

**City of Locust Grove
Council Meeting Minutes
Public Safety Building – Courtroom Chamber
3640 Highway 42 S. – Locust Grove, GA 30248
Monday, March 4, 2024
6:00 PM**

Members Present:	Staff Present:
Vincent Williams – Councilman/Pro Tem	Tim Young – City Manager
Keith Boone – Councilman	Bert Foster – Assistant City Manager
Carlos Greer – Councilman	Misty Spurling – City Clerk
Willie Taylor – Councilman	Daunté Gibbs – Community Development Director
Rudy Breedlove – Councilman	Jack Rose – Public Works Director
Rod Shearouse – Councilman	Derrick Austin - Police Chief
	Andy Welch – Attorney
Members Not Present:	
Robert Price – Mayor	

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Invocation given by Community Development Director Daunté Gibbs

Councilman Shearouse led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to amend the agenda to remove item six.

RESULT	APPROVED REMOVE ITEM SIX
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the agenda as amended.

RESULT	APPROVED AS AMENDED
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS – NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES –

1. FEBRUARY 5, 2024- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES –

Pro Tem Williams asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the February 5, 2024, regular meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED FEBRUARY 5, 2024, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

2. FEBRUARY 5, 2024- EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES –

Pro Tem Williams asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the February 5, 2024, executive session meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED FEBRUARY 5, 2024, EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

3. FEBRUARY 19, 2024- WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES –

Pro Tem Williams asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the February 19, 2024, workshop meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED FEBRUARY 19, 2024, WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

4. FEBRUARY 19, 2024- EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES –

Pro Tem Williams asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the February 19, 2024, executive session meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED FEBRUARY 19, 2024, EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT – N/A (FY Closeout)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

5. Ordinance to enter a master purchasing agreement with Axon Enterprises, Inc for Fleet –

Pro Tem Williams asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #24-03-016.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #24-03-016
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
FAVOR	MOTION NOT CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

6. Authorization of approval of Locust Grove Police firing range -

Item removed from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – NONE

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –

- **SPLOST VI update –**

Tim said staff met with GDOT last week and consolidated some of the items from the project list. Tim reviewed the highlighted items that were discussed for changes. A conservative estimate for the listed items is \$18.2 million dollars. Our next meetings are with Henry County and the goal is to reach an agreement by November for the SPLOST VI voting. Pro Tem Williams asked if we need to be more specific on the parks and recreation projects instead of lumping together. Tim said if we are more specific and do not complete projects as specified, we would be accountable. If we lump those projects together gives us more leeway as to how we proceed over time.

Councilman Greer asked if the potential tax commissioner office is a joint project with the county. Discussion took place and Tim said we could add as a capital project if needed, and we will also get credit for LMIG.

Councilman Shearouse asked if the city would have more involvement with the Bethlehem Road interchange. Tim said the city already paid \$1 million towards that project; the remainder would be from state and federal funding.

- **Audio Visual System update –**

Tim said we received two quotes and each being [approximately] \$83,000. We are meeting with the vendors via conference call to discuss further so that we can compare the differences (advantages and disadvantages) of each quote. After our final review we will present it at the next meeting.

Tim gave an update on the annexations. There will be scheduled open houses for public input prior to the November 5th general election. Councilman Greer asked are the roads included as part of our responsibility if the city gains those properties specified in the annexations. Tim said only if the annexation is on both sides of the road. Mr. Greer brought up the language from the Chair of the Henry County, and Tim responded along with Andy that we only follow that Statute on annexation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

COUNCIL COMMENTS – NONE

MAYOR’S COMMENTS –

Pro Tem Williams asked everyone to keep the mayor in their prayers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Motion to go into executive session to discuss property acquisition matters by Councilman Boone and seconded by Councilman Greer Motion Carried All in favor 6:23 PM.

At 6:58 PM, motion to come back into regular session made by Councilman Greer and seconded by Councilman Boone.

ADJOURNMENT –

Pro Tem Williams 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 @ 6:58 PM.

Notes taken by:

Misty Spurling
City Clerk