

**City of Locust Grove
 Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
 Public Safety Building – 3640 Highway 42
 Locust Grove, GA 30248
 Monday, April 15, 2019
 6:00 PM**

Members Present:	Staff Present:
Robert Price – Mayor	Tim Young – City Manager
Randy Gardner – Councilman	Misty Spurling – City Clerk
Willie Taylor – Councilman	Jennifer Adkins – Assistant City Clerk
Carlos Greer – Councilman	Anna W. Ogg – Main Street Manager
Otis Hammock – Councilman	Jack Rose – Public Works Director
Vernon Ashe – Councilman	Warren Tillery – SWWW Attorney
Keith Boone – Councilman	Matthew Long – Police Captain
	Staff Not Present:
	Jesse Patton – Police Chief
	Bert Foster – Community Development Director
	Andy Welch – City Attorney

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

Invocation given by City Manager Tim Young.

Councilman Greer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the April 15, 2019 meeting agenda.

RESULT	APPROVED
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

- **Proclamation – Poll workers and citizens dedication and service during the 2018 election cycle – Presentation by Henry County Board of Elections –**

No one present.

- **Presentation on the Branding and Logo Development Findings and Deliverables/Next Steps – Anna Ogg –**

Mrs. Anna Ogg stepped forward and led discussion that selected members and herself have been working on the redevelopment of the logo and branding since January and the City rewarded a

contract to id8 for logo redevelopment. We have researched and spoken to numerous businesses, citizens, visitors, and residents to ask what makes Locust Grove special and different. We received over 500 responses with positive feedback and some negative feedback related to logo development. Mrs. Ogg reviewed slides from the overhead screen and said the data collected found the following information [Locust Grove is small, historical, accessible, growing, and safe]. All the data was condensed, and a positioning statement was developed. Mrs. Ogg read the positioning statement which tells what Locust Grove is about. The logo and seal were revealed on the overhead screen. The logo is for promotional use and the seal is more for official use. Id8 also developed guidelines for usage with a specific code and font on how to use. This is a brand that will really serve Locust Grove well for years to come and Mrs. Ogg said we are very pleased with the results and process. Mrs. Ogg asked for any questions or comments. Nothing further.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Hammock made the motion to add to the agenda as action item.

RESULT	APPROVED ADD ITEM
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

ADD ITEM – LOGO BRANDING RESOLUTION

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to adopt revised branding of the City of Locust Grove; new seal, logo, and positioning statement, by approving resolution **19-04-041.**

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #19-04-041
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS –

- 1. An ordinance for annexation from Clarence R. and Carol C. McQueen for annexation of 9.97 +/- acres located at 340 Colvin Drive** – City Manager Tim Young led discussion this property is zoned RA (residential agricultural) and will remain so if incorporated into the City. This meets the merit of being contiguous of the City within 50 feet and was sent to the County with typical standards and no fining of dispute.

Mayor Price said this is a public hearing and opened for public comments. No comments or questions and Mayor Price closed public hearing.

Mayor Price asked for Councils questions or comments.

Councilman Greer asked if the applicant is present tonight. Applicant confirmed their presence. Councilman Greer asked if they are or have intentions of speaking with developers for future development of the property. Mrs. McQueen confirmed there has been no discussion or intentions to do so. Nothing further.

- 2. An ordinance to rezone approximately 9.97 +/- acres located at 340 Colvin Drive from RA-County to RA-City** – City Manager Tim Young said this is for rezoning of the same property as previously discussed. Mayor Price said this is a public hearing and opened to public comments.

Attorney Warren Tillery asked Mayor Price if public comments who are “in favor of” comment first; and public comments who are “opposed” can step forward to comment afterwards.

Mayor Price opened for public comments who are “in favor of”. No comments or questions and Mayor Price opened for public comments who are “opposed”. No comments and Mayor Price closed public hearing.

- 3. An ordinance for annexation from Pamela C. Pair for annexation of 34.82 +/- acres located at 1000 Davis Lake Road** –

City Manager Tim Young said this is zoned RA (residential agricultural) and will remain so if incorporated into the City. This meets the merit of being contiguous to the City and the County raised no objections to this annexation.

Mayor Price said this is a public hearing and opened for public comments “in favor of” the request to come forward.

Mr. Sean Law; resident at 397 Colvin Drive, stepped forward to comment. Mr. Law said he and his family will be applying for property annexation as well and would like to request the same transparency. Nothing further.

Mayor Price asked for public comments who are “opposed” to the request to come forward. No comments and nothing further.

Mayor Price asked for comments from Council.

Councilman Greer asked the applicant if they have approached developers or intentions of speaking to developers for future development of the property. Mrs. Pair replied no sir they are wanting to build a house and would like to build in the City versus County. Nothing further.

Mayor Price closed public hearing.

- 4. An ordinance for annexation to rezone approximately 34.82 +/- acres located at 1000 Davis Lake Road** – City Manager Tim Young said the property is zoned RA in unincorporated Henry County and is seeking annexation into the City with an RA-City designation.

Mayor Price said this is a public hearing and opened for public comments “in favor of” the request. No public comments. Mayor Price opened for public comments “opposed” to the request. No comments and Mayor Price closed public hearing.

Mayor Price asked for comments from Council. No comments and discussion closed.

- 5. An ordinance for annexation from Randolph L. Crumbley for annexation of 39.28 +/- acres located at 1138 Davis Lake Road** – City Manager Tim Young said this is a request for annexation currently zoned RA (residential agricultural) and will remain so if incorporated into the City. There are no pending applications that we are aware of.

Mayor Price said this is a public hearing and opened for public comments “in favor of” the request. No public comments. Mayor Price opened for public comments “opposed” to the request. No comments and Mayor Price closed public hearing.

Mayor Price asked for comments from Council.

Councilman Greer asked the applicant if they are or have intentions of speaking with developers for future development of the property. The applicant replied no sir, we have a business and will remain on the property. Nothing further and discussion closed.

- 6. An ordinance to rezone approximately 39.28 +/- acres located at 1138 Davis Lake Road from RA-County to RA-City** – City Manager Tim Young said this request is for the rezoning of the 39.28 acres as previously discussed.

Mayor Price said this is a public hearing and opened for public comments “in favor of” the request. No public comments. Mayor Price opened for public comments “opposed” to the request. No comments and Mayor Price closed public hearing.

Mayor Price asked for comments from Council and nothing further and discussion closed.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS – NONE

CITY OPERATION REPORTS / WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS

MAIN STREET OPERATIONS –ANNA W. OGG

Main Street Director Anna Ogg stepped forward and led discussion we are in the middle of event season. The annual Easter Egg hunt went very well. This month the HPC issued two COA’s for signage including Olive in a Bottle and Peach Pit. Locust Grove Day is approaching April 27, 2019 starting with the parade at 10:00 AM, and continuing with our 125th celebration with food, fun, and fireworks at 9:15. She added that we are still in need of volunteers. Main Street, Inc is working on the Peach Stand Road Race for May 25, 2019. Further, Mrs. Ogg said the Paint Henry Blue kickoff event was successful and two high school foster students were awarded a scholarship. Volunteers from Tanger Outlet including Holly; the General Manager, picked up lots of cigarette butts and trash in our town. Also, the yearend statistics from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs said \$2.5 million dollars was invested in our area. Nothing further.

PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATIONS– CAPTAIN LONG FOR JESSE PATTON

Captain Long stepped forward and thanked everyone for coming to the Mobile Memorial Wall name unveiling in honor of Chase Maddox [just prior to the meeting]. His family is very close to this community and our department and they are very thankful for the support. Captain Long reviewed the monthly report and collections for March 2019. Total collections were \$100,744.12.

Councilman Taylor asked why we do bond refunds and Captain Long explained the refund process. Councilman Greer asked if the self-initiated calls and dispatched calls included management. Captain Long replied it only includes patrol officers [16 total]. Councilman Greer asked how many days per month do each work and Captain Long replied average of 14 days per officer.

Councilman Gardner asked about the fines being lower from last year. Captain Long replied overall fines are up; however, lower due to procedural stuff and many no shows for court. Discussion took place.

Captain Long proceeded with the monthly update and said there were 22 investigations including ten for Detective Shoemaker and twelve for Detective Yarian. We interviewed five candidates for the Bailiff positions; those who pass the test will proceed to training. Officer Wilkerson will graduate soon, and we expect him to start with Locust Grove soon thereafter. Nothing further.

PUBLIC WORKS – JACK ROSE –

Public Works Director Jack Rose gave an update. Mr. Rose said his department is continuing with general maintenance. Further, normal repairs for water leaks, new building construction, and sewer collection is ongoing. Mr. Rose said the grease maintenance program is in place and continuation with road patching, grass cutting, and normal upkeep. Nothing further.

ADMINISTRATION – TIM YOUNG

- **Fiscal Year 2019 1st Quarter Update/Account Status** - City Manager Tim Young stepped forward with an update we are performing amendments related to various capital projects, including the Line F sewer extension and the Bill Gardner Improvement Project. We are still on track with budget for the most part, with continued growth for new home construction. Will have this ready for approval at the May 6, 2019 meeting. Nothing further.
- **Pay Plan No. 701 of Personnel – New/Added Positions** – Mr. Young gave an update on the new positions added and said we are working to offset revenues with most being offset by enterprise funding.

Councilman Greer had a question about some of the positions being different than previously discussed. Discussion took place. Councilman Greer asked what the accounts payable position consists of and Mr. Young explained the accounting specialist job description is different from Accounts Payable as it is more dealing with revenues as opposed to processing of invoices and purchase orders. Discussion took place about the Purchasing Manager and who currently acts in that position. Mr. Young replied he and Bert currently serve in that position in relation to bids and that all department heads and administration staff participate in general purchases of small items. Nothing further.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS – TIM YOUNG FOR BERT FOSTER

City Manager Tim Young gave an update the department has issued 365 permits in 2019. New house construction continues in every subdivision. Plans have been submitted for Senior Living Apartments at Indian Creek. The Hampton Inn is open and a ribbon cutting will be coming soon. LaQuinta Inn is still in building process and discussion took place on some upcoming projects. We are still in the bid process for the Community Development office and will update Council on the outcome soon. We have been talking to GDOT about road improvements in Locust Grove discussed at the last Special Called meeting, and they

are showing interest in some of our ideas for the interchange in Locust Grove; we will meet again on May to follow up on some projects. Nothing further.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (ARB) –

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS - City Manager Tim Young said laptops have been ordered and will be distributed soon as the IT folks are finished with the setup process.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS- NONE

Councilman Boone asked about the renovation progress at Circle K. Mr. Young said he’s not sure of status; however, will check. Councilman Boone asked if a dumpster enclosure is required and Mr. Young replied he will check on that as well. Mr. Young said he thinks if it were new development it would be required; however, since existing renovation less than 50% of building value, there are other exceptions. Nothing further.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NONE

ADJOURNMENT-

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

RESULT	ADOPTED
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN-FAVOR MEETING ADJOURNED @ 7:02 PM.

Notes taken by:

Misty Spurling, City Clerk