

**City of Locust Grove
 Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
 Public Safety Building – Courtroom Chamber
 3640 Highway 42 S. – Locust Grove, GA 30248
 Monday, February 1, 2021
 6:00 PM**

Members Present:	Staff Present:
Robert Price – Mayor	Tim Young – City Manager
Carlos Greer – Councilman	Bert Foster – Assistant City Manager
Willie Taylor – Councilman	Misty Spurling – City Clerk
Keith Boone – Councilman	Jennifer Adkins – Assistant City Clerk
Rod Shearouse – Councilman	Daunté Gibbs – Community Development Director
Rudy Breedlove - Councilman	Matthew Long - Police Captain
	Anna W. Ogg – Main Street Director
	Jack Rose – Public Works Director
	Andy Welch - Attorney

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

Invocation given by Assistant City Manager Bert Foster

Councilman Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Mayor Price asked for a motion to amend to add item seven and item eight. Councilman Boone made the motion to add items seven and eight to the agenda.

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

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the February 1, 2021 meeting agenda as amended.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Mayor Price asked Chief Patton to come forward. Chief Patton and wife, Lisa Patton stepped forward. A “farewell” video from staff and Council was presented on the overhead video screen in honor of Chief Patton’s retirement from the City of Locust Grove.

Mayor Price and Council joined Chief Patton to present him with a service plaque and a gift recognizing his 32 years of service with the city. City Manager Tim Young thanked Chief Patton for his years of service with the City of Locust Grove. Mayor Price and Council each made comments wishing Chief Patton a happy retirement and success in the future. Chief Patton thanked everyone for the thoughtful words and gift. Nothing further.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS – NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES -

1. JANUARY 4, 2021- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to approve the January 4, 2021 regular meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED JANUARY 4, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

2. JANUARY 19, 2021- WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to approve the January 19, 2021 workshop meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED JANUARY 19, 2021 WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

3. JANUARY 19, 2021- EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the January 19, 2021 executive session meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED JANUARY 19, 2021 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT – FY CLOSEOUT - NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

4. Approval of an ordinance to adopt revised specifications and details pertaining to water and sewer services -

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #21-02-011.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #21-02-011
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

5. Resolution to approve the (MOU) Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Locust Grove and GDOT for the Bethlehem Road Interchange –

City Manager Tim Young stepped forward and led discussion this is to facilitate Design and Construction to move at streamlined speed and allow its opening far earlier than originally estimated. This is to be additive to the Henry County SPLOST IV commitment of the remainder of the \$5 million earmarked by the voters. Discussion took place. Mr. Young said there is a typo on the resolution that should say SPLOST IV not SPLOST V.

Councilman Greer asked Mr. Young to clarify a comment he made “hopefully the County will be in agreement with this”. Mr. Young replied the County has an MOU as well; however, there was inconsistency among the Commission. Mr. Young said we are proceeding forward with expectations of the County cooperating.

Councilman Greer said we have let them know several times we are committed to this; however, we are the only ones always stepping up. Attorney Andy Welch said this is an agreement between the City of Locust Grove and GDOT and it does not involve the County or its actions. The city will continue to partner with GDOT as a willing and responsible contributing partner. Further, Attorney Andy Welch said we do not have any control over the County’s actions; however, the City does expect the County to follow through on their SPLOST commitment to spend 5.5 Million Dollars toward the interchange as approved by the BOC and voters. The City will continue our relationship with GDOT For example, our City Manager has taken courses which authorized him to administer federal funds which enables us to partner with GDOT on federal highway projects. The MOU will continue for ten years from the effective date with anticipation of 2027-2028 project completion.

Councilman Boone asked who designated this project for funding as a SPLOST project? Attorney Andy Welch replied that the BOC approved this project, along with other projects, to be placed before the voters of Henry County for approval as a SPLOST project, and the voters approved it. Discussion took place about the City of Locust Grove’s contribution [\$1,000,000] and the feasibility of the project. Attorney Andy Welch said this is an ongoing, feasible project approved by voters; and by entering into this agreement with GDOT, the City is showing its unwavering commitment making it happen. Nothing further.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #21-02-012.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #21-02-012
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

6. Ordinance to approve the final plat for Bunn Farms Phase I located on Peeksville Road west of S. Ola Road -

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance **#21-02-013**.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #21-02-013
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

ADD ITEMS -

7. Ordinance to amend the Police Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Section A-030-

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance **#21-02-014**.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #21-02-014
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

8. Resolution to authorize acceptance of Agreement to purchase temporary easement for Peeksville Connector Project –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution **#21-02-015**.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #21-02-015
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –

Mr. Young reminded everyone the workshop meeting will be February 22, 2021. We are waiting on Census data which was pushed back to April 30, 2021. Covid-19 cases have decreased; however, there were about 20 deaths in the County last week. Please keep them in your prayers.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS –

Mayor Price had no comments and asked Council for any comments.

Councilman Greer made a comment there is a video of one our police officers [Officer McElhenney] who took the time to stop and play basketball with a kid he noticed playing while on his rounds. Councilman Greer said it is very nice to see our officers interact with our community. Nothing further.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NONE

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 GREER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:44 PM.

Notes taken by:

Misty Spurling, City Clerk