

**City of Locust Grove
Council Meeting Minutes
Public Safety Building – Courtroom Chamber
3640 Highway 42 S. – Locust Grove, GA 30248
Monday, December 6, 2021
6:00 PM**

Members Present:	Staff Present:
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
Vincent Williams – Councilman	Daunte’ Gibbs – Community Development Director
Rod Shearouse – Councilman	Jack Rose – Public Works Director
Rudy Breedlove – Councilman	Derrick Austin - Police Chief
	Andy Welch - Attorney

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

Invocation given by Chief Derrick Austin

Councilman Breedlove led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the December 6, 2021 meeting agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS – NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES –

1. NOVEMBER 1, 2021- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the November 1, 2021, regular meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED NOVEMBER 1, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

2. NOVEMBER 1, 2021 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the November 1, 2021 executive session meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED NOVEMBER 1, 2021 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

3. NOVEMBER 15, 2021- WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the November 15, 2021 workshop meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED NOVEMBER 15, 2021 WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

4. NOVEMBER 15, 2021 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the November 15, 2021 executive session meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED NOVEMBER 15, 2021 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT –

5. NOVEMBER 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENT –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the November 2021 Financial Statement –

RESULT	APPROVED NOVEMBER 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

6. Ordinance to adopt the FY 2022 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget -

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #21-12-078

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #21-12-078
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

7. Approve a special event permit for the Locust Grove High School “School Showcase”, December 21, 2021-

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

RESULT	APPROVED SPECIAL EVENT
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

8. Ordinance on Council meeting schedule for 2022-

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #21-12-079.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #21-12-079
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

9. Ordinance to personnel policy Section 306 “Personal Leave – Sick Leave Policy” -

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #21-12-080.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #21-12-080
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

10. Resolution authorizing commencement of validation proceedings for the General obligation bonds -

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #21-12-081.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #21-12-081
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

11. Ordinance to extend a Moratorium on accepting zoning map amendment applications, building permit applications, development plans, preliminary/final plat applications for new multi-family developments for an additional one-hundred eighty (180) days –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #21-12-082.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #21-12-082
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Boone what has changed since the approval of the last Moratorium? Mr. Young said this will allow time to review a step procedure for more clarity. We are working on a format with images and review of an amenity list, exterior design, parking, etc. Nothing further.

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –

Mr. Young made a comment we are working on finalizing year end and looking at some dates for a retreat. There will be a sanitation increase of four percent as discussed. We will be closed for Christmas holidays on December 24th and December 27th and closed December 31st for New Year’s. Mr. Young reminded Council to register for Cities United in January if not already done so. Nothing further.

Councilman Breedlove asked about the sanitation contract and if it will expire in 2022 and Mr. Young said the contract is on an automatic renewal.

Councilman Greer referenced the moratorium and asked how many new building permits have been approved? Mr. Gibbs said over 2,000 [total permits] with 380 new home permits. There are four warehouse permits approved with one pending.

Councilman Greer suggested having a moratorium for building warehouses. Discussion took place about increase in traffic.

Councilman Williams asked Mr. Welch if we will expect receipt of the funding for roads early next year. Mr. Welch said yes, and we must have GDOT approval of road improvements.

Councilman Greer asked if a special tax district can be created for warehouses? Mr. Welch said in some parts of the city; however, a special tax district can only be implemented for a specific purpose (i.e., Roads) and the revenues collected with the district must be applied within the district. Also, at tax district can be established for an allotted time. There are two options; do not tax or implement a homestead exemption.

Councilman Greer asked for update on the McDonald’s incident and Chief Austin gave an update.

Councilman Boone made a comment he wanted to be part of the interview process for the Main Street position but said he was not asked. Mr. Young said we had two applicants and apologized for overlooking his request. Nothing further.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS – NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION –LITIGATION

Mayor Price asked for a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of litigation. Councilman Greer made the motion with second by Councilman Breedlove. All in favor and motion carried. Council entered executive session at 6:34 PM.

Mayor Price asked for a motion to reconvene to regular session from executive session at 7:10 PM. Councilman Greer made the motion with second by Councilman Breedlove. All in favor and motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT –

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

RESULT	APPROVED – ADJOURN MEETING
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED MEETING ADJOURNED @ 7:16 PM.

Notes taken by:

Misty Spurling, City Clerk