

**City of Locust Grove
Council Meeting Minutes
Public Safety Building – Courtroom Chamber
3640 Highway 42 S. – Locust Grove, GA 30248
Monday, November 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
Vincent Williams – Councilman	Daunte’ Gibbs – Community Development Director
Rod Shearouse – Councilman	Jack Rose – Public Works Director
Rudy Breedlove – Councilman	Derrick Austin - Police Chief
Keith Boone – Councilman	Andy Welch - Attorney
	Staff not Present:
	Jennifer Adkins – Assistant City Clerk

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

Invocation given by Assistant City Manager Bert Foster

Councilman Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to approve the November 1, 2021 meeting agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS –

1. FY 2022 Operation and Capital Improvements Budget Hearing (First Hearing)

City Manager Tim Young stepped forward and led discussion this is the first of two hearings before adoption on December 6, 2021. We incorporated a T-SPLOST as a contingent draft given it is still under consideration by the voters. Mr. Young reviewed the breakdown on the overhead screen with the total General Fund under \$9 million dollars. Expenditures and revenues by fund discussed with most of the revenues from taxes (TAVT, alcohol, LOST) and the primary use of expenditures being development impact fees. We only saw a ten percent increase in benefits at renewal which

is incredibly good news. Discussion took place and Mr. Young said the total budget for FY 2022 is just at \$29 million dollars. SPLOST V, other capital projects related to ARPA, and our development impact fees will cover the year for many projects that inflate the overall budget for Enterprise and Special Projects, but the Operations Budget will remain consistent with the prior year.

Councilman Greer asked what was the total budget for FY 2021? Mr. Young replied \$14 million dollars and discussion took place. Mr. Young said a bulk of next year’s [2022] budget is T-SPLOST [\$7.5 million] and ARPA funds as well as SPLOST V into full collection.

Councilman Greer asked what the normal increase in health insurance for the city has been in the past? Mr. Young replied we have had an eight to ten percent increase in the recent past with the greatest increase being 63 percent. We started doing our own leveraging and assuming some of the risk to self-fund to keep costs down for employees. Discussion took place and nothing further.

Mayor Price said this is a public hearing and opened for public comments. There were no comments and Mayor Price closed the public hearing.

Mayor Price asked for comments from Council and no comments. Nothing further.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES –

2. OCTOBER 4, 2021- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES –

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

RESULT	APPROVED OCTOBER 4, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

3. OCTOBER 4, 2021 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the October 4, 2021 executive session meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED OCTOBER 4, 2021 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

4. OCTOBER 18, 2021- WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the October 18, 2021 workshop meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED OCTOBER 18, 2021 WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT –

5. OCTOBER 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENT –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the October 2021 Financial Statement –

RESULT	APPROVED OCTOBER 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

6. Ordinance to approve the FY 2021 3rd Quarter Operating and Capital Improvements Budget Amendment -

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #21-11-072

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #21-11-072
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

7. Ordinance to approve amendment to Police SOP Section A-086 – Body Worn Camera-

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #21-11-073.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #21-11-073
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

8. Ordinance to approve amendment to Police SOP Section A-110 – Uniform Regulations-

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #21-11-074.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #21-11-074
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

9. Ordinance to approve amendment to Police SOP Section P-025 – OC/Intermediate Weapons -

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #21-11-075.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #21-11-075
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

10. Ordinance to approve amendment to Police SOP Section P-056 – Holding Cell Security -

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #21-11-076.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #21-11-076
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

11. Request for approval to declare city vehicles as Surplus property –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request. Councilman Shearouse second the motion and further discussion took place.

Councilman Breedlove asked if we could donate Unit 9 (Chase Maddox Unit) to the family as a gift? Attorney Andy Welch asked what is the value of the vehicle? Councilman Breedlove said there is no value listed on the document, only the repair value is listed.

Chief Austin stepped forward and said the value is \$800-\$1,400 on GovDeals. Mr. Young said the most we can gift is \$400.00. Attorney Andy Welch said the only option right now is surplus unless someone purchased the vehicle and donated to the family.

Councilman Boone asked could we sell tickets for raffling the vehicle and Attorney Andy Welch replied he would have to research that option because a license would have to be acquired to do so. Mr. Welch suggested amending and removing from the list and the city keep in possession.

Councilman Greer asked do we need to donate if the vehicle is considered inoperable? Chief Austin said the family has interest for having the vehicle as a keepsake and not concerned with the vehicle being operable. The family would prefer the vehicle “as is” however, the city attorney said we will have to remove the equipment. Councilman Greer said he thinks the city will receive negative feedback if posted on GovDeals. Discussion took place.

Attorney Andy Welch said we cannot release a marked vehicle and recommends keeping the vehicle for specific events or parades. Chief Austin said we can store it at public works to keep out of the weather until further decision is made. Nothing further.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to amend the surplus property list to remove Unit 9.

RESULT	APPROVED REQUEST AS AMENDED
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS – NONE

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –

Mr. Young made a comment we submitted grants for water and wastewater totaling \$14 million dollars using ARPA as a local match. Election Day is tomorrow, and we will be closed on November 11, 2021 in observance of Veteran’s Day. We have scheduled our employee Christmas lunch for November 24th and will observe the Christmas holidays on December 24th and December 27, 2021. Nothing further.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS – NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION –PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Mayor Price asked for a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of property acquisition. Councilman Greer made the motion with second by Councilman Breedlove. All in favor and motion carried. Council entered executive session at 6:33 PM.

Mayor Price asked for a motion to reconvene to regular session from executive session at 6:51 PM. Councilman Williams made the motion with second by Councilman Taylor. All in favor and motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED –

Attorney Andy Welch made a comment the Council has identified there is a public need due to the growth of the city for additional land for the expansion of the public works facility. Mr. Welch said this will need to authorize in the form of a motion.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to authorize the process for property acquisition.

RESULT	APPROVED
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

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 @ 6:52 PM.

Notes taken by:

Misty Spurling, City Clerk