

**City of Locust Grove
Council Meeting Minutes
Public Safety Building – Courtroom Chamber
3640 Highway 42 S. – Locust Grove, GA 30248
Tuesday, July 5, 2022
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
	Staff not present:
	Colleen Watts – Main Street Director

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

Invocation given by Chief Derrick Austin

Councilman Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Mayor Price asked for a motion to amend the agenda. Councilman Boone made the motion to add item seven (7) to the agenda.

RESULT	APPROVED ADD ITEM # (7) SEVEN
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the July 5, 2022, meeting agenda as amended.

RESULT	APPROVED AGENDA AS AMENDED
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

- **Presentation of State Law Enforcement Certification to Locust Grove Police Department – GA Chiefs Association**

Chief Austin stepped forward and introduced three representatives from GACP (Georgia Chiefs of Police) who also stepped forward including: Chief Chuck Groover, Chief Scott Gray from

Fayetteville, and Chief Janet Moon from Peachtree City. Chief Groover – state coordinator for the program – said he is happy to honor the Locust Grove Police Department for this certification. Chief Groover said 20% of the agencies in Georgia are State Certified, and now Locust Grove Police Department is one of the top agencies in Georgia. This is a three-year process, which means upon receiving certification, a department is required to complete the process every three years. GIRMA also offers rate reductions by up to twenty percent (20%) that have achieved and maintain their certification. Chief Groover provided a brochure to Mayor and Council and reviewed six standards as part of the certification.

Chief Groover presented the State Certification Plaque to Chief Austin. Also, in recognition of her assistance with completing the process, Chief Groover presented Officer Hurst with an award plaque.

Chief Moon made a comment the Locust Grove Police Department wants to be the best and this department is now meeting best practices and standards. Chief Moon said it is an honor to be here to welcome the Locust Grove Police Department into this success.

Chief Gray also thanked Chief Austin for his dedication and success. Nothing further.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS – NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES –

1. JUNE 6, 2022 - REGULAR MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the June 6, 2022, regular meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED JUNE 6, 2022, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

2. JUNE 21, 2022- WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the June 21, 2022, workshop meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED JUNE 21, 2022, WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT –

3. MAY 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENT –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the May 2022, financial statement.

RESULT	APPROVED MAY 2022, FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

4. Ordinance to adopt Section 8.23, Fire Prevention and Protection, of the City of Locust Grove Code of Ordinances –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance **#22-07-043**

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #22-07-043
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

5. Ordinance to enter a contract between the City of Locust Grove and C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., LLC for resurfacing for roads in the City of Locust Grove -

Assistant City Manager Bert Foster stepped forward. Mr. Foster said this is to enter a contract with C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., LLC for road resurfacing throughout the city. The attorney’s office has reviewed; however, has revisions.

Attorney Andy Welch said the revised contract will be added to this resolution as Exhibit “A.” Councilman Greer asked if Council should have concerns? Mr. Foster said no, just clarity of language revised. Attorney Andy Welch said the language had to be modified to pertain to roads as opposed to building.

Councilman Boone asked if a time limit is needed for revisions to be done? Attorney Welch said the revisions to the contract are complete and will be end of year before beginning the project.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance **#22-07-044**

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #22-07-044
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS -

6. Request for Special Event Permit for the Locust Grove Fire Marshal and the Johnson Foundation school supply distribution on July 23, 2022 –

Fire Marshal Anthony Hicks stepped forward. Mr. Hicks said he is trying to establish a new outreach within the city in his new position as Fire Marshal. He is partnering with The Johnson Foundation; an organization recognized as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, to raise funds to

provide free school supplies to the local students. The request also includes use of the City Hall parking lot in front of the Community Development entrance.

Councilman Boone told Mr. Hicks he appreciates his efforts and asked if he could give a background on The Johnson Foundation? Mr. Hicks said Ms. Olivia McCornell, resident of Locust Grove, founded the organization in 2017 and has a history of hosting several events.

Councilman Breedlove asked if the city could contribute donations to this event? Attorney Welch said he discourages donations on the city’s behalf because everyone would start requesting donations.

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

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

ADD ITEM -

7. Resolution transferring authority of certain fire prevention services from the State to the City of Locust Grove -

Mr. Hicks said this is a resolution in conjunction with the ordinance approved in item four earlier. This resolution assures the state fire marshal association that the job is being done as expected. This removes the power from the state; however, the state will maintain the Title 25 buildings (hospitals, nursing homes, jails, etc.).

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution 22-07-045.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #22-07-045
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –

Mr. Young said the utility department printed 4,023 water bills this past billing cycle and we used the base station at the MLK tank to read the bills. We are to the point of training on that system and eventually transition to two billing cycles. We had one contractor present for the bid on the Bill Gardner Parkway Interchange and are postponing for now. The LOST negotiation with the County will begin on July 19, 2022. The digital sign at City Hall is in final stages, and a public information open house for the Bethlehem Road Interchange will be held in the fall. There is a 14–22-week lead time on the Market Place signal light project. Nothing further.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS –

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LITIGATION

Motion to go into executive session by Councilman Breedlove and seconded by Councilman Boone for litigation. Motion Carried All in favor 6:38 PM.

At 6:52 PM, Motion to come back into regular session made by Councilman Greer and seconded by Councilman Breedlove.

ADJOURNMENT –

Councilman Greer asked a question “Didn’t the city partner with a group for a July 4th event at Warren Holder Park a few years ago?” Mr. Young said we tried to do a joint venture with them; however, they have not coordinated that event in a while. We met with them in 2020 to partner up again but nothing came of it. Discussion took place about the city hosting an event similar in the future, and Mr. Young said we can discuss and collaborate ideas for next year.

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

RESULT	APPROVED – ADJOURN MEETING
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED MEETING ADJOURNED @ 7:01 PM.

Notes taken by:

Misty Spurling, City Clerk