

**City of Locust Grove  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 1, 2020  
3640 Highway 42 – Public Safety Building  
Locust Grove, GA 30248  
6:00 PM**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Staff Present:</b>
Robert Price - Mayor	Tim Young – City Manager
Rod Shearouse – Councilman	Bert Foster – Assistant City Manager
Willie Taylor – Councilman	Misty Spurling – City Clerk
Randy Gardner – Councilman	Jennifer Adkins – Assistant City Clerk
Rudy Breedlove – Councilman	Daunte’ Gibbs- Community Development Director
Carlos Greer – Councilman/Mayor Pro Tem	Jesse Patton – Police Chief
Keith Boone – Councilman	Andy Welch – City Attorney
	<b>Staff Not Present:</b>
	Jack Rose – Public Works Director
	Anna Ogg – Main Street Director

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

Invocation given by Mayor Robert Price

Councilman Gardner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the September 1, 2020 meeting agenda.

RESULT	APPROVED AGENDA
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** –

- **Proclamation – National Payroll Week – September 7-11, 2020**

City Clerk Misty Spurling read the proclamation aloud and no one present to accept. Nothing further.

**PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS** – NONE

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** -

**1. AUGUST 3, 2020- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the August 3, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED AUGUST 3, 2020 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**2. AUGUST 14, 2020 – SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the August 14, 2020 special called meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED AUGUST 14, 2020 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**3. AUGUST 14, 2020- EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the August 14, 2020 executive session meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED AUGUST 14, 2020 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**4. AUGUST 17, 2020- WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the August 17, 2020 workshop meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED AUGUST 17, 2020 WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**5. AUGUST 17, 2020- EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the August 17, 2020 executive session meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED AUGUST 17, 2020 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT –**

**6. JULY 2020 - Financial Statement –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to approve the July 2020 Financial Statement

RESULT	APPROVED JULY 2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –**

**7. Resolution to proceed with Blue Line Solutions (BLS) on automated photo enforcement program in front of Locust Grove Elementary School –**

Councilman Boone asked if we could suggest to the County about adding a system around the high school at some point. Discussion took place about the surveillance camera and the advantages of having a tracking capability from this system.

Mr. Mark Hutchinson: owner of BLS, stepped forward to comment. Mr. Hutchinson said this program will include the technology being discussed. Nothing further.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution **#20-09-044.**

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #20-09-044
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS – NONE**

**8. Draft FY 2019 Audit Document Presentation –**

City Manager Tim Young led discussion this is the Draft Audit for Fiscal Year 2019, ended December 31, 2019. Mr. Young said the auditors are present tonight; however, this is their last audit with the city because they are no longer doing government audits.

Mr. Young said we had a good year both in government and business aspects and doing well so far in 2020.

Mrs. Ashley Potter with Whaley Hammonds Tomasello, PC stepped forward to answer questions.

Councilman Greer asked what the term “presented fairly” means under the section titled **opinions**. Mrs. Potter replied that term is an auditing term to say it is the best kind of audit report you can get and said this is a great report. Councilman Greer asked the meaning to the language “general fund expenditures in excess of budget accounts” and Mrs. Potter replied this is the last finding or last final adjustment to budget. Nothing further.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the FY 2019 draft audit.

RESULT	APPROVED DRAFT AUDIT
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –**

City Manager Tim Young said we are getting back to normal. We have opened one of our rooms at City Hall to kids of employees for virtual learning. Discussion took place about the decrease in Covid-19 cases. Mr. Young said good things are coming and discussion took place related to Economic Development.

Councilman Breedlove asked for an update on the audio visual in the Courtroom. Mayor Price said the contractor has had health issues and will hopefully have an update soon.

Councilman Boone mentioned the digital sign at City Hall and Mr. Young replied the sign is not repairable and we will have to replace. Nothing further.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS – NONE**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – LITIGATION**

Mayor Price asked for a motion to enter executive session for purposes of pending litigation. Councilman Greer made the motion with second by Councilman Breedlove. All in favor and motion carried. Council entered executive session at 6:21 PM.

Mayor Price asked for a motion to reconvene to regular session from executive session at 6:46 PM. Councilman Greer made the motion with second by Councilman Boone. All in favor and motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT –**

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

RESULT	APPROVED – ADJOURN MEETING
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:47 PM.

Notes taken by:

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Misty Spurling, City Clerk

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