

**City of Locust Grove
Council Meeting Minutes
3640 Highway 42
Locust Grove, GA 30248
Monday, May 6, 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
Vernon Ashe – Councilman	Andy Welch - Attorney
	Staff Not Present:
	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 Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Price asked for a motion to add a new item. Councilman Hammock made the motion to add item #16 to new business.

RESULT	APPROVED ADD ITEM #16
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN ASHE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Councilman Hammock made the motion to approve the May 6, 2019 meeting agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Mayor Price opened to public comments.

Mr. Michael Brackett; resident at 55 Bowden Street, stepped forward to comment. Mr. Brackett said he wants to know where he and Council and staff can best exchange ideas. Mr. Brackett quoted Mrs. Tara Brown’s comment from a previous meeting “residents of Locust Grove have known this type of development has been in process for years”. Mr. Brackett said Mrs. Brown is right, and unfortunately, he and his wife have not always attended the Council meetings to know what is going on in the City. Mr. Brackett said he has contacted Council, and aside from receiving a few responses, he just didn’t feel like it

[the expected type of development] was a well-known public item. He asked Council members where each of them stands on land annexations and rezoning. Further, Mr. Brackett said he is willing to meet with Council for discussion and gathering some facts about future development. He just needs to know when and where to meet. Mr. Brackett said he and his wife recently met with Tim, Bert, and Mayor Price at City Hall; however, would like somewhere to meet to have a healthy discussion. Nothing further.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS – NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. MARCH 21, 2019 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the March 21, 2019 special called meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED MARCH 21, 2019 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

2. APRIL 1, 2019- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the April 1, 2019 regular meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED APRIL 1, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

3. APRIL 15, 2019- WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Hammock made the motion to approve the April 15, 2019 workshop meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED APRIL 15, 2019 WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN ASHE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT –

4. FEBRUARY 2019 - Financial Statement –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Ashe made the motion to approve the February 2019 Financial Statement

RESULT	APPROVED FEBRUARY 2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN ASHE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

5. MARCH 2019 – Financial Statement –

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

6. Ordinance to amend the City’s Future Land Use Map designations from low-density residential to industrial located at 61 and 71 Jackson Street. (*Request to withdraw received on April 30, 2019*) –.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Hammock made the motion to approve the request to withdraw application for land use change.

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

7. Ordinance to rezone property located at 61 and 71 Jackson Street from RA (residential agricultural) to M-1 (light manufacturing) for distribution facilities. (*Request to withdraw received on April 30, 2019*)-

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

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

8. Ordinance for annexation from Clarence R. and Carol C. McQueen for annexation of 9.97+/- acres located at 340 Colvin Drive –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Hammock made the motion to approve the request by approving Ordinance #19-05-042.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-05-042
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN ASHE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

9. An ordinance to rezone approximately 9.97 +/- acres located at 340 Colvin Drive from RA-County to RA-City –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve request by approving ordinance #19-05-043.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-05-043
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

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

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #19-05-044.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-05-044
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

11. An ordinance to rezone approximately 34.82 +/- acres located at 1000 Davis Lake Road from RA-County to RA-City –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Hammock made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #19-05-045

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-05-045
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

12. An ordinance for annexation from Randolph L. Crumbley for annexation of 39.28 +/- acres located at 1138 Davis Lake Road -

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #19-05-046.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-05-046
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

13. An ordinance to rezone approximately 39.28 +/- acres located at 1138 Davis Lake Road from RA-County to RA-City –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Hammock made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #19-05-047.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-05-047
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

14. Ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2019 1st Quarter budget –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Gardner made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #19-05-048.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-05-048
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

15. Ordinance to approve the Pay Plan No. 701 of Personnel – New/Added Positions –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #19-05-049.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-05-049
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

16. Resolution to accept bid by Riley Contracting for renovation of former courtroom/lunchroom for \$148,850.00 –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #19-05-050.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #19-05-050
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Boone asked when renovations will begin. Mr. Young said very soon, and Mr. Foster said we can start after the contract is signed, so approximately two weeks. Nothing further.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS –

City Manager Tim Young said we have many projects going on including the design of the new website. Nothing further.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS – NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Property Acquisition and Potential Litigation

Mayor Price asked for a motion to enter executive session. Councilman Greer made the motion with second by Councilman Boone. All in favor and motion carried. Council entered executive session at 6:16 PM.

Mayor Price asked for a motion to reconvene to regular session from executive session at 6:59 PM. Councilman Hammock made the motion with second by Councilman Taylor. All in favor and motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED –

Attorney Andy Welch led a discussion to explain the upcoming SPLOST V which will possibly be up for voting during the November election. Discussion took place the SPLOST committee has met and made recommendations and held public hearings for public input. Attorney Andy Welch said there is only a couple of months to collaborate and share ideas and discussion took place about the City and County agreeing on how the money will be shared. Further, Attorney Andy Welch said we have already reached out to the County attorney to suggest looking at the current agreement for preparation.

Councilman Hammock asked if we already have a good list and Mr. Young replied yes; we discussed items at the retreat. Nothing further.

Attorney Andy Welch said we will compare our list with the County's list and discussion took place about the prioritizing of each project. Mr. Young said some projects may be eligible for State funding as well.

Councilman Hammock asked what percent of SPLOST revenue comes from interstate traffic and Attorney Andy Welch replied he was not sure of the exact percentage.

Councilman Boone asked how long we can collect SPLOST IV and Mr. Young replied through March 2020. Nothing further.

ADJOURNMENT –

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

RESULT	APPROVED – ADJOURN MEETING
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED MEETING ADJOURNED @ 7:12 PM.

Notes taken by:

Misty Spurling, City Clerk