

**City of Locust Grove
Council Meeting Minutes
Public Safety Building – Courtroom Chamber
3640 Highway 42 S. – Locust Grove, GA 30248
Monday, December 4, 2023
6:00 PM**

Members Present:	Staff Present:
Robert Price – Mayor	Bert Foster – Assistant City Manager
Keith Boone – Councilman/Pro Tem	Daunté Gibbs – Community Development Director
Carlos Greer – Councilman	Jack Rose – Public Works Director
Willie Taylor – Councilman	Derrick Austin - Police Chief
Vincent Williams – Councilman	Andy Welch – Attorney
Rod Shearouse – Councilman	ABSENT: Tim Young - City Manager
Rudy Breedlove – Councilman	ABSENT: Misty Spurling - City Clerk

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

Invocation given by Police Chief Derrick Austin

Councilman Breedlove led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Mayor Price asked for a motion to amend the agenda to remove item seven due to the fact DCA has not completed their review, yet. Councilman GREER made the motion to remove item seven until further notice.

RESULT	REMOVED ITEM SEVEN
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

Mayor Price asked for a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilman GREER made the motion to approve the agenda as amended.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS –

1. FY 2024 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget hearing (Third Public Hearing) –

Mayor Price said this is a public hearing and asked for public comment from anyone in favor. There were no comments.

Mayor Price asked for public comment from anyone opposed to the request and there were no comments.

Mayor Price closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Price asked for comments from the council. Bert Foster explained that there were two changes to the budget from previous versions. The first change involved a downward revision to the Stormwater fund because of the revision made by WSP to the quoted work that will be discussed further under Item 11. The second change was to adjust Elected Officials to include Group Insurance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES –

2. NOVEMBER 6, 2023- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES –

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

RESULT	APPROVED NOVEMBER 6, 2023, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

3. NOVEMBER 20, 2023- WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES –

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

RESULT	APPROVED NOVEMBER 20, 2023, WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

4. NOVEMBER 20, 2023- EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman GREER made the motion to approve the November 20, 2023, executive session meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED NOVEMBER 20, 2023, EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT –

5. OCTOBER 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman GREER made the motion to approve the October 2023 financial statement.

RESULT	APPROVED OCTOBER 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

6. Resolution to adopt the City’s 2023 Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update (Motion Required) –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman WILLIAMS made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution **#23-12-094**.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #23-12-094
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

7. Resolution to adopt the annual update of the Capital Improvement Element for the city (Motion Required) –

Item removed from the agenda until further notice.

8. Ordinance for a Conditional Use request to allow gravel-surfaced truck/tractor trailer parking on Walker Crossing (Parcel ID: 147-01003011) – Tabled from October 2, 2023 – (Motion Required) -

Mayor Price asked for a motion to remove the item from the Table. Councilman TAYLOR made the motion to approve to remove from the Table.

RESULT	APPROVED REMOVE FROM TABLE
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman GREER made the motion to deny the request.

RESULT	DENIED – FAILED TO PASS
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
FAVOR	MOTION NOT CARRIED – COUNCILMEN GREER AND WILLIAMS IN FAVOR; COUNCILMEN BOONE, SHEROUSE AND TAYLOR OPPOSED; COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE ABSTAINED DUE TO NOT BEING PART OF THE ORIGINAL DISCUSSION.

Councilman Boone asked whether a traffic study will be required. Daunte confirmed that a traffic study is part of the zoning conditions. Councilman Boone asked Daunte to clarify if the fence around the project will be ten (10) feet or eight (8) feet. Daunte confirmed that it is 8’.

Mayor Price asked for a motion since the first motion on this item failed. Councilman BOONE made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #23-12-095 with eight (8) conditions.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #23-12-095 WITH EIGHT (8) CONDITIONS
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – COUNCILMEN BOONE, SHEROUSE AND TAYLOR IN FAVOR; COUNCILMEN GREER AND WILLAIMS OPPOSED; COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE ABSTAINED DUE TO NOT BEING PART OF THE ORIGINAL DISCUSSION.

9. Ordinance to rezone property located at 4409 Highway 42 South (Parcel ID: 129-01070000) in Land Lot 166 of the 2nd District from RA (residential-agricultural) to OI (office institutional) for use as a chiropractic office (Motion Required) –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman WILLIAMS made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance 23-12-096.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #23-12-096 WITH TWO (2) CONDITIONS
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

10. Resolution approving architectural plans submitted for Delta Community Bank to be located on Marketplace Blvd and Highway 42 (Motion Required) -

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman GREER made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #23-12-097.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #23-12-097
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

11. Resolution to approve a proposal from WSP to provide engineering services associated with the preliminary assessment and development of recommendations for the Wolf Creek Streambank restoration (Motion Required)-

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman WILLIAMS made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #23-12-098.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #23-12-098
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED –ALL IN FAVOR

12. Resolution to enter into a Master Service Agreement with the firm of Hinderliter De Llamas & Associates (HdL), the new firm used by GMA for the purpose of collecting Hotel/Motel tax (Motion Required) -

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman GREER made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #23-12-099.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION 23-12-099
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED –ALL IN FAVOR

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS –

13. Resolution to approve an MOU agreement between the City and Henry County Water Authority to share meter reading stations (Motion Required)-

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman WILLIAMS made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution 23-12-100.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION 23-12-100
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED –ALL IN FAVOR

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS – BERT FOSTER for TIM YOUNG (VACATION)

Bert Foster advised the Mayor and Council that Tim is on vacation and will be back in the office Wednesday morning.

COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilman Greer wished everyone a happy holiday season. Councilman Boone complemented the Tree Lighting Ceremony and asked about the possibility of eliminating the December 18, 2023, Workshop Meeting. The City Attorney said that was not advisable because the Council needs to meet to consider adopting the CIE, a salary study, and any potential Executive Session items that may arise between now and then.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS –

Concerned about opening the streambank stabilization opening it to GBT, as opposed to WSP. Staff confirmed that the Council instructed us to go with WSP as this project aligns with the reasoning used to hire on-call engineers.

Staff to reach out to Council about setting up the salary survey meetings with small groups.

Wants to find funds to spruce up the playground on the backside of City Hall. Need to get estimates from Public Works, then bring those to the Council for consideration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

Mayor Price asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of litigation and property acquisition. Councilman BOONE made the motion to go into Executive Session.

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

Mayor Price asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session and return to Regular Session. Councilman GREER made the motion to come out of Executive Session and return to Regular Session.

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

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 SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:45 PM.

Notes taken by:

Bert Foster
Assistant City Manager