

**City of Locust Grove  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Public Safety Building – Courtroom Chamber  
3640 Highway 42 S. – Locust Grove, GA 30248  
Monday, March 7, 2022  
6:00 PM**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Staff Present:</b>
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
Vincent Williams – Councilman	Daunte’ Gibbs – Community Development Director
Rod Shearouse – Councilman	Jack Rose – Public Works Director
Rudy Breedlove – Councilman	Derrick Austin - Police Chief
	Warren Tillery – SWWW Attorney
	<b>Staff not present:</b>
	Colleen Watts – Main Street Director

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

Invocation given by Chief Derrick Austin

Councilman Breedlove led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –

Councilman Breedlove asked for a motion to replace item two with February 7, 2022 Executive Session Minutes and add item three as action for February 21, 2022 Workshop Minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED AGENDA AS AMENDED
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the March 7, 2022, meeting agenda as amended.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – NONE

**PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS** – NONE

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** –

**1. FEBRUARY 7, 2022 - REGULAR MEETING MINUTES –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the February 7, 2022, regular meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED FEBRUARY 7, 2022, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**2. FEBRUARY 7, 2022 - EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the February 7, 2022, executive session meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED FEBRUARY 7, 2022, EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**3. FEBRUARY 21, 2022- WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the February 21, 2022, workshop meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED FEBRUARY 21, 2022, WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT – NONE**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –**

**4. Ordinance for annexation of 254 +/- acres located at S. Ola Road and Singley Drive (Parcel IDs: 161-01025000, 161-01023000, 161-01021051, and 161-01021052) in LL 161,162, and 191 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> districts –**

Councilman Greer said at the last meeting Mr. Black said he was willing to meet with residents to answer questions about the proposed annexation and said he was willing to postpone the item until the next meeting, if needed, to allow time for public input. Mr. Black stepped forward and said he did have several phone conversations with residents and said he was also in the parking lot at the Public Safety Building at 5:00 pm today; however, the facility was not open.

Councilman Greer asked Mr. Black if he contacted staff and ask to reserve the facility for a meeting. Mr. Black said he tried. Ms. Hannah Crowe [citizen present at meeting] said she posted

Mr. Black's information [phone number] on Facebook; however, the citizens were not wanting to reach out to Mr. Black personally, the citizens were wanting a meeting arranged at City Hall.

Councilman Greer said it seems Mr. Black was waiting on the citizens to initiate a meeting (place and time); however, said it is not the citizens responsibility to do so. Councilman Greer said it would be in everyone's best interest if this request is tabled for two weeks.

Councilman Breedlove made a comment, Mr. Black gave his word at the previous public hearing that he would be glad to meet with citizens to discuss and answer any questions for clarity; however, Mr. Black did not commit to his word. Councilman Breedlove agreed with Councilman Greer the request should be tabled to allow Mr. Black to follow through on his word and schedule a meeting for citizens to attend.

Councilman Boone asked if the request is tabled, will the process for advertising have to be done again? Attorney Warren Tillery replied no because it was already advertised for the last public hearing.

Mr. Black said he does not agree with the suggestion to table, and discussion took place. Mr. Black, said if a meeting is scheduled, [for the record] he was told he could not discuss or answer any questions about zoning being the request is for one-hundred percent annexation. Attorney Warren Tillery said the consideration is limited to the annexation application as stated and will remain RA if the annexation is approved. Mr. Black agreed with tabling the request [for two weeks] if a meeting can be set up in the courtroom and date and time be specified for him to meet anyone who is interested in participating.

Councilman Williams said if the request for annexation is approved, Mr. Black will have to wait one year to submit any zoning requests to the city. Mr. Black said one year is a long time to wait from a developer's standpoint. Attorney Warren Tillery commented to Mr. Black's comment earlier that related to [public] questions being limited to only annexation; and pointed out any discussion in the next two weeks would likely be related to lot size and zoning and Mr. Black is saying he can only answer questions related to this request regarding annexation.

Mr. Young said if annexation is approved, we would hear comments related to zoning when and if that is requested in one year. Nothing further.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to table the request until March 21, 2022 workshop meeting.

RESULT	TABLED UNTIL MARCH 21, 2022
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**5. Variance request to allow an existing accessory structure to be partially located within the front yard setback of 342 Grove Road, and to allow the structure to exceed the maximum square footage permitted in the property's zoning designation**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance **#22-03-019**.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #22-01-019
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – FIVE IN FAVOR (GREER, TAYLOR, BOONE, WILLIAMS, BREEDLOVE) AND ONE OPPOSED (SHEAROUSE)

**6. Resolution for appointment of Bart Hammock to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) -**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #22-03-020.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #22-03-020
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**7. Resolution to create a streetlight district in Bunn Farms, Phase 2 subdivision, on Davis Road**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #22-03-021.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #22-03-021
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**8. Ordinance to amend the City of Locust Grove Personnel Policy Pay Plan No. 701 – COLA/Market Changes -**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #22-03-022.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #22-03-022
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS – NONE**

**CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –**

Mr. Young stepped forward and reminded Council the retreat is coming up next week (March 14-16, 2022) and reviewed a few items that will be discussed as part of the retreat agenda. Also, GMA Conference registration is March 15, 2022. 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 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:37 PM.

Notes taken by:

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Misty Spurling, City Clerk