

**City of Locust Grove  
Council Workshop Meeting Minutes  
Via Teleconference Call/Zoom Meeting  
View on Facebook Live at City of Locust Grove – City Hall  
Tuesday, January 19, 2021  
6:00 PM**

<b>Members Present Via Teleconference:</b>	<b>Staff Present Via Teleconference:</b>
Robert Price – Mayor	Tim Young – City Manager
Carlos Greer – 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	Jesse Patton – Police Chief
	Matthew Long - Captain
	Anna W. Ogg – Main Street Manager
	Jack Rose – Public Works Director
	Andy Welch - Attorney

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

Invocation given by Police Chief Jesse Patton.

Councilman Greer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the January 19, 2021 meeting agenda.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – NONE

**PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS** – NONE

**NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS** –

- 1. Resolution to call for a special election to elect a person to fulfill the remaining term of the Honorable John R. Gardner –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution **#21-01-006**.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #21-01-006
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

Mr. Young reviewed the dates set for qualifying [February 15-17, 2021] 8:30AM-4:30PM at City Hall, for the March 16, 2021 special election.

**2. Resolution authorizing a memorial marker in memory of Officer Chase Maddox along Tanger Boulevard –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution **#21-01-007.**

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #21-01-007
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

**3. Resolution to reappoint members to the Locust Grove Events Committee –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution **#21-01-008.**

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #21-01-008
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

**4. Ordinance to revise the Operating and Capital Improvements Budget for FY 2020 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter.**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance **#21-01-009.**

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #21-01-009
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

**5. Ordinance to approve a final plat for Liberty Grove subdivision, AKA Derringstone Manor, POD B. –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution **#21-01-010.**

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #21-01-010
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

## **CITY OPERATION REPORTS / WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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

Main Street Director Anna Ogg gave an update we completed the year end reporting for the Main Street program and rural zoning district, and we were just short of one million dollars for private and public. HPC had no COAs and did not meet this month. The historic Beersheba cemetery has been on hold but hopefully can schedule some outdoor projects soon for cleanup. We have a new billboard in the Tanger Outlet parking lot encouraging visitors to visit downtown. We are discussing Spring events; however, no plans as of right now due to COVID-19. Further, Mrs. Ogg said we are trying to get word out about COVID-19 vaccine waitlist and where and when people can get vaccinations. Nothing further.

Councilman Shearouse asked what items were invested to cover the one million dollars and Mrs. Ogg replied utility improvements, the crosswalk at Hwy 42 in downtown, and rehab projects within the rural zone tax credit area.

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

Chief Patton gave an update and reviewed the monthly report. Total collections for December 2020 were \$46,667.58 with 90 accidents and 24 investigations, including seven cases for Detective Crowell and 17 for Detective Yarian. The department had a total of 24 hours of training for the month of December. Officer Wilkerson and Officer Lawrence are still out under workers comp and will hopefully return soon. Nothing further.

Chief Patton thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunities he has had working for the City of Locust Grove. Chief Patton said working here has been a great experience and will miss everyone here.

### **PUBLIC WORKS – JACK ROSE**

Public Works Director Jack Rose gave an update we are working on several projects in various subdivisions. We installed the four-way stop intersections in Patriots Point subdivision and have one employee out who tested positive for COVID-19. Nothing further.

### **ADMINISTRATION – BERT FOSTER**

Mr. Foster gave an update we contacted both property owners related to the Peeksville Road extension and we will discuss further in executive session. Tanger Park site work is complete, and the pavilion is nearing completion. Mr. Foster said the State is still processing comments from the public information open house on the MMIP commercial lane project from I-475 to Highway 155. Further, an appraisal should be ready soon for the signal at Hwy 42 and Marketplace Boulevard for easements at corner properties. Nothing further.

- **Ordinance to adopt revised specifications and details for water and sewer services -**

Mr. Foster continued discussion Public Works has determined it is more efficient for the City to adopt a water and sewer specifications and details that mirror the Henry County Water Authority's standard to streamline the design, installation, and inspection processes. Discussion took place. Mr. Rose said this will hopefully keep the contractors on the same page. Mr. Foster said this will be brought back in February for adoption. Nothing further.

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

Community Development Director Daunté Gibbs gave an update his department has issued 57 permits including seven new house permits for 2021. We have issued 13 COs [nine residential and four commercial permits] with 29 business licenses issued for 2021. We are anticipating exceeding permits issued in 2019. Nothing further.

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

## **CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –**

City Manager Tim Young said we will all miss Chief Patton; however, we are very happy for him and this accomplishment and new adventures ahead. Mr. Young said our Utility Billing Clerk Bailey Barron had her first child in December and decided to resign and stay home. We will be posting that position soon. Further, Mr. Young discussed the MMIP update and said we had raised a comment on the length of the Bill Gardner CVL bridge. GDOT confirmed the comment and stated the bridge would be long enough and will only have one bridge versus two bridges. Mr. Young discussed the RFP on the railroad crossing and said we should have an update from GDOT including cost very soon. Mr. Young said we have been discussing possible locations for vaccinations in our area and in the County; however, the process has been very slow. We should hopefully see improvements within the next one hundred days and discussion took place. Further, Mr. Young said we received the LOST distribution list percentages report from the Department of Revenue that are being used within our county and will need to file the new LOST Certificate of Distribution as required in 2022. Nothing further.

## **MAYOR’S COMMENTS –**

Mayor Price said we have some positions coming open soon and are looking for well qualified candidates.

Councilman Boone said thank you to Attorney Andy Welch for his commitment to the City and said thank you to Chief Patton for his years of service with the City of Locust Grove. Chief Patton will be missed. Nothing further.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION – Property Acquisition and Personnel**

Mayor Price asked for a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of property acquisition and personnel. Councilman Boone made the motion with second by Councilman Greer. All in favor and motion carried. Council entered executive session at 6:33 PM.

Mayor Price asked for a motion to reconvene to regular session from executive session at 7:21 PM. Councilman Greer made the motion with second by Councilman Boone. All in favor and motion carried.

## **REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED -**

Attorney Andy Welch said a motion needs to be made to amend the Police (SOP) Standard Operating Procedures to designate a Captain position to serve as Chief of the City of Locust Grove by exercising and assuming responsibilities of Chief in the absence of the Chief until such time as the city appoints a new Chief. There will not be a change in the title of Captain.

Mayor Price asked for the above item to be placed in the form of a motion. Councilman Greer did so and thereby approve the Police SOP as amended.

RESULT	APPROVED TO AMEND POLICE SOP
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

**ADJOURNMENT-**

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

RESULT	ADOPTED
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN-FAVOR MEETING ADJOURNED @ 7:25 PM.

Notes taken by:

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Misty Spurling, City Clerk