

**City of Locust Grove
Council Meeting Minutes
3640 Highway 42
Locust Grove, GA 30248
Monday, April 1, 2019
6:00 PM**

Members Present:	Staff Present:
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
Keith Boone – Councilman	Jesse Patton – Police Chief
	Warren Tillery – SWWW Attorney
Members Not Present:	Staff Not Present:
Vernon Ashe – Councilman	Anna Ogg, Main Street Manager

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

Invocation given by Police Chief Jesse Patton.

Councilman Hammock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Councilman Hammock made the motion to approve the April 1, 2019 meeting agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Mayor Price opened to public comments.

Mrs. Sarah Baxter stepped forward to comment. Mrs. Baxter said she has reached out to Council and other staff regarding the lack of transparency within the City of Locust Grove. Mrs. Baxter said the City of Locust Grove is listed on their website as being a GMA (Georgia Municipal Association) City of Ethics. Discussion took place about the City’s ordinance meeting GMA standards and Mrs. Baxter proceeded to outline two sections of the ordinance that Mrs. Baxter says the City should adhere to: 1) Creating an environment of honesty, openness, and integrity; and 2) treating people fairly. Mrs. Baxter said there have been more citizens voice their concerns; however, everyone feels like their voices are not being heard. Mrs. Baxter said she has suggested the City start videoing, audio recording, or Facebook Live stream the Council meetings. Mrs. Baxter mentioned the following comment delivered at the last meeting by Mrs. Brown “Those who have paid attention knew industrial was coming to the City long ago.” Mrs. Baxter said she respects Mrs. Brown’s opinion, but said she is standing up for her rights as well. Further, Mrs. Baxter said the citizens of Locust Grove deserve transparency and honesty which is what the City boasts about already

having. Mrs. Baxter said she does not feel like her voice is effective or strongly heard and welcomes any and all communication from Council who have not responded to her emails. Nothing further.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS – NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. FEBRUARY 26, 2019 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the February 26, 2019 special called meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED FEBRUARY 26, 2019 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

2. FEBRUARY 26, 2019 SPECIAL CALLED EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the February 26, 2019 special called executive session meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED FEBRUARY 26, 2019 SPECIAL CALLED EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

3. MARCH 4, 2019- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Gardner made the motion to approve the March 4, 2019 regular meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED MARCH 4, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

4. MARCH 4, 2019- EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Hammock made the motion to approve the March 4, 2019 executive session minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED MARCH 4, 2019 EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

5. MARCH 18, 2019- WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES –

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

RESULT	APPROVED FEBRUARY 18, 2019 WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

6. MARCH 18, 2019- EXECUTIVE SESSION WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the March 18, 2019 executive session meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED MARCH 18, 2019 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT –

7. DECEMBER 2018 - Financial Statement –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Hammock made the motion to approve the December 2018 Financial Statement

RESULT	APPROVED DECEMBER 2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

8. JANUARY 2019 – Financial Statement –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the January 2019 Financial Statement

RESULT	APPROVED JANUARY 2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

- 9. Ordinance to amend the City’s Future Land Use Map designations from low-density residential to industrial located at 61 and 71 Jackson Street. (Recommend acceptance of tabling request by the applicant until May 6, 2019) –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve tabling until May 6, 2019.

RESULT	APPROVED
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

- 10. Ordinance to rezone property located at 61 and 71 Jackson Street from RA (residential agricultural) to M-1 (light manufacturing) for distribution facilities. (Recommend acceptance of tabling request by the applicant until May 6, 2019)-**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Hammock made the motion to approve tabling until May 6, 2019.

RESULT	APPROVED
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
VOTE	MOTION NOT CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

- 11. Ordinance to rezone property located along South Bethany Road near the intersection with Mose Brown Drive from RA (residential agricultural) to R-2 (single-family residence) –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Hammock made the motion to approve the request by approving Ordinance #19-04-037.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-04-037
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

- 12. Ordinance to amend the C-3 (heavy commercial) ordinance to include self-storage facilities among the list of permitted and conditional uses –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve request by approving Resolution #19-04-038.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-04-038
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

- 13. Resolution approving the architectural plans submitted for an accessory building to be located at 122 Cleveland Street –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #19-04-039.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #19-04-039
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

14. Special Event – Tanger Outlet Food Truck Event, April 13, 2018 –

Community Development Director Bert Foster said this is a request from Nick King with Tanger Outlet, to host a Spring Food Truck Event on April 13, 2019. The applicant will pay the \$150 special event permit fee. Nothing further.

Councilman Geer made a comment noting that Tanger advertised for this event already without being approved. Mr. Foster said he is aware of their advertising; however, has addressed accordingly. Councilman Greer said Tanger would not be happy if their request were denied and they already advertised for it. Discussion took place. Councilman Greer said this is not the first time Tanger has advertised an event prior to approval. Mayor Price suggested a stipulation be included that specifies no advertising prior to approval.

Councilman Boone said no need to decline request; however, they should request in advance. Nothing further.

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

RESULT	APPROVED SPECIAL EVENT
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

15. Bid Award Resolution – Market Place Line F Extension -

City Manager Tim Young led discussion as reviewed at the prior meeting, we received bids on Market Place Line F Extension between Bill Gardner and the Market Place at Locust Grove Development area. The line was originally planned in 2008; however, the decrease in development prolonged the project. We have received four bids, including the preferred vendor and the lesser of the four bids, by Pyles Plumbing and Utility Contractors, Inc. for \$1,256,055.00. Nothing further.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Hammock made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #19-04-040.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #19-04-040
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –

City Manager Tim Young said laptops have been purchased and position classifications coming along from previous discussion. Also, will reveal a surprise on April 15, 2019. Nothing further.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS – Mayor Price asked everyone to keep Councilman Ashe’s wife in thoughts and prayers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NONE

ADJOURNMENT –

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

RESULT	APPROVED – ADJOURN MEETING
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:18 PM.

Notes taken by:

Misty Spurling, City Clerk