

**City of Locust Grove
Council Meeting Minutes
Public Safety Building – Courtroom Chamber
3640 Highway 42 S. – Locust Grove, GA 30248
Monday, June 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	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
	Will White – SWWW Attorney
	Staff not present:
	Colleen Cook – Main Street Director

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 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 –

- **Presentation by Laura Luker with the Henry County Convention and Visitor’s Bureau (CVB) on FY 2022 activities, expenditures, and plans/promotions for 2023 –**

Laura Luker, director of tourism (Henry Co. CVB) stepped forward. Mrs. Luker said her job is to make sure economic development is stimulated through tourism and to tell visitors why Locust Grove is the place to visit, eat, shop, and stay in Locust Grove. Laura reviewed the slides on the overhead screen and discussion took place. Laura said they invested in the development of a mobile visitor center which launched in January 2023 and is normally out in the community four days a week or 40 hours/week. The CVB also invested in new data in 2022 (Arrivalist Data) which collects data from point of origin, points of interest, and how many day and night trippers stay in Locust Grove.

Councilman Greer asked about the area calculated on estimating the trips at the train platform. Laura said she would have to review the data; however, the boundary registers as a visit (not local people).

Councilman Williams asked if the mobile visitor center can be booked for a city event. Laura said yes, it can be booked in three-month intervals (three months in advance).

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS – NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES –

1. MAY 1, 2023- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the May 1, 2023, regular meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED MAY 1, 2023, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

2. MAY 1, 2023- EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the May 1, 2023, executive session meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED MAY 1, 2023, EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

3. MAY 15, 2023- WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the May 15, 2023, workshop meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED MAY 15, 2023, WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

4. MAY 15, 2023- EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to approve the May 15, 2023, executive session meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED MAY 15, 2023, EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT –

5. December 2022 – Financial Statement –

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

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

6. January 2023 – Financial Statement –

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

7. Resolution to award the contract for professional consultant services associated with the review and updating of the city’s Impact Fee program –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution # 23-06-052.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #23-06-052
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

8. Ordinance to amend the FY 2023 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget for the 1st Quarter –

Tim stepped forward to comment. Tim said there were additional revenue projections (based on final collections of FY 22) and other (disaster related) expenditures from the beginning of the year. Discussion took place about decreases and increases in certain funds. Nothing further.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #23-06-053.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #23-06-053
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS –

9. Special Event permit request from TNT Fireworks for a fireworks sale to benefit Rainbow Girls, a non-profit organization -

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

10. Resolution to authorize and enter into a lease agreement with United Bank for the purpose of leasing heavy equipment -

Tim stepped forward to comment. Tim said this is for the lease-purchase of a new Morbark Chipper in the amount of \$111,500. This chipper is larger in capacity and will be an alternative to our existing 2016-era chipper. The annual payment will be about \$26,000 to help smooth out the cost of the equipment purchase, as the price of chippers has increased drastically.

Councilman Greer asked how much to purchase the equipment up front? Tim said \$111,500 to purchase. Councilman Greer said he does not understand why we would lease the equipment instead of purchasing up front. Tim said leasing helps to even out our cash flows and this type of lease is a lease to purchase [that becomes ours at the end of the lease term]. Discussion took place about maintenance and warranty. Nothing further.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution # **23-06-051**.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #23-06-051
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –

11. Postponement of July 17, 2023, Council Workshop to July 24, 2023 -

Mr. Young said we will be at our budget retreat in Macon July 16-19, 2023; therefore, need to postpone the Workshop meeting date to July 24, 2023.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request to postpone the July 17, 2023, workshop meeting to July 24, 2023.

RESULT	APPROVED POSTPONEMENT
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

COUNCIL COMMENTS – NONE

MAYOR’S COMMENTS – NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL & LITIGATION

Motion to go into executive session to discuss pending and/or threatened litigation and personnel matters by Councilman Boone and seconded by Councilman Breedlove. Motion Carried All in favor 6:38 PM.

At 6:55 PM, motion to come back into regular session made by Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilman Greer.

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 SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:56 PM.

Notes taken by:

Misty Spurling
City Clerk