

**City of Locust Grove
Council Meeting Minutes
Public Safety Building – Courtroom Chamber
3640 Highway 42 S. – Locust Grove, GA 30248
Monday, June 3, 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	Derrick Austin - Police Chief
Rod Shearouse – Councilman	Jack Rose – Public Works
	Samantha Wicker – SWWW Attorney

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

Invocation given by Assistant City Manager Bert Foster

Councilman Breedlove 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 add new business item number nine.

RESULT	APPROVED ADD ITEM NINE
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SEAROUSE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked for a motion. 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

PRESENTATION –

- **Proclamation – In Honor of Lieutenant Todd Demuth**

Chief Austin asked Lieutenant Demuth to step forward and City Clerk Misty Spurling read the proclamation aloud. Chief Austin said there will be a small “going away” party honoring Demuth’s retirement at 5:00pm on Thursday, June 6, 2024, in the training room.

Lieutenant Demuth thanked everyone and said he is leaving the city in good hands.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS – NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES –

1. MAY 6, 2024- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES –

Pro Tem Williams asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the May 6, 2024, regular meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED MAY 6, 2024, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

2. MAY 6, 2024- EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES –

Pro Tem Williams asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the May 6, 2024, executive session meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED MAY 6, 2024, EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

3. MAY 20, 2024- WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES –

Pro Tem Williams asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the May 20, 2024, workshop meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED MAY 20, 2024, WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT –

4. MARCH 2024 – Financial Statement –

Pro Tem Williams asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the March 2024 financial statement.

RESULT	APPROVED MARCH 2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

5. APRIL 2024 – Financial Statement –

Pro Tem Williams asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the April 2024 financial statement.

RESULT	APPROVED APRIL 2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

6. Ordinance to rezone properties (GA SB 397, now Act 369) into the City of Locust Grove per the GA zoning procedures law –

Pro Tem Williams asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #24-06-033.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #24-06-033
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

7. Ordinance to approve a variance request to allow encroachment into the city’s buffer and impervious setback requirements for an 8,600 +/- square foot government office building -

Pro Tem Williams asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #24-06-034.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #24-06-034
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

8. Resolution to create a streetlight district in Oak Ridge Meadows, Phase I subdivision -

Pro Tem Williams asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #24-06-035.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #24-06-035
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS -

ADD ITEM –

9. Resolution to purchase property entering into a purchase agreement with Warren Holder. –

Pro Tem Williams asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #24-06-036.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #24-06-036
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –

Tim gave an update we are waiting for some final solutions with the discrepancies in ERP and Energov. The two are not communicating and hoping to get resolved soon. Adjustments have been made to fund 275 and the general fund to incorporate the resolution approved this evening into the budget.

We will discuss at the June 17, 2024, meeting to allow Piedmont Healthcare use of the Highway 42 water tower for parking.

The upgrade to the A/V system will be mid-July and the council retreat is scheduled for July 14-17, 2024, at Brasstown Valley.

We received notice from GEFA that the city will receive \$12 million for loan funds and are working to get finalized.

We have a leak at the Skyland dam, and we are waiting for an estimate to try and line the other pipe to prevent a longer and very expensive replacement of the spillway pipe. It’s leaking on the side the city doesn’t own.

Councilman Greer asked if the city is incurring costs since it’s been leaking for two to three weeks. Tim said we couldn’t isolate the source of the leak until we mowed the area and it’s coming in at the edge of the dam. It’s not costing the city money since it’s the pipe leaking not the dam itself. We are looking into the overall costs for repair before getting back to a decision on whether to repair or no.

We will be reviewing the lease terms and options on the Verizon tower lease. Verizon is suggesting a 40-year payment in lieu of an annual payment or a new 10 Year extension. Will have more details soon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilman Greer said thank you to all staff for the Verteran’s Memorial experience.

Councilman Boone agreed with Greer and asked when the funeral service will be for Dana Daniel. Tim said it will be during the GMA conference. Tim suggested a proclamation be made for his wife at the next meeting.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS –

Mayor Pro Tem Williams said thank you to everyone for coming out on Memorial Day for the Veteran’s Memorial dedication. Thank you to Otis Hammock and everyone else who had the vision for this project. Also, we are closing on the Rink property on Wednesday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NONE

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 BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:28 PM.

Notes taken by:

Misty Spurling
City Clerk