



Locust City Council Meeting Minutes Joel Huneycutt Community Room

7:00 PM

October 13, 2022

**Mayor
Council Members**

Mayor Steve Huber
Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Baucom, Mandy
Watson, Roger Hypes, Harry Fletcher,
Mike Haigler, JC Burris and Rusty Efird

1. Call to Order

Call to order at 7:00pm

2. Presentation of Colors, Prayer

Council Member Roger Hypes gave the invocation

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Roger Hypes (6-0)

Motion to excuse Council Member Mandy Watson

3. Adopt Agenda

M/S/A Council Members Larry Baucom and Harry Fletcher (6-0)

Motion to adopt agenda as presented

4. Minutes - adopt September 8, 2022

M/S/A Council Members Rusty Efird and Harry Fletcher (6-0)

Motion to adopt the September 8, 2022 minutes

Minutes - September 8, 2022

5. Financial Reports

Financials were reviewed by City Administrator Cesar Correa. The City received our property tax disbursement from both Stanly and Cabarrus Counties. The General Fund revenues currently exceed the expenditures by over 1.2 million and all signs indicate another successful year. The City continues to use ARPA funds for wastewater treatment. The funds this frees up in the wastewater fund will help cover the cost of the North Basin sewer improvements. This project should go out for bid by the end of October. The City also received the first Powell Bill distribution of \$72,802.05. This is approximately \$20,000 more than last year. The second disbursement comes in December and usually follows the first. We will have roughly an additional \$40,000 for paving repairs. The City received the fiscal year end disbursement from the ABC store. In addition to our monthly distributions of about \$26,426.33, we received an additional \$132,377.11. Our investments in the trust funds continue to

perform well. Sales tax revenue continues to be strong. Auditors are finishing up the draft audit and they should be at the November 2022 meeting to review the audit and answer any questions.

Financial Report - September 30, 2022

General Fund - Revenue & Expenditure Report - September 2022

Wastewater Fund - Revenue & Expenditure Report - September 2022

6. Mayor's Report

Mayor Huber read the proclamation for Breast Cancer Awareness Month and spoke about the "Sock it to Cancer" 5k the City is hosting on October 23rd. Police Chief Jeff Shew introduced the newest officer to the Police Department, Officer Timmy Hartsell and gave a brief history of his experience.

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Michael Haigler (6-0)
Motion to adopt Breast Cancer Awareness Proclamation

Proclamation: Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Introduction of Police Officer Timmy Hartsell

7. Administrator's Report

Purchase orders and budget amendments were reviewed. The first leaf pick up will be November 19th. With the new company, leaves have to be in paper bags. There are a couple different options to cover leaf collection. The City can continue with the bagged system, to cover this service in house and either purchase or rent the equipment to collect or not offer it at all and allow the burning of leaves by residents. The City has purchased some paper bags for residents and you can come by City Hall and get (3) 30 gallon bags. Council Member Harry Fletcher wants to continue the bagged this year and then look into other options going forward. The City is considering purchasing holiday banners for the light poles in Town Center. Council would like to see what other vendors have available for banners. Buzzed Viking is looking to hold an event behind City Hall. This is not a City-sponsored event. They have submitted a special event application. This event required Council approval as they will be selling beer and possibly wine. They have acquired all necessary permits from the state and county and have gotten permission from the land owner and have secured off-duty officers to work the event. Last month, City Administrator Cesar Correa had a meeting with the West Stanley Fire Department (WSFD) regarding a possible fire service contract to provide services to all of the properties inside the city limits of Locust. Currently, the part of the City that is in Cabarrus county is served by the Midland Fire Department and the Georgeville Fire Department. If the Council is interested, City Administrator Cesar Correa would like to create a sub-committee to oversee the process. Council gave the direction to look into what the process would be and what is all involved and what the impact would be to the other fire districts. City Administrator Cesar Correa thanked his staff for all they do.

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Rusty Efird (6-0)
Motion to approve purchase orders

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom (6-0)

Motion to approve budget amendments

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Rusty Efird (5-1)

Motion to approve the special event permit by Buzzed Viking
Council Member Roger Hypes is a "nay" vote

M/S/A Council Members Larry Baucom and Harry Fletcher (5-1)

Motion to table the discussion on the holiday banners for the light poles in Town Center
Council Member JC Burris is a "nay" vote

Contract for Fire Service by West Stanly Fire Department

Special Event Application - Buzzed Viking Halloween Party

Christmas banners for Town Center

Leaf Pick Up

Purchase Orders

Budget Amendments

8. Administration/HR

N/A

9. Parks

Parks Director Emily Jones and City Administrator Cesar Correa met with 2 different consultant companies with response to the RFQ for the Parks Master Plan.

10. Facilities

N/A

11. Public Works

PW Department doing a fantastic job.

Monthly Report - September 2022

12. ABC, Economic Development & Small Business Support

T-Mobile ribbon cutting on 10/14/22 and Jersey Mikes opened last week and is doing great. ABC store is doing really well.

13. Public Safety

Council Member Roger Hypes stated that the police officers present themselves in a professional manner and it is much appreciated along with the diligence of their leadership within the department. Monthly statistics show how much the police department is out and about and keeping an eye on the citizens and businesses of the City.

LPD Stats - September 2022

14. Planning & Zoning

Lots of building going on in Locust. 126 new housing permits as of the end of September.

Monthly Report - September 2022

15. Public Comment Period:

No one signed up to speak

16. Board Closing Comments

Thanks to everyone who came out tonight. Lots of exciting activities going on this month. Nice to ride through City Center and see all the business booming. Thanks to all the staff at the City for all they do. Urge people and citizens to come and participate in the Planning and Zoning meetings and the Council meetings to see the processes and learn about what all is going on. Mayor Huber introduced Jason Eury the newest P&Z Board Member alternate. If you ever have questions about what is going on, please feel free to reach out. The City of Locust prides itself on transparency. Thank you to all the Council Members for all you do. Thank you to Barry Sims for all you do for the City and will do. Remember to vote. Early voting will be here beginning October 20th.

17. Adjourn

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom (6-0)

Motion to adjourn at 8:23pm

Amy Furr, City Clerk

Stephen Huber, Mayor