

**City of Locust Grove  
Council Meeting Minutes [DRAFT]  
3640 Highway 42  
Locust Grove, GA 30248  
Monday, March 4, 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	Jack Rose – Public Works Director
Vernon Ashe – Councilman	Jesse Patton – Police Chief
Keith Boone – Councilman	Warren Tillery – SWWW Attorney
	<b>Staff Not Present:</b>
	Anna Ogg, Main Street Manager

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

Invocation given by Community Development Director Bert Foster.

Councilman Gardner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Price asked for a motion to add item 12 and item 13 to the agenda. Councilman Greer made the motion to add items 12 and 13 to new business/action items.

RESULT	APPROVED ADD ITEM 12 AND 13
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –

Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the March 4, 2019 meeting agenda as amended.

RESULT	APPROVED
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
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 11, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Ashe made the motion to approve the February 11, 2019 regular meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED FEBRUARY 11, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN ASHE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**2. FEBRUARY 11, 2019 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Hammock made the motion to approve the February 11, 2019 executive session meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED FEBRUARY 11, 2019 EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN ASHE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**3. FEBRUARY 18, 2019- WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the February 18, 2019 workshop meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED FEBRUARY 18, 2019 WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT – NONE, FISCAL YEAR CLOSING**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –**

**4. Ordinance to grant a Conditional Use for Tattoo/Body Art Studio for property located in LL 185 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District, 4982 Bill Gardner Parkway –.**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving Ordinance #19-03-030.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-03-030
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – FIVE IN FAVOR (GREER, TAYLOR, GARDNER, ASHE, HAMMOCK) AND ONE OPPOSED (BOONE)

**5. Ordinance to amend Title 17, Chapter 17.04 regarding the parking and storage of commercial vehicles with the City of Locust Grove -**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion; followed by a comment regarding conditions about class one and class two vehicles and time allowed for parking after a delivery. Mr. Foster confirmed conditions were changed accordingly. Nothing further.

RESULT	DENIED ORDINANCE
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN ASHE
VOTE	MOTION NOT CARRIED – TWO IN FAVOR (BOONE, ASHE) AND FOUR OPPOSED (GREER, TAYLOR, GARDNER, HAMMOCK)

Councilman Greer made a comment; he still has reservation on everything outside of RA and still concerned about things in the ordinance. Nothing further.

**6. Resolution to approve the architectural plans for approval of an accessory structure at the Circle K convenience store located at 5080 Bill Gardner Parkway –**

Councilman Boone asked if the roof on the structure will match that of the Circle K. Mr. Foster replied the color will match; however, the roof will be asphalt shingles. Councilman Boone said we discussed the roof at last meeting and thought all agreed the structure would have a metal roof to match the Circle K. No further comments.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the request by approving Resolution #19-03-031.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #19-03-031
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**7. Resolution to adopt the amended Henry County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and transmit resolution to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency –**

City Manager Tim Young said this was a discussion at the last meeting and an update including the action plans for Locust Grove. Nothing further.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve request by approving Resolution #19-03-032.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #19-03-032
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**8. Ordinance to revise the Operating and Capital Improvements Budget of the City of Locust Grove for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of the 2018 Fiscal Year –**

City Manager led discussion this sums up the FY 2018 and reviewed Amendments of Appropriations of General Funds Budget, Development Impact Fee Budget, and Water and Sewer

Fund Budget. Mr. Young said this also includes a revised copy of the cemetery fund. Nothing further.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving Ordinance #19-03-033.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-03-033
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –**

**9. Special Event – Special Olympics fundraisers April 13/April 20, 2019 –**

Community Development Director Bert Foster said this is a request from Alan Hudson with Henry County Parks and Recreation for a fundraiser as part of the Share the Joy campaign. Nothing further.

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

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

**10. Special Event – Quarters Family Reunion August 3, 2019 –**

Community Development Director Bert Foster said this is a request from Willie Foster for a Family Reunion at Claude Gray Park on August 3, 2019 from 9:00 AM to approximately 10:00 PM.

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

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

**11. Resolution in opposition to HB-302 and SB-172 removing local control of architectural building standards in single-family and two-family dwellings –**

City Manager Tim Young led discussion this is a draft resolution in opposition to HB-302 and SB-172. This legislation is an Oconee County provision prohibiting everyone from building on slabs and converting to crawl space foundations and giving them all architectural control. If approved, this would remove our requirements and go against everything we approved. Nothing further.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Hammock made the motion to approve the request by approving Resolution #19-03-034.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #19-03-034
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**ADD ITEM -**

**12. Resolution in opposition to HB-465 restricting local governments from regulating the timing and method of billing of our water and sewer customers -**

City Manager Tim Young led discussion this would force the City to revert to old standards leading to an increase in bad debt remaining on water bills. Discussion took place on issues related to disconnections, water bill rates, etc. and the negative impact this would have on the City of Locust Grove. Mr. Young said this needs additional time for more thought and review.

Councilman Greer asked what the deposit and reconnection fee is the City requires. Mr. Young replied the total deposit is \$200.00 [\$150.00/water and \$50.00/sanitation] and a reconnection fee of \$50.00. Discussion took place on bad debt balances for outstanding water accounts. Nothing further.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to approve the request by approving Resolution **#19-03-035**.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #19-03-035
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – FIVE IN FAVOR (BOONE, HAMMOCK, GARDNER, ASHE, TAYLOR) AND ONE OPPOSED (GREER)

**13. Resolution in support to legislation to create one or more Community Improvement Districts within the City of Locust Grove –**

City Manager Tim Young led discussion the possibility to the creation of a Community Improvement District (“CID”) was examined back in 2005. Mr. Young referred to the map attached of the possible CID corridor area outlined in red and discussion took place. Further, Mr. Young reviewed Section Five (5) regarding administration and appointment of board members. Discussion took place about areas of annexation into the district and Mr. Young said this must be approved by people in that district within 75 percent by value of all real property within the area sought to be annexed. Nothing further.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Hammock made the motion to approve the request by approving Resolution **#19-03-036**

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #19-03-036
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

**CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –**

City Manager Tim Young said we received an update from the GDOT about the flashing beacon lights for the downtown area at French Market. More information to come soon. Nothing further.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS – NONE**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion to enter executive session regarding potential litigation. Councilman Boone made the motion with second by Councilman Greer. All in favor and motion carried. Council entered executive session at 6:29 PM.

Mayor Price asked for a motion to reconvene to regular session from executive session at 7:06 PM. Councilman Boone made the motion with second by Councilman Greer. All in favor and motion carried.

**REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion to add item 14 to the agenda. Councilman Greer made the motion to add item 14.

RESULT	APPROVED ADD ITEM 14
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

**14. Acknowledgement letter attached to the SDS negotiations –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the acknowledgement letter attached to the SDS negotiations.

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

**ADJOURNMENT –**

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

RESULT	APPROVED – ADJOURN MEETING
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN ASHE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED MEETING ADJOURNED @ 7:07 PM.

Notes taken by:

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Misty Spurling, City Clerk