

**City of Locust Grove  
 Council Workshop Meeting Minutes  
 In Person and Via Teleconference Call/Zoom Meeting  
 Public Safety Building – 3640 Highway 42 S.  
 Locust Grove, GA 30248  
 View on Facebook Live at City of Locust Grove-City Hall Page  
 Monday, May 18, 2020  
 6:00 PM**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Staff Present:</b>
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	Jack Rose – Public Works Director
Rudy Breedlove - Councilman	Anna W. Ogg – Main Street Manager
Carlos Greer – Councilman	Jesse Patton – Police Chief
	Andy Welch - Attorney
	<b>Staff Present via Teleconference:</b>
	Daunté Gibbs – Community Development Director

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

Invocation given by Assistant City Manager Bert Foster

Councilman Boone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Price asked for a motion to add item under Public Comments. Councilman Boone made the motion to add item to public comments with second by Councilman Greer. All in favor and motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to approve the May 18, 2020 meeting agenda.

RESULT	APPROVED
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – **ITEM ADDED**

- **Proclamation for Senior Class of 2020** –

City Clerk Misty Spurling read aloud the proclamation recognizing the Senior graduating Class of 2020. Nothing further.

**PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS – NONE**

**ACTION ITEMS – NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –**

**1. Special Event Permit for a firework sale for profit from TNT fireworks –**

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

RESULT	APPROVED SPECIAL EVENT
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

**2. Resolution to approve the contract for construction services associated with the Tanger Park project –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution **#20-05-029**

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #20-05-029
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Greer asked if this is for the plan specifically or amenities as well. Mr. Foster replied both the plan (park) and some amenities which will include utilities, grading, storm water, parking area, a large and small dog park, sodded field, walking track, and fencing. Discussion took place and nothing further.

**CITY OPERATION REPORTS / WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**MAIN STREET OPERATIONS –ANNA W. OGG**

- **2020-2021 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with GA Department of Community Affairs for Main Street Program –**

Main Street Director Anna Ogg said this is renewed annually and establishes the standards and requirements for State and National accreditation of Main Street communities. Nothing further.

Mrs. Ogg continued with an update the traffic downtown is increasing as more businesses open. Main Street, Inc. delivered lunch to our SPA lenders United Community Bank and Ameris Bank. We have not received data yet on the businesses who received PPP funding; however, should have an update soon. We repurposed our advertising to promote the 2020 Census and to support local businesses safely. Tanger is gradually opening stores with 18 open now and opening more daily. Nothing further.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATIONS–CHIEF PATTON**

Chief Patton gave an update and reviewed the monthly report. Total collections for April 2020 were \$20,046.00. There were six shoplifting cases at Wal-Mart, and we received the check from the Drug Task Force in the amount of \$82,620.00. Chief Patton gave an update on the murder/hostage case from last week; the individual was arrested and charged for numerous counts and the investigation is still ongoing. Chief Patton said thank you to Henry County Police, SWAT, and our officers who all worked together to help in that horrible situation. Further, Chief Patton said there has been an increase in traffic and noted we had a total of 25 accidents last month and eleven (11) accidents already the past weekend alone. Nothing further.

## **PUBLIC WORKS – JACK ROSE**

Public Works Director Jack Rose stepped forward and gave an update public works is continuing with normal daily maintenance and upkeep including leak repairs and grass cutting. As a reminder to the public, Mr. Rose is asking residents please do not flush disposable wipes. Discussion took place and Mr. Rose thanked all public works employees for hard work during the past challenging two months. Nothing further.

Councilman Taylor made a comment Henry County Water Authority made a note of what not to flush on their water bills and suggested the City adding something to our water bills as well. Discussion took place and nothing further.

## **ADMINISTRATION – BERT FOSTER**

Assistant City Manager Bert Foster gave an update on Capital projects including the signal at Market Place and Highway 42, Bill Gardner Parkway signal finalization on plans, and the Peeksville Road extension project. The Jubilee donation paperwork is ready to record at the Courthouse and discussion took place. Nothing further.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS – DAUNTÉ GIBBS**

Community Development Director Daunté Gibbs gave an update his department has issued 588 permits including 77 new house permits for 2020. We have issued 158 COs [129 residential and 29 commercial permits] and 260 Business Licenses issued for 2020. Mr. Gibbs said building and land disturbance activity is ongoing in various locations and new house construction continues in various subdivisions. Starbucks is nearing completion, and Fairfield Inn is open with limitations under a temporary CO. Nothing further.

## **ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (ARB) – NONE**

## **CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –**

- **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Budget update –**

City Manager Tim Young gave an update we are estimating revenue shortfalls based on some of the estimates from the State as well as other sources of about 27-30 percent. We will have this ready to adopt in June. Nothing further.

- **Potential for assistance for local businesses left out by PPP –**

Mr. Young continued with discussion we are considering potential assistance for businesses who did not benefit from the PPP program. The City of McDonough instituted a program early in the crisis, and we are reviewing to possibly do somewhat the same. We could potentially help up to 20 businesses who qualify under the applicable guidelines.

Councilman Greer asked how we will determine what businesses are approved. Mr. Young replied there are several factors including a current (paid) business license, and those businesses who have not benefited from SBA or PPP. Mr. Young confirmed this is a loan not a grant.

Councilman Boone made a comment he does not feel we should loan money, although he is sympathetic, he just does not agree. Discussion took place on qualifying businesses. Mrs. Ogg replied the Main Street Board has not voted yet; however, does believe we would receive strong support and the Main Street, Inc. is willing to match up to three percent. Nothing further.

Mr. Young said thank you to the City Hall staff who have been reporting daily to the office and we are anticipating reopening City Hall and Public Safety tentatively on June 1, 2020. Nothing further.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS-**

Mayor Price made a comment the City is in support of our local businesses and would like to help if possible.

Councilman Greer made a comment thanking all City employees during this time.

Mrs. Tammy Boone made a comment thanks to everyone supporting the postal business.

Councilman Greer asked Mr. Young if there was anything to discuss on the update “Reviving Georgia” and Mr. Young replied we added to the agenda in case the Governor had any updates, but 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 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN-FAVOR MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:38 PM.

Notes taken by:

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Misty Spurling, City Clerk

*This meeting streamed live on the City of Locust Grove – City Hall Facebook page.*