

**City of Locust Grove
 Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
 Public Safety Building – 3640 Highway 42
 Locust Grove, GA 30248
 Monday, December 16, 2019
 6:00 PM**

Members Present:	Staff Present:
Robert Price – Mayor	Bert Foster – Assistant City Manager
Randy Gardner – Councilman	Misty Spurling – City Clerk
Willie Taylor – Councilman	Jennifer Adkins – Assistant City Clerk
Keith Boone – Councilman	Daunté Gibbs – Community Development Director
Vernon Ashe – Councilman	Jack Rose – Public Works Director
	Anna W. Ogg – Main Street Manager
	Jesse Patton – Police Chief
	Andy Welch - Attorney
Members not Present:	Staff not Present:
Otis Hammock – Councilman	Tim Young – City Manager

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

Invocation given by Assistant City Manager Bert Foster

Mayor Price led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the December 16, 2019 meeting agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

- 1. Resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2020 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget for the City of Locust Grove –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution **#19-12-096**.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #19-12-096
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

2. Resolution to adopt an annual update of the Capital Improvement Element (CIE) for the City of Locust Grove –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #19-12-097.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #19-12-097
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

3. Resolution to maintain existing Water and Sewer rates January to June 30, 2020 -

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #19-12-098.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #19-12-098
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

4. Resolution to authorize a capital lease through United Bank for the acquisition of a new excavator in Stormwater, Utilities and Public Works –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #19-12-099.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #19-12-099
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Greer asked if we are leasing or purchasing the equipment. Mayor Price replied it is cheaper for the City to lease the equipment. Attorney Andy Welch replied this is a capital lease financed through United Bank with a one-year lease that will automatically expire; however, will automatically renew unless otherwise requested. This is a lease purchase and will remain with the bank until final payment. The City is responsible for all liability and maintenance of the equipment. Nothing further.

5. Resolution to authorize the application for the LMIG 2020 grant cycle –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Gardner made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #19-12-100.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #19-12-100
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

CITY OPERATION REPORTS / WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS

MAIN STREET OPERATIONS –ANNA W. OGG

- **Resolution(s) for reappointment – Downtown Development Authority (DDA) – Otis Hammock, Ken Dickey, Jeff Mills, Sherry Moon (unexpired term) –**

Main Street Director Anna Ogg said upcoming reappointments for DDA will be at the January 6, 2020 meeting to reappoint Otis Hammock, Ken Dickey, Jeff Mills, and Sherry Moon (unexpired term) for 2020.

- **Resolution for reappointment – Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) – Betty Shearouse –**

Mrs. Ogg said upcoming reappointments for HPC will also be at the January 6, 2020 meeting to reappoint Betty Shearouse for 2020.

Main Street Director Anna Ogg continued with an update Locust Grove Main Street awarded a façade grant to Tasty and Tempting and they are pursuing rural zone tax credits. Mrs. Ogg said some of you probably noticed the art downtown for picture taking at the train platform and encouraged everyone to go take photos. Discussion took place on upcoming training for HPC. We are continuing with the preparations for the website upgrade and staff will be training on Wednesday so that we will be prepared to launch the new websites in the new year. Thank you to everyone who helped with Christmas in the Grove and the Christmas Train float was awesome. Nothing further.

PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATIONS– LIEUTENANT MATTHEW LONG (FOR CHIEF PATTON)

Chief Jesse Patton gave an update and reviewed the monthly report. Total collections for November 2019 were \$52,377.00 with 22 investigations. We promoted Darryl Shoemaker to Lieutenant and Matthew Crowell to CID. Chief Patton gave an update on the shooting that took place in Culture Woods subdivision and said two young adults were arrested and issued warrants for aggravated assault and armed robbery. The victim is still in Grady Hospital in stable condition. We hired two officers; Lucas Hughes and Chris Mosley and both will start within the next couple of weeks. Chief Patton said the entire department was very thankful for the Christmas lunch and bonuses. Nothing further.

Councilman Greer asked Chief Patton if there is a specific traffic control method being considered with the holiday traffic approaching. Chief Patton replied the problem is we have nowhere to redirect the traffic. Councilman Greer asked if there is a solution to keep the traffic moving and Mayor Price replied we spoke with a representative with the State and discussion took place about the timing of red lights and interstate traffic. Assistant City Manager Bert Foster said we are trying to coordinate with Tanger for advertising the use of the secondary entrance for people to go South versus going toward Bill Gardner. Attorney Andy Welch suggested contacting GDOT and requesting a digital message board to use next year at the entrance to Tanger to detour traffic. Nothing further.

PUBLIC WORKS – JACK ROSE –

Public Works Director Jack Rose gave an update his department is continuing with general maintenance. Our Wastewater plant operator Travis Sims resigned and his last day was November 21, 2019. Travis Konopka and Cole Gardner were transferred to Wastewater from Public Works. The Interceptor Line “F” is 50 percent complete and the boring under Interstate 75 is now complete. Nothing further.

ADMINISTRATION – BERT FOSTER

Assistant City Manager Bert Foster gave an update the Peeksville Road extension is still being reviewed and we received comments from the engineer that will need to be addressed. The Community Development office passed inspection and is fully operational. We are renovating the former Community Development office and converting into a conference and staff breakroom. We are working on the Tanger Park project and the streetlights have been ordered for Cleveland Street and Martin Luther King Boulevard and Bill Gardner and Price Drive. We received the MOA from the soil commission, and we can now perform our own plan reviews. Nothing further.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS – DAUNTÉ GIBBS

Community Development Director Daunté Gibbs gave an update his department has issued 1,754 permits including 296 new house permits and 426 COs for 2019. Mr. Gibbs specifically mentioned that 333 of the 426 COs are residential with the remainder being commercial. Mr. Gibbs said the new Starbucks is currently underway beside the lot at Dunkin Donut. Further, Mr. Gibbs said thank you from his department for the Christmas lunch and bonus. Nothing further.

- **Resolution to create a streetlight district in Phase I of Derringstone Manor in Locust Grove Station Subdivision –**

Assistant City Manager Bert Foster stepped forward and led discussion this currently has 77 lots and staff received an application requesting twelve Colonial LED lights and discussion took place the cost per year for the City will be \$1,644.00 and discussion took place on reimbursement procedures for the fees as well. Nothing further.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (ARB) – NONE

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –

- **FY 2019 3rd Quarter Budget Revision prior to final closeout in March 2020 –** Assistant City Manager Bert Foster stepped forward for review in Tim Young’s absence. Mr. Foster said adjustments are due to project timing and increased taxes, fees, and other revenues. Final adjustments for 4th Quarter should be rather small. Nothing further.
- **Census 2020 updated Resolution for Outreach and Marketing for April 1, 2020 Census Day –** Mr. Foster said this is a resolution to support the efforts of the U.S. Census 2020 to establish a joint marketing and outreach campaign. This will hopefully emphasize the importance of a complete count and the Cities of Hampton, McDonough, and Stockbridge will be participating as well. The total costs are expected to be \$5,000 which includes executing and delivering flyers and other documents to carry out this resolution. Nothing further.

Attorney Andy Welch recognized the City Council for their dedication and service throughout the year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

MAYOR’S COMMENTS-

Mayor Price had no comments and Mayor Price asked Council for any comments.

Councilman Boone said Thank you to City staff with help on the City events and to Councilman Ashe and Councilman Hammock for their years of service with the City. Nothing further.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NONE

ADJOURNMENT-

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

RESULT	ADOPTED
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN-FAVOR MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:34 PM.

Notes taken by:

Misty Spurling, City Clerk