

**City of Locust Grove
Council Meeting Minutes
Public Safety Building – Courtroom Chamber
3640 Highway 42 S. – Locust Grove, GA 30248
Monday, January 2, 2023
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/Pro Tem	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 Assistant City Manager Bert Foster

Councilman Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the January 2, 2023, meeting agenda.

RESULT	APPROVED AGENDA
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS – NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES –

1. DECEMBER 5, 2022 - REGULAR MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the December 5, 2022, regular meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED DECEMBER 5, 2022, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

2. DECEMBER 19, 2022- WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the December 19, 2022, workshop meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED DECEMBER 19, 2022, WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

3. DECEMBER 19, 2022 – EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the December 19, 2022, executive session meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED DECEMBER 19, 2022, EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT –

4. NOVEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT –

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

5. Ordinance to amend the City Code to expand the definition of a commercial vehicle and to provide regulations for their parking and/or storage.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance **#23-01-001**.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #23-01-001
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – FIVE IN FAVOR (TAYLOR, BOONE, WILLIAMS, SHEAROUSE, BREEDLOVE) AND ONE OPPOSED (GREER)

Councilman Greer said he is opposed to the request because he does not agree with some things discussed at the previous [workshop] meeting. Nothing further.

6. Ordinance to amend Title 15, adding Chapter 15.46, Parking Standards, including provisions for gravel parking for “Tractor-Trailer Truck and Oversized Vehicle Parking lots”–

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #23-01-002.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #23-01-002
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

7. Ordinance to amend the Principal Land Use Table 17.04.041 to add “Tractor-Trailer Truck and oversized vehicle parking lots” as a conditional use under the M-1 (light-manufacturing) and M-2 (general industrial) –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #23-01-003.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #23-01-003
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

8. Ordinance to declare and certify abandoned a portion of public right-of-way known as Price Drive located between Bill Gardner Parkway and Price Drive –

Councilman Shearouse recused himself from vote.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion with second by Councilman Williams and further discussion took place.

Councilman Boone asked who will take care of the property. Mr. Young said that would revert to whatever the state code provided. Attorney Andy Welch said this request is just declaring abandonment and then we would notify the property owners of the sell. Councilman Breedlove asked if the city could keep a portion and sell the remainder of property? Mr. Welch said Council would have to amend the motion to retain the easement [for the water line] on the property. Councilman Breedlove asked what would happen to the portion of the road. Mr. Welch said any portion of the road the city wants to keep should not be abandoned, and if the council doesn’t know what portion [to keep], he suggests not acting tonight. Councilman Boone asked if that portion of the road can be closed off and keep the property to avoid people from cutting through. Mr. Welch said Council can make a motion to close that road.

Councilman Breedlove rescinded his original motion with second by Councilman Williams.

Councilman Breedlove made the motion to close Price Drive and discuss abandonment later by approving ordinance #23-01-004.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #23-01-004
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MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – FIVE IN FAVOR (BREEDLOVE, WILLIAMS, GREER, TAYLOR, BOONE) AND ONE RECUSED (SHEAROUSE)

9. Resolution approving the architectural plans submitted for proposed CarMax buildings to be located on Price Dr. –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #23-01-005.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #23-01-005
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – FOUR IN FAVOR (BREEDLOVE, BOONE, TAYLOR, SHEAROUSE) AND TWO OPPOSED (GREER, WILLIAMS)

Councilman Greer said he still has uncertainties with the request and is the reason for opposition.

10. Resolution approving the architectural plans submitted for proposed warehouse buildings to be located on Highway 42.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #23-01-006.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #23-01-006
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – FIVE IN FAVOR (TAYLOR, BOONE, WILLIAMS, SHEAROUSE, BREEDLOVE) AND ONE OPPOSED (GREER)

Councilman Shearouse asked for the specific address for this request. Mr. Gibbs said normal procedure requires staff to access through tax assessors to confirm the address; and will have an address before [the permit] is finalized.

11. Resolution to reappoint Betty Shearouse to the Historic Preservation Commission –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #23-01-007.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #23-01-007
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS

2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – FIVE IN FAVOR (GREER, WILLIAMS, BOONE, TAYLOR, BREEDLOVE) AND ONE ABSTAINED (SHEAROUSE)

12. Resolution to reappoint Sherry Moon to the Downtown Development Authority –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution **#23-01-008**.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #23-01-008
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – FIVE IN FAVOR (GREER, WILLIAMS, BOONE, TAYLOR, BREEDLOVE) AND ONE ABSTAINED (SHEAROUSE)

13. Resolution to reappoint Stephanie Epps to the Downtown Development Authority –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution **#23-01-009**.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #23-01-009
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS –

14. Ordinance for appointment of offices for the 2023 calendar year –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance **#23-01-010**.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #23-01-010
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – FIVE IN FAVOR (GREER, TAYLOR, WILLIAMS, SHEAROUSE, BREEDLOVE) AND ONE ABSTAINED (BOONE)

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –

Mr. Young gave an update we had some issues from the cold weather; however, nothing major. Discussion took place on the 2023 action plan (sustainability, resilience, efficiency) and things left aside (SDS, LOST, and COVID). Looking forward to a fresh new year.

Mr. Young said there will be a press release at 8:30AM - 9:00AM tomorrow for something major expected to come to the city.

Councilman Greer asked how often do projects/developments come to a city and elected officials are not informed prior? Mr. Young said it is common for this to happen from time to time. Attorney Andy Welch said the executive director is aware but is under a nondisclosure agreement and confirmed this is a very common occurrence. Further, Mr. Welch said the property is in the city, and nothing is needed by the council. Councilman Boone asked, “what if the council does not agree with the project”? Mr. Welch said if the property is not zoned properly the council would have some say later. Mr. Young said he tried requesting advance notice for Council; however, the holidays delayed it. Nothing further.

COUNCIL COMMENTS – NONE

MAYOR’S COMMENTS – NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NONE

ADJOURNMENT –

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

RESULT	APPROVED – ADJOURN MEETING
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:27 PM.

Notes taken by:

Misty Spurling, City Clerk