

**City of Locust Grove
Council Meeting Minutes
3640 Highway 42
Locust Grove, GA 30248
Tuesday, September 3, 2019
6:00 PM**

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

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

Invocation given by Assistant City Manager Bert Foster

Councilman Greer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Councilman Boone made the motion to approve the September 3, 2019 meeting agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Assistant City Manager Bert Foster stepped forward to introduce the new Community Development Director; Daunté Gibbs. Mr. Foster said Mr. Gibbs joins us from Henry County Board of Commissioners where he served many responsibilities including Economic Development and Planning and Zoning. His experience will be very beneficial to the City of Locust Grove.

Mr. Gibbs thanked the City staff for the opportunity and said he is glad to be here. Nothing further.

- **Proclamation – World Alzheimer’s Month – Recognition in education for hearing loss and dementia – Hearing Doctors of Georgia, Dr. Rob Allen** – City Clerk Misty Spurling read the proclamation aloud and Mayor Price presented the proclamation to Mr. Rob Allen who accepted on behalf of the Hearing Doctors of Georgia.

Mr. Allen thanked Mayor and Council for the presentation and said the City of Locust Grove is a great place to work and said he is passionate about educating citizens with his knowledge on hearing and dementia. Nothing further.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS – NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. AUGUST 5, 2019- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the August 5, 2019 regular meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED AUGUST 5, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

2. AUGUST 19, 2019- WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Hammock made the motion to approve the August 19, 2019 workshop meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED AUGUST 19, 2019 WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

3. AUGUST 19, 2019 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the August 19, 2019 executive session meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED AUGUST 19, 2019 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT –

4. JULY 2019 - Financial Statement –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Gardner made the motion to approve the July 2019 Financial Statement

RESULT	APPROVED JULY 2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER

2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

5. Ordinance to amend the Office and Institutional Zoning District regarding permitted and conditional uses –.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Hammock made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #19-09-065.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-09-065
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

6. Resolution for the approval of a landscape and tree replacement plan for the Gardner Farms Industrial Project -

Councilman Gardner asked Attorney Andy Welch if there is any concern related to this item and himself. Attorney Andy Welch asked Councilman Gardner if he, his wife, or children own any property in this interest. Councilman Gardner replied no sir. Attorney Andy Welch said there is no conflict of interest; therefore, Councilman Gardner does not have to be recused for this item. Nothing further.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Hammock made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #19-09-066

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #19-09-066
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

7. Ordinance for zoning map amendment of property located in Land Lot 200 of the 2nd district at 3330 Highway 42 from RA (residential-agricultural) to TCU (transportation, communications, and utilities) –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #19-09-067

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-09-067
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

8. Resolution to request donation of de-militarized combat material –

Mrs. Anna Ogg stepped forward for discussion and questions. Councilman Greer asked where the cannon will be placed. Mrs. Ogg replied at the future site of the Veteran’s Memorial that is in accordance to the Locust Grove Municipal Complex Master Plan located between City Hall and the Henry County Parks and Recreation building. Councilman Greer asked what the costs for

sandblasting and painting for the cannon will be. Mrs. Ogg said she is still waiting on the information; however, said she does anticipate the cost will be within our \$10,000 budget.

Councilman Boone asked if research has been done on the color and Mrs. Ogg said the Army donations program office will provide a paint formula that coincides with the cannon history. Councilman Boone asked if there is a data plate on the cannon and Mrs. Ogg said the data plate is hard to read in its current condition. Discussion took place on expected delivery and Mrs. Ogg said we must submit the application to the Department of Defense for approval and get more details soon. Councilman Boone said he would like to go see the cannon if arrangements are made to go again. Nothing further.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution **#19-09-068**

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #19-09-068
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

9. Ordinance to amend the City of Locust Grove Personnel Policy, to amend No. 701 entitled “The Pay Plan”; to provide for codification in the Personnel Policy for cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) for FY 2019 –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance **#19-09-069**

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-09-069
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

10. Ordinance to revise the Operating and Capital Improvements budget for 2nd quarter of FY 2019 –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Gardner made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance **#19-09-070**

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-09-070
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

11. Resolution regarding the location of the Henry County Courthouse functions within the downtown of McDonough -

Mayor Price said this resolution is to support the City of McDonough in keeping the Courthouse on the downtown square of McDonough.

Councilman Greer asked if there has been any discussion with employees at the Courthouse to ask what their thoughts are. Discussion took place and Mayor Price said he is in favor as well as Mayor Copeland of the courthouse remaining on the square.

Councilman Greer said he agrees the location is good; however, he has had discussion with people who work at the courthouse express their concern with the age of the building and possible mold issues from water damage, etc. Councilman Greer said he is only thinking about the overall health/wellness of the courthouse employees and thinks that should be considered when making the decision. Discussion took place with City Manager Tim Young stating the resolution in question asks for the County to conduct detailed study on the implications of a move such as this [including the loss of businesses in the area of downtown McDonough] and to weigh this as a factor in making a decision to move rather to construct better buildings nearby that the county or the city owns.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Hammock made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution **#19-09-071**.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #19-09-071
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – FIVE IN FAVOR (HAMMOCK, TAYLOR, ASHE, BOONE, GARDNER) AND ONE OPPOSED (GREER)

12. Approve a request for a special event permit for a Community Wellness Event hosted by Fruit of the Spirit Princesses, Inc. –

Assistant City Manager Bert Foster stepped forward and led a discussion this request is from Joan Lawrence to hold a Community Wellness at Claude Gray Park on Saturday, September 14, 2019 for one hour to provide free blood pressure checks to the community. Mr. Foster said Mrs. Lawrence is in the hospital; therefore, she is not present tonight.

Councilman Boone said he does not think it should be the City’s responsibility to provide a place for these events to be held. Discussion took place. Mr. Foster said the original partner is Peach Care who hosted an event in July and Mr. Foster said there will also be games for children. Nothing further.

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

RESULT	APPROVED SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – FIVE IN FAVOR (HAMMOCK, TAYLOR, ASHE, GREER, GARDNER) AND ONE OPPOSED (BOONE)

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –

City Manager Tim Young said we are pleased to have Daunté on staff and are hopefully nearing the final stages of the Community Development renovations. We are continuing with website upgrade and trying to

finalize the SDS for approval at the next meeting. We are preparing for the budget retreat at the end of September and Mr. Young asked Council to submit any items for discussion prior. Councilman Boone asked if Council will get the proposed budget in time for review and Mr. Young replied requirement is to provide 90-days prior to the end of year and you will receive in October. Nothing further.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS – NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION –NONE

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 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:27 PM.

Notes taken by:

Misty Spurling, City Clerk