

**City of Locust Grove  
 Council Workshop Meeting Minutes  
 Public Safety Building – 3640 Highway 42 S.  
 Locust Grove, GA 30248  
 Monday, March 21, 2022  
 6:00 PM**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Staff Present:</b>
Robert Price – Mayor	Tim Young – City Manager
Willie Taylor – Councilman	Bert Foster – Assistant City Manager
Keith Boone – Councilman	Misty Spurling – City Clerk
Rudy Breedlove - Councilman	Jennifer Adkins – Assistant City Clerk
Vincent Williams - Councilman	Daunte’ Gibbs – Community Development Director
Carlos Greer – Councilman	Jack Rose – Public Works Director
Rod Shearouse – Councilman	Derrick Austin – Police Chief
	Colleen Watts – Main Street Program Manager
	Chase Collum– SWWW Attorney

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

Invocation given by Community Development Director Daunte’ Gibbs.

Councilman Greer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –

Mayor Price asked for a motion to amend the agenda. Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the March 21, 2022, meeting agenda.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** –

Mr. Jeff Dickey: resident at Singley Dr. stepped forward to comment with a concern related to item number one. Mr. Dickey thanked Council and staff for helping to set up a meeting with Mr. Black. Mr. Dickey asked if a subdivision must be in the city limits to tie into city sewer? Mr. Young replied if the sewer must be tapped in directly, we prefer the subdivision be in the city. Mr. Dickey said the reason for this request is because Mr. Black said he wants to be on city sewer; however, Mr. Dickey said everyone knows Mr. Black wants this property annexed for future zoning purposes. Mr. Dickey said the meeting that was held with Mr. Black was informative; however, we are still back where we started. The concern being the number of houses on Burg Road and Mr. Dickey said the county has been overrun by development. Mr. Young said the property is still RA and citizens will have the opportunity to bring forth comments/concerns if a request for rezoning comes forth in one year. Mr. Dickey said he is not “all” opposed; however, still concerns that need to be addressed. Nothing further.

**PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS** – NONE

**OLD BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS** –

- 1. Ordinance for annexation of 254 +/- acres located at South Ola Road and Singley Drive (Parcel IDs: 161-01025000, 161-01023000, 161-01021005, 161-01021051, and 161-01021052) in Land Lots 161, 162, and 191 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District. (Tabled from March 7, 2022 Regular Meeting) –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance # 22-03-023.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #22-03-023
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – FIVE IN FAVOR (GREER, TAYLOR, WILLIAMS, SHEAROUSE, BREEDLOVE) AND ONE OPPOSED (BOONE)

**NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –**

- 2. Request for a special event permit for the Haven House 5K Road Race on May 14, 2022 –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the special event request.

RESULT	APPROVED SPECIAL EVENT
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

**CITY OPERATION REPORTS / WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS -**

**MAIN STREET OPERATIONS – COLLEEN WATTS**

Ms. Watts gave an update we will have two art pieces [squirrel-sized picnic tables] as part of effort to bring visitors along with locals to do scavenger hunts. The tables will arrive on March 28, 2022, at Claude Gray Park and at the downtown city park. We are participating in Paint Henry Blue for Child Abuse prevention awareness. Spring Events include the Easter Egg Hunt on April 9, 2022, at 10:00am and LG Day on April 23, 2022, that will include fireworks show, band, parade and vendors. Nothing further.

**PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATIONS – CHIEF AUSTIN**

Chief Austin reviewed the monthly report and gave an update total collected in February 2022 was \$78,745.00. The department completed 160 training hours in February.

Further, Chief Austin said we have a permanent Judge [Judge Patten] and a Pro Tem Judge [Judge Turner]; however, both are out for personal reasons. We do not have a “standby” Judge sworn in on record when situations come up that neither of our judges are available on a court date. We will need to swear in Judge Keith Woods at our regular meeting April 4, 2022, so that he will comply and be available to conduct court on April 5, 2022. Nothing further.

**PUBLIC WORKS – JACK ROSE**

Public Works Director Jack Rose gave update overall operations are good, continuing with general maintenance and repairs.

**ADMINISTRATION – BERT FOSTER**

Mr. Foster gave an update for the Peeksville Road extension (joining Highway 42 at Peeksville and Cleveland Street), Chase Maddox Park is ready to officially open, and Chief Austin will be contacting the Maddox family to schedule a date for dedication. Mr. Foster also gave an update on the Bill Gardner Parkway modifications, MMIP (commercial vehicle lanes), traffic signal at Market Place and the Scatter Garden/Veteran’s Memorial. Further, Mr. Foster said staff has a meeting with GDOT Tuesday morning regarding the Downtown Corridor Study. The digital lawn sign at City Hall will be installed when materials arrive. Nothing further.

- **Resolution to create a streetlight district in Berkeley Lakes Phase II subdivision, on Davis Road –**

Mr. Foster said this is a request to create a streetlight district in Berkeley Lakes Phase II. This is for 101 lots to add 17 LED lights. Nothing further.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS – DAUNTÉ GIBBS**

Mr. Gibbs gave an update his department has issued a total of 261 permits including 36 new house permits for 2022. We have issued 95 COs [75 residential / 20 commercial] with 182 business licenses issued so far for 2022. Mr. Gibbs said Chick-Fil-A is now hiring and anticipates to open next month.

Councilman Williams asked Mr. Gibbs for an update on the World Peace Center. Mr. Gibbs said the last inquiry was one year ago, but no other movement related to the review and permitting process. Nothing further.

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (ARB) – NONE**

**CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –**

Mr. Young stepped forward and gave an update we have received positive feedback from our employees on the pay increase that was approved. We are preparing for RFPs for paving of roads and hopefully have a final draft later this week. Misty was here late this past Friday to complete our FYE 2021 closeout and we have received bond money in our designated [T-SPLOST] account. Nothing further.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS – NONE**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – NONE**

**ADJOURNMENT-**

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

RESULT	ADOPTED
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN-FAVOR MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:26 PM.

Notes taken by:

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Misty Spurling, City Clerk