to amend the Official Zoning Map to extend the Historic Preservation District Overlay (HPDO) boundary to incorporate additional properties along the west side of Cleveland Street, to update ownership and district information; and for other purposes –**

Mayor Price called on Mr. Michael Powell to step forward with his comments.

Mr. Michael Powell; Pastor of South Point Fellowship, stepped forward to comment. Mr. Powell is requesting Council postpone this item. Mr. Powell said he represents 400 of the City’s voting constituents and after much research do not see the benefit of this rezoning. Discussion took place and Mr. Powell assured Council he is not opposed to the Historic District; however, he would like more time to review so that he and others understand the benefit if any. Mr. Powell asked Council to postpone this item so that hopefully after more research he will be in favor of instead of opposed.

Mayor Price asked for a motion to postpone until January 6, 2020. Councilman Greer made the motion with second by Councilman Taylor and further discussion took place.

Councilman Greer asked Mrs. Ogg if there is a time limit for submitting. Mrs. Ogg said she is not aware of a time limit.

Councilman Boone made a comment we advertised this accordingly and asked Mr. Powell why he is just now coming with the request to postpone. Mr. Powell said he met with the Historic Preservation Council in August; however, would like to meet again to clarify questions he has. Mr. Powell said he has not had time to meet since the last Council meeting and as a Church leader he is trying to gather viewpoints from everyone.

Councilman Boone asked if there were questions that could be answered tonight. Mr. Powell replied since the Church does not pay taxes; he is trying to understand the benefit this would be to them. Mr. Young said we would not have to advertise a second time because it would not be outside the time frame required. Attorney Andy Welch said nothing legally would undermine Council from postponing to January and no reason to advertise again.

Councilman Greer asked if 30-days would be enough time. Mr. Powell and Attorney Andy Welch agreed 30-days would be enough time.

Mayor Price asked for a motion to recall original motion and Table until December 2, 2019. Councilman Greer made the motion to Table until December 2, 2019.

RESULT	APPROVED TABLED UNTIL DECEMBER 2, 2019
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

5. Ordinance to approve a Final Plat for Indian Grove Subdivision, Zoned R-3 (medium/high density single family residential), 35.5 acres, 87 lots located at the intersection of Tanger Boulevard and Indian Creek Road –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance **#19-11-083**.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-11-083
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

6. Special Event request by Henry County Parks and Recreation for Special Olympics fundraiser on December 14, 2019 and December 21, 2019 between 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM each day -

Community Development Director Daunté Gibbs stepped forward and led discussion this request is on behalf of Henry County Parks and Recreation for their special Olympics fundraiser to collect donations for the support of the special Olympics in Henry County. Mr. Gibbs confirmed he received the verification of their 501(C) (3) status. Nothing further.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the request.

RESULT	APPROVED SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –

7. FY 2020 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget Hearing schedule and update

City Manager Tim Young stepped forward with an update on capital projects including signalized intersections, providing turning lanes, paving existing streets and expanding existing ones. We will be expediting the new Industrial Interchange near Bethlehem Road and I-75, adding a signal at Market Place and Highway 42, and an intersection at Bill Gardner and Highway 42 and Bill Gardner and I-75. We will be debuting one new website and two websites rehashed. We will add a new Tanger Park that will include a walking trail, dog park, and pavilion. Further, Mr. Young reviewed and gave an update for 2020, the General Fund Budget is at \$8,301,570 and includes many of the projects discussed above. For our enterprise funds the total revenues and expenditures are \$7,919,940 and in all the proposed FY 2020 combined budget is \$16,221,510. Our proposed formal budget hearings are scheduled for November 18, 2019 and December 2, 2019 prior to adoption for installation in 2020.

8. Update of Operations and Capital Items (Tim Young and Bert Foster, Assistant City Manager)

Mr. Young continued with an update several of us had a meeting with GDOT last Monday, October 28, 2019 and received positive comments and overall a very positive meeting. We are hoping to receive assistance from GDOT on some of the projects that are in line. We are trying to move forward with the MMIP project and items that were discussed at the retreat. Mr. Young said the Community Development office is now open and operational.

Councilman Greer asked if TIP was discussed at the GDOT meeting and Mr. Young replied yes and discussion took place. Mr. Young said GDOT is working with ARC staff and they seem very supportive of it.

Councilman Boone asked if there was any mention of the SPLOST money from the County that they have not released. Attorney Andy Welch clarified Councilman Boones question and confirmed Councilman Boone means the \$5.5 million dollars the voters approved; the money that has not been spent from both State and Federal Government. Mr. Young said the County has declined spending anymore money and only spent money on the feasibility study and IJR; therefore, this responsibility to move the project forward is having to fall back on the City of Locust Grove. Mr. Young said there was no discussion about the SPLOST V money at the meeting and discussion took place. Nothing further.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS – NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION –NONE

ADJOURNMENT –

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

RESULT	APPROVED – ADJOURN MEETING
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:36 PM.

Notes taken by:

Misty Spurling, City Clerk