

**City of Locust Grove  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Public Safety Building – Courtroom Chamber  
3640 Highway 42 S. – Locust Grove, GA 30248  
Monday, March 6, 2023  
6:00 PM**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Staff Present:</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/Pro Tem	Jennifer Adkins – Assistant City Clerk
Vincent Williams – Councilman	Daunté Gibbs – Community Development Director
Rod Shearouse – Councilman	Jack Rose – Public Works Director
Rudy Breedlove – Councilman	Derrick Austin - Police Chief
	Andy Welch – Attorney
	<b>Staff not present:</b>
	Colleen Watts – 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 Williams made the motion to amend the agenda to add item ten.

RESULT	APPROVED ADD ITEM (10) TEN
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to approve the March 6, 2023, meeting agenda as amended.

RESULT	APPROVED AGENDA AS AMENDED
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** –

**PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS** – NONE

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** –

**1. FEBRUARY 6, 2023- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES** –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the February 6, 2023, regular meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED FEBRUARY 6, 2023, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**2. FEBRUARY 20, 2023- WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the February 20, 2023, workshop meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED FEBRUARY 20, 2023, WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT – NONE – FY Closeout.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –**

**3. Ordinance to rezone approximately 0.44 +/- acres located at 24 Peeksville Road (Parcel ID #L05-01003000) in LL 176 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> district -**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #23-03-025.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #23-03-025
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**4. Ordinance for approving a Stream Buffer Variance to allow grading and paving into the required 75 and 50 ft. impervious buffers for a warehousing/industrial development–**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #23-03-026.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #23-03-026
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**5. Resolution to authorize participation and to identify a project for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding –**

Councilman Greer asked Mr. Foster if there were any projects that would benefit anyone with low to moderate income in the city? Mr. Young said with the updated census, we changed the block

groups to accommodate and incorporate the Skyland community as low income and discussion took place. Councilman Greer asked if there were any issues related to water. Mr. Young said the water lines were replaced under a CDBG grant utilizing a special census in the early 2000's to show the area was a low-income area. Mr. Foster said there was a sewer line issue but also other issues in the Skyland community.

Councilman Boone asked if the water line met the low-income criteria/requirements? Mr. Young said we competed with other jurisdictions in the old CDBG regulations and that now we work through Henry County as an entitlement community.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #23-03-027.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #23-03-027
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**6. Resolution to accept the revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for P-3 MMIP CVL Project #0014203 with GDOT (utilities) –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion by approving resolution #23-03-028.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #23-03-028
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**7. Resolution approving the architectural plans submitted for Tanger Self Storage Phase 2, located at 620 Tanger Blvd –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #23-03-029.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #23-03-029
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**8. Resolution for continued support of the I-75 Central Corridor Coalition for 2023 -**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #23-03-030.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #23-03-030
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Greer asked if this group has been beneficial. Mr. Young said yes, we are receiving more money for rail support and highway studies, boosting the central corridor. Andy said the coalition has existed since 2015-2017 and prior was a train coalition which had support for commuter trains from Emory and Cobb County. Councilman Greer said he is not opposed; however, said he does not think the group is gearing towards economic vitality.

**NEW BUSINESS/ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS –**

**9. Ordinance to amend Section 2.04.015 of City Code (Health Insurance Benefits) -**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance **#23-03-031.**

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #23-03-031
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR.

**ADD ITEM**

**10. Ordinance for appointment of a Judge Pro Tem (alternate) and Court Solicitor Pro Tem (Alternate) –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance **#23-03-032.**

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #23-03-032
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –**

Mr. Young gave an update that we had our initial meeting with FEMA on damage assessments from the tornado for submittal of reimbursements. The front yard water line relocation is ongoing as part of Peeksville Road improvements. The Public Information Open House for the Bethlehem Road Interchange will be March 23, 2023 [virtually].

**COUNCIL COMMENTS –**

Councilman Williams and Councilman Boone said thank you to the police department for the outstanding investigation and professionalism with the recent tragedy in our community.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS – NONE**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – LITIGATION, PERSONNEL, PROPERTY ACQUISITION**

Motion to go into executive session to discuss pending and/or threatened litigation, personnel, and property acquisition matters by Councilman Greer and seconded by Councilman Boone. Motion Carried All in favor 6:21 PM.

At 6:36 PM, motion to come back into regular session made by Councilman Boone and seconded by Councilman Breedlove.

**REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED** –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to amend the agenda to add item eleven.

RESULT	APPROVED ADD ITEM (11) ELEVEN
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

**ADD ITEM -**

**11. Release of Sick Bank for fully vested employee –**

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

RESULT	APPROVED RELEASE OF SICK BANK
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**ADJOURNMENT** –

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

RESULT	APPROVED – ADJOURN MEETING
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:47 PM.

Notes taken by:

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Misty Spurling  
City Clerk