

**City of Locust Grove
 Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
 Public Safety Building – 3640 Highway 42
 Locust Grove, GA 30248
 Tuesday, January 21, 2020
 6:00 PM**

Members Present:	Staff Present:
Robert Price – Mayor	Tim Young – City Manager
Randy Gardner – Councilman	Bert Foster – Assistant City Manager
Willie Taylor – Councilman	Misty Spurling – City Clerk
Keith Boone – Councilman	Jennifer Adkins – Assistant City Clerk
Rod Shearouse – Councilman	Daunté Gibbs – Community Development Director
Rudy Breedlove - Councilman	Jack Rose – Public Works Director
Carlos Greer – Councilman	Anna W. Ogg – Main Street Manager
	Jesse Patton – Police Chief
	Warren Tillery – SWWW Attorney

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 January 21, 2020 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 –

Councilman Gardner read a letter of recusal recusing himself from all such discussion, debate, deliberation or vote, or otherwise take part in the decision-making process for public hearing items one, two, three, and four. Councilman Gardner exited the meeting.

- 1. A Hearing to request annexation of 24.19 +/- acres from Neil A. Gardner and Earl S. Gardner located on Davis Lake Road –**

Community Development Director Daunte' Gibbs stepped forward and led discussion this is a hearing for a request from Neil A. Gardner and Earl S. Gardner requesting annexation of 24.19 +/- acres on Davis Lake Road (Parcel ID – 128-02066000). The property is vacant and will remain residential agricultural if incorporated into the City.

Mayor Price said this is a public hearing and opened to public comments. No comments and Mayor Price closed the public hearing.

Mayor Price asked Council for questions or comments.

Councilman Greer asked Mr. Neil Gardner what the intentions are if annexed and Mr. Gardner replied partially to benefit from trash service in the City and being a City resident like his neighbors. Councilman Greer asked if there has been any discussion for development and Mr. Gardner replied someone did reach out to him about a potential 30-year lease for a solar farm purpose; however, Mr. Gardner said he declined due to the longevity of the request of the lease term.

2. A Hearing to rezone 24.19 +/- acres located on Davis Lake Road in LL 217 of the 2nd district from unincorporated Henry County RA (residential agricultural) to incorporated City of Locust Grove RA (residential agricultural) –

Community Development Director Daunte' Gibbs led discussion this is a request for rezoning the same property as heard in item one. Mayor Price said this is a public hearing and opened to public comments. No comments and Mayor Price closed the public hearing.

3. A Hearing to request annexation of 24.19 +/- acres from Neil A. Gardner and Bonnie L. Gardner located at 342 Davis Lake Road –

Community Development Director Daunte' Gibbs led discussion this is a request for annexation from Neil and Bonnie Gardner (Parcel ID – 128-02065000). The property is currently zoned RA and will remain so if incorporated into the City.

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

4. A hearing to rezone 24.19 +/- acres located at 342 Davis Lake Road in LL 217 of the 2nd district from unincorporated Henry County RA (residential agricultural) to incorporated City of Locust Grove RA (residential agricultural) –

Community Development Director Daunte' Gibbs said this is a rezoning request for the same property as heard in item three. Mayor Price said this is a public hearing and opened to public comments. No comments and Mayor Price closed the public hearing.

Councilman Gardner returned to the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

5. Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) Agreement approval –

City Manager Tim Young stepped forward and reviewed changes to various sections of the agreement. Mr. Young said this is for adoption only and once adopted we will forward to the County for approval.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution **#20-01-010**.

Councilman Greer asked what happens if the County decides not to approve. Discussion took place on renegotiation if the County does not agree or approve. Nothing further.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION AS AMENDED #20-01-010
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GARDNER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – FIVE IN FAVOR (GREER, TAYLOR, SHEAROUSE, GARDNER, BREEDLOVE) AND ONE OPPOSED (BOONE)

6. Resolution to reappoint members to the Locust Grove Events Committee –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution **#20-01-011**.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #20-01-011
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

CITY OPERATION REPORTS / WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS

MAIN STREET OPERATIONS –ANNA W. OGG

Main Street Director Anna Ogg said the Main Street Board decided against having another Peach Stand Road Race due to non-certification and other reasons. The DDA recently met for the 2020 work planning session and the emphasis will be on Cleveland Street including cleaning up and adding other design elements to make more welcoming. The HPC had no COAs and is working with Community Development to integrate the permitting process with the COA process. Discussion took place on the rural zone tax credits and the new website launch for late February. Mrs. Ogg said she is working on the 2020 Census materials to ensure everyone gets counted, and we are planning a Census Day event coming up. Nothing further.

PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATIONS– CHIEF PATTON

Chief Jesse Patton gave an update and reviewed the monthly report. Total collections for December 2019 were \$61,125.50 with 19 investigations including ten cases for Detective Yarian and nine cases for

Detective Crowell. The department has completed six hours of Taser training and other training as well. Chief Patton said Officer Shumate is out of intensive care; however, he is having to make decisions that will affect his physical abilities. Further, we have scheduled a HERO Day event celebrating the life of Chase Maddox on February 8, 2020 from 11am-2pm. Nothing further.

PUBLIC WORKS – JACK ROSE –

Public Works Director Jack Rose gave an update his department is continuing with general maintenance. The Interceptor Line “F” is still ongoing, and we are working on a storm water project in Skyland. Nothing further.

ADMINISTRATION – BERT FOSTER

Assistant City Manager Bert Foster gave an update we are in process of converting the former Community Development office into a breakroom/conference room that will include a full ADA bathroom. Tanger Park revised development plans should be in later in the week and will include a walking trail. We should have the Scatter Garden design concept in this week for consideration and the traffic signal at Market Place and Hwy 42 has been released for design. Staff met with members of the County stabilization program last week to hopefully bring some improvements to Skyland with State and Federal funding. Nothing further.

- **A Resolution to accept the Memorandum of Agreement with Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission (Full review of ESCP plans) –**

Mr. Foster continued with discussion on the MOA which allows the City to bypass State reviews, thus, increasing the turnaround time for us. This will come back at the February meeting for approval. Nothing further.

Councilman Greer asked if we had suggestions for Roberts Road/Hwy 42 improvements since there have been several accidents in that location. Discussion took place. Nothing further.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS – DAUNTÉ GIBBS

Community Development Director Daunté Gibbs gave an update his department has issued 118 permits including 25 new house permits for 2020. Mr. Gibbs said the Fairfield Inn is close to being complete and ready for the CO. Nothing further.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (ARB) – NONE

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –

City Manager Tim Young stepped forward to discuss the status of Officer Shumate including his leave status. Mr. Young said the ordinance requires Councils approval to allow an employee to use sick bank hours and we would need to add to the agenda.

Councilman Boone made a motion to add item Sick bank approval to the agenda. Councilman Greer second the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

ADD ITEM – SICK BANK APPROVAL

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to authorize the use of sick bank hours for Officer Ryan Shumate. Councilman Greer second the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS CONTINUED -

City Manager continued with an update we met with a representative with ARC on Bethlehem Road and the TIP (Transportation Improvement Project) was sent for review to ARC. We had a tree removed from the downtown crosswalk which improved visibility. Mr. Young gave an update on various road improvement projects and reviewed updates on other upcoming City improvements. We are looking to do an RFP for additional parking at City Hall as well as various street improvements in the City. Mr. Young reviewed some upcoming improvements as part of the phase II building renovation. Further, Mr. Young said we are looking into upgrading to the next version of Incode 10 which will allow online work orders and the use of a Human Resources Module. Nothing further.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS-

Mayor Price had no comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Mayor Price asked for a motion to enter executive session. Councilman Boone made the motion with second by Councilman Greer. All in favor and motion carried. Council entered executive session at 6:57 PM.

Discussion took place regarding property acquisition.

Mayor Price asked for a motion to reconvene to regular session from executive session at 7:13 PM. Councilman Greer made the motion with second by Councilman Taylor. All in favor and motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED –

Mayor Price asked for a motion to add an item to the agenda. Councilman Greer made the motion to add a resolution for approval of design and construction plans for the Peeksville Road extension. Councilman Taylor second the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

ADD ITEM –

A resolution to approve the design and construction plans for Peeksville Road extension and for other purposes –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution **#20-01-012**.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #20-01-012
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

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 BREEDLOVE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN-FAVOR MEETING ADJOURNED @ 7:14 PM.

Notes taken by:

Misty Spurling, City Clerk