

**City of Locust Grove
Council Meeting Minutes
Public Safety Building – Courtroom Chamber
3640 Highway 42 S. – Locust Grove, GA 30248
Tuesday, September 5, 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	Anna Williams – Community Development/Planner
Vincent Williams – Councilman	Jack Rose – Public Works Director
Rod Shearouse – Councilman	Derrick Austin - Police Chief
Rudy Breedlove – Councilman	Andy Welch – Attorney
	Staff not present:
	Daunté Gibbs – Community Development Director
	Colleen Cook – Main Street Director

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

Invocation given by City Manager Tim Young

Councilman Breedlove led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Ms. Donna Deas stepped forward to comment on item number five. Ms. Deas said she had the opportunity to prepare according to her previous comments at the last meeting. Ms. Deas said she does not have any issues with the property owner/applicant and said she understands the need and purpose for trucks; however, her issue is long-term parking, in this case, (allowed for up to 30 days). Ms. Deas said she understands the guidelines in place (no overnight sleeping, and video surveillance has been suggested); however, she feels this is not possible to enforce. Also, a concern for infrastructure damage because of the wear and tear that will increase from this type of use and the increase in crime that will be drawn to this parking area. Discussion took place about requiring [show of a photo ID] and fines if the policies are not followed. Nothing further.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS – NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES –

1. AUGUST 7, 2023- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the August 7, 2023, regular meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED AUGUST 7, 2023, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

2. AUGUST 7, 2023- EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the August 7, 2023, executive session meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED AUGUST 7, 2023, EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

3. AUGUST 21, 2023- WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the August 21, 2023, workshop meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED AUGUST 21, 2023, WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT –

4. JULY 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the May 2023 financial statement.

RESULT	APPROVED JULY 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

5. Ordinance to approve a Conditional Use to allow gravel-surfaced truck/tractor-trailer parking on Highway 42 north of County Line Road (Parcel IDs: 162-01004003 and 162-01004001)

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request and seconded by Councilman Taylor.

Councilman Greer made a comment he was wanting to table the item because of concerns that will have potential effect on future decisions.

Councilman Breedlove said he would also like to table the request to have the opportunity to review the tentative uses for the other property.

Attorney Andy Welch said the current motion will have to be amended if the council wants to make a change to the original motion. Andy said the council can make a substitute motion or Councilman Shearouse can alter his motion with agreement from the initial person (Councilman Taylor) who seconded.

Councilman Breedlove made the motion to amend the original motion with a motion to table the request until the applicant provides further details.

RESULT	REQUEST TABLED
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

Andy said since Councilman Shearouse made the original motion to approve, Councilman Shearouse will have to make the motion to lift from table.

Tim said there will be an annexation that trails with this request for public hearing at the next meeting.

Councilman Greer said his concern has nothing to do with this property. Nothing further.

6. Request to declare city vehicles as Surplus Property –

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

RESULT	APPROVED
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

7. Special Event permit request from the LGPD for a 5K fundraiser to benefit breast cancer research –

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 SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

8. Resolution approving the architectural plans submitted for Springs Apartment, located on Price Drive -

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution # 23-09-076.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #23-09-076
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLAMS
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

9. Resolution approving the architectural plans submitted for a dual-branded Townplace/Springhill Suites Hotel to be located on Bandy Parkway –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution # 23-09-077.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #23-09-077
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

10. Ordinance to amend the FY 2023 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget for the half-year of 2023 –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance # 23-09-078.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #23-09-078
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS –

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –

Mr. Young said the City Hall renovations are 75 percent complete and reviewed the progress being made. GDOT has agreed to fund [up to] 70 percent of the additional lane on Highway 42 between Market Place and Bill Gardner Parkway project (or up to \$2.8 million). Tim said he attended Daunté’s mother-in-law’s funeral on Saturday and asked everyone to please remember them during this time. He also added her service in the military and other achievements.

COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilman Boone said he would like to make a note for the council to discuss the food truck ordinance, peddler license, and special event items at the next council meeting.

Councilman Williams made a comment to encourage everyone to go to the city’s website to complete the form for reservation of a veteran stone for a family member or loved one. We are now taking pre-orders. Tim said we will also do a press release and share the information on social media as well.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS – NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LITIGATION

Motion to go into executive session to discuss potential and/or threatened litigation matters by Councilman Breedlove and seconded by Councilman Shearouse. Motion Carried All in favor 6:29 PM.

At 6:46 PM, motion to come back into regular session made by Councilman Greer and seconded by Councilman Boone.

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 BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:46 PM.

Notes taken by:

Misty Spurling
City Clerk