

**City of Locust Grove
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 7, 2020
3640 Highway 42 – Public Safety Building
Locust Grove, GA 30248
6:00 PM**

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

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

Invocation given by Assistant City Manager Bert Foster

Councilman Shearouse led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to approve the December 7, 2020 meeting agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS –

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES -

1. NOVEMBER 2, 2020- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the November 2, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED NOVEMBER 2, 2020 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR

2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

2. NOVEMBER 16, 2020- WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the November 16, 2020 workshop meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED NOVEMBER 16, 2020 WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

3. NOVEMBER 16, 2020- EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the November 16, 2020 executive session meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED NOVEMBER 16, 2020 WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT –

4. OCTOBER 2020 - Financial Statement –

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

RESULT	APPROVED OCTOBER 2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

5. Ordinance to adjust fees paid to the City for certain development services provided –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #20-12-057.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #20-12-057
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

6. Ordinance on Council meeting schedule for 2021 –

Discussion took place about a request made by Councilman Shearouse and Councilman Breedlove to change the workshop meeting date in February (Winter Break) and other dates such as Spring break and Fall break to coincide with the school breaks. Mayor Price replied the meeting dates are set for the first and third Mondays each month to allow for a longer period between each meeting for the purpose of packet preparation. Mayor Price said the February date was extended to the fourth (4th) Monday.

Councilman Greer asked for further clarification on Mayor Price’s response. Mr. Young said there were some requests from Council to consider changing several meeting dates to coincide with the school breaks (Winter, Spring, and Fall). Mr. Young said we were able to change the February workshop meeting from February 15 to February 22 for Winter break; however, the other dates will remain as scheduled. The spring date will be the swearing in of a new council member; therefore, we could not reschedule. Discussion took place and nothing further.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance **#20-12-058**.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #20-12-058
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

7. Ordinance to adopt the FY 2021 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget -

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution **#20-12-059**.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #20-12-059
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

8. Resolution on Right-of-Way acquisition/donation for the SR 42 improvement –

City Manager Tim Young led discussion this is for two slivers of property in front of City Hall for the additional lane for SR 42 between Bill Gardner Parkway and Peeksville Road. We will have to relocate our water line along this stretch and affords us the option to upsize the line to accommodate future growth. We had originally stated an intent to donate this right-of-way; however, we can exercise these options to cover much of the costs for utility relocation.

Councilman Shearouse asked if the sidewalk will be reinstated. Mr. Young replied this includes a new sidewalk and landscaping; however, we will lose the pillars at the entrance of City Hall. The plaques embedded inside the pillars will be removed and relocated.

Councilman Boone asked if the pillars could be moved and Mr. Young said the pillars are not movable but will confirm.

Councilman Shearouse asked if the entrance to City Hall will be improved during this project and Mr. Young replied no, this does not include any improvements.

Councilman Greer asked if this covers the cost of utilities and Mr. Young replied this will cover the materials and much to all the labor. Discussion took place and Councilman Greer asked if the marquee sign will be removed. Mr. Young said we originally thought the marquee sign would have to be moved; however, with the design in place the sign will not be affected. Mr. Young said we have contacted four vendors for quotes on a new fascia, although we are looking at whether or not the new project would cause issues with height and visibility.

Councilman Greer made a comment being the driveway (entry) of City Hall is going to be destroyed can we request the improvements to increase the width. Mayor Price said he agrees the driveway is not wide enough and said an upgrade is needed. Mr. Young said he will include with questions for GDOT. Attorney Andy Welch suggested to condition the sale on a new opening and relocating the pillars.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request with subject to widening the driveway (doubling the entrance size at a minimum preserve and moving back pillars) and approving resolution #20-12-060.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #20-12-060
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

9. Ordinance Home Delivery of Alcohol / HB 879 Compliance

City Manager Tim Young led discussion this is an update regarding recent changes by the State in terms of Home Delivery of wine, malt beverages, and distilled spirits from the last General Assembly. Discussion took place. This amendment replaces our current prohibition since state law has now changed and allows restaurants to apply for a specific license to sell by the package wine and malt beverages. These can only be delivered within the corporate limits (license limit).

Councilman Shearouse asked who will enforce and what is the process of checking ID’s. Mr. Young said the city and state would enforce and there are state requirements on the verification of ID’s to ensure age-appropriate purchases. Discussion took place.

Councilman Greer said there are so many factors to consider with this request considering we are a small town. Councilman Greer also said he feels we need to have public input to allow opportunity for questions or comments. Discussion took place and nothing further.

Councilman Boone made a comment he thinks we need some questions answered first and the opportunity to do more research.

Attorney Andy Welch said we must present any changes that are made to local government code to Council; however, Council has the option to approve or not.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to table the request until February 1, 2021.

RESULT	TABLED UNTIL FEBRUARY 1, 2021
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE

VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR
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CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –

Mr. Young said everyone was very thankful for the generous Christmas bonuses issued this year. Mr. Young mentioned the accident involving two of our police officers this past weekend and said that it was a miracle because everyone involved is ok. The vehicles [Ford SUV and Crown Victoria) are beyond repair; therefore, budget adjustments were made for the replacement of two new vehicles totaling about \$66,000. Fortunately, we had money left over in other accounts that we can reallocate to this purchase. We will be coordinating with the insurance provider of the driver (company) at fault for reimbursement of damages. Nothing further.

Attorney Andy Welch said Council will need to make a motion to authorize this approval of purchase.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to authorize the purchase of two new police vehicles totaling \$66,000.

RESULT	APPROVED PURCHASE OF VEHICLES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

MAYOR’S COMMENTS –

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel

Mayor Price asked for a motion to enter executive session for purposes of personnel. Councilman Boone made the motion with second by Councilman Greer. All in favor and motion carried. Council entered executive session at 6:30 PM.

Mayor Price asked for a motion to reconvene to regular session from executive session at 6:49 PM. Councilman Boone made the motion with second by Councilman Greer. All in favor and motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT –

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

RESULT	APPROVED – ADJOURN MEETING
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:49 PM.

Notes taken by:

Misty Spurling, City Clerk