

**City of Locust Grove**  
**DRAFT**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**3640 Highway 42**  
**Locust Grove, GA 30248**  
**Monday, January 7, 2019**  
**6:00 PM**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Staff Present:</b>
Robert Price - Mayor	Tim Young – City Manager
Willie Taylor – Councilman	Misty Spurling – City Clerk
Randy Gardner – Councilman	Jennifer Adkins – Assistant City Clerk
Otis Hammock – Councilman	Bert Foster – Community Development Director
Carlos Greer–Councilman/Mayor Pro Tem	Anna Ogg – Main Street Manager
Vernon Ashe – Councilman	Jack Rose – Public Works Director
Keith Boone – Councilman	Jesse Patton – Police Chief
	Andy Welch – City Attorney

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

Invocation given by Community Development Director Bert Foster.

Councilman Greer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** –

Mayor Price opened for public comments for items not listed under public hearing.

Mrs. Sarah Baxter stepped forward to make a comment. Mrs. Baxter said her first concern is the time allowance proposed in the ordinance to establish policy on Public Comment at regular meetings. Mrs. Baxter said she is aware the City is not required to give a time allowance; however, she would like Council to reconsider the time specified in the proposed ordinance. Further, Mrs. Baxter said she is not opposed to having a time limit; however, she does not agree with the time limit specified in the ordinance.

Mrs. Baxter proceeded with her second concern on the proposed ordinance to amend the “Watershed District” ordinance related to open space provisions within the limited development area. Mrs. Baxter said it seems the City is trying to create a “loophole” to build homes and wants to know why the City feels the need to amend. Attorney Andy Welch replied this is Public Comment time to speak and said this was a public hearing item at the last December meeting to allow time for discussion and questions from the public; therefore, this is not a time for responding to questions. Discussion took place. Mrs. Baxter made a comment about the availability of meeting minutes and the procedure to obtain official minutes after a meeting. Attorney Andy Welch explained a draft and unofficial copy of the meeting minutes are available 48 hours after a scheduled meeting. Discussion took place on draft and official meeting minutes. Mrs. Baxter said she understands the rules in place; however, it is hard to understand the business of the City if schedules do not permit her attending every meeting.

Mrs. Baxter continued with questions related to her concern about the amendment to the Watershed District ordinance. Mrs. Baxter asked if the City did an outside study and what the results were from the study. Further, Mrs. Baxter asked Council for action for this amendment be postponed allowing consideration of public concerns.

Mrs. Baxter said she encourages Council to use their authority to keep the City of Locust Grove from being the most restrictive in Metro Atlanta on public comments to allow for the public to be more involved. Mrs. Baxter asked Council if they would like to put that in motion. No further comments and discussion closed.

**PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS – NONE**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**1. DECEMBER 3, 2018 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Ashe made the motion to approve the December 3, 2018 regular meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED DECEMBER 3, 2018 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN ASHE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**2. DECEMBER 17, 2018 WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the December 17, 2018 workshop meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED DECEMBER 17, 2018 WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**3. DECEMBER 17, 2018- EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Hammock made the motion to approve the December 17, 2018 executive session minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED DECEMBER 17, 2018 EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT –**

**4. NOVEMBER 2018 Financial Statement**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to accept the November 2018 Financial Statement.

RESULT	APPROVED NOVEMBER 2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –**

- 5. Ordinance to rezone approximately 264.1 acres located in Land Lots 202, 215, 234 and 235 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District from RA (Residential – Agricultural) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing) for property along Price Drive west of I-75 –.**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Hammock made the motion to approve the request by approving Ordinance #19-01-001.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-01-001
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

- 6. Ordinance to rezone approximately 42.5 acres in Land Lot 163 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> district between Singley Circle and the eastern edge of Berkeley Lake subdivision from R-2 (single-family residential) with CRS (conservation residential subdivision) to PR-4 (planned residential development) -**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Gardner made the motion to approve the request by approving Ordinance #19-01-002.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-01-002
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – FOUR IN FAVOR (GARDNER, HAMMOCK, ASHE, TAYLOR) AND TWO OPPOSED (GREER, BOONE)

- 7. Ordinance to approve the final plat for Locust Grove Estates subdivision –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Hammock made the motion to approve the request by approving Ordinance #19-01-003.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-01-003
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – FIVE IN FAVOR (HAMMOCK, TAYLOR, GREER, GARDNER, ASHE) AND ONE OPPOSED (BOONE)

**8. Ordinance to establish policy on Public Comment at Regular Meetings –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Gardner made the motion to approve request by approving Ordinance #19-01-004.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-01-004
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN ASHE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**9. Ordinance to amend Section 17.04.040 F 2 (g) “Watershed District” related to open space provisions in the residential land use classification within the limited development area –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving Ordinance #19-01-005.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-01-005
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – FIVE IN FAVOR (HAMMOCK, TAYLOR, BOONE, GARDNER, ASHE) AND ONE OPPOSED (GREER)

**10. Resolution to reappoint Jeff Mills to the Historic Preservation Commission –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the request by approving Resolution #19-01-006

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #19-01-006
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**11. Resolution to reappoint Rachel Devitt to the Historic Preservation Commission –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving Ordinance #19-01-007.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #19-01-007
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**12. Resolution to reappoint Janice Mason to the Historic Preservation Commission –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Gardner made the motion to approve the request by approving Resolution #19-01-008.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #19-01-008
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**13. Resolution to reappoint Cheryl Clevenger to the Downtown Development Authority**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the request by approving Resolution #19-01-009.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #19-01-009
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**14. Resolution to reappoint Linda King to the Downtown Development Authority -**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to approve the request by approving Resolution #19-01-010.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #19-01-010
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**15. Resolution to create a Streetlight District (special tax district) for Al-Jannah at Locust Grove Station Subdivision –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the request by approving Resolution #19-01-011.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #19-01-011
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –**

**16. Ordinance for appointment of offices of the City of Locust Grove -**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Gardner made the motion to approve the request by approving Ordinance #19-01-012.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-01-012
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – FIVE IN FAVOR (TAYLOR, BOONE, GARDNER, ASHE, HAMMOCK) GREER RECUSED FROM VOTE

Councilman Greer, also Mayor Pro Tem, made a request of recusal from vote on appointment of offices since he is recommended for appointment for the 2019 Calendar Year.

**17. Resolution to appoint members to the Ethics Board–**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the request by approving Resolution #19-01-013.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #19-01-013
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –**

City Manager Tim Young wished everyone a Happy New Year. Mr. Young said this is a busy time of year and continue to remember those who have lost loved ones this season.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS – NONE**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion to enter executive session regarding property acquisition. Councilman Hammock made the motion with second by Councilman Greer. All in favor and motion carried. Council entered executive session at 6:19 PM.

Mayor Price asked for a motion to reconvene to regular session from executive session at 6:32 PM. Councilman Hammock made the motion with second by Councilman Greer. All in favor and motion carried.

**REGULAR SESSION CONTINUED**

Councilman Boone asked Mr. Foster if the parking ordinance can be revisited for review and discussion.

**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 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:33 PM.

Notes taken by:

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Misty Spurling, City Clerk