

Date: September 8, 2022

Meeting of: Locust City Council

Time: 7:00pm

Members Present: Mayor Stephen Huber, Mayor Pro Tem Larry Baucom, Mandy Watson, JC Burris, Roger Hypes, Michael Haigler, Rusty Efird, and Harry Fletcher

Members Absent:

Order: Mayor Stephen Huber

Pledge: Mayor Stephen Huber

Prayer: Mayor Stephen Huber

PUBLIC HEARING: Conditional Rezoning – Riley’s Retreat

Travis Alley – Stanly Construction Services spoke in favor

Johnny McManus – MacGrafix spoke in favor

Call to order at 7:06pm

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Rusty Efird **(7-0)**

Motion to adopt agenda

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Roger Hypes **(7-0)**

Motion to adopt August 2022 minutes

Financial Report –Accepted. Revenues continue to exceed expenditures for both the General Fund and Wastewater Fund and revenues will continue to come in from September to December. ARPA money is being used to pay wastewater treatment. Waiting on the completion of the ABC audit to complete the City’s 2021-2022 fiscal audit. We had a record year in sales tax revenue.

Mayor’s Report – N/A

Administrator’s report – Purchase orders and budget amendments were reviewed. The Centralina COG has asked for the City to adopt a resolution to ratify their charter. The City also received for the 2nd year in a row, the GFOA Budget Presentation Award for the 2022-2023 budget message. Just a heads up also that NCDOT will be shutting down the Rocky River eastbound bridge #22 on 24/27 to tear down and rebuild. This will be a 2 year project and they will divert traffic to the other bridge and take down to one lane in each direction for the duration of the project.

M/S/A Council Members Larry Baucom and JC Burris (7-0)
Motion to adopt Centrolina COG resolution to ratify charter

M/S/A Council Members Larry Baucom and Harry Fletcher (7-0)
Motion to approve purchase orders

M/S/A Council Members Larry Baucom and Harry Fletcher (7-0)
Motion to approve budget amendments

Admin/HR – N/A

Parks – Record participants for volleyball. The Parks dept is actively looking for a new tennis coach. The next movie night will feature the movie Overcomer. Do not forget the End of Summer Concert and Fireworks on Saturday, September 17th. There are a couple more family movie nights and cinema party coming up.

Facilities – N/A

PW –Flow is great. Thanks to the department.

ABC/EDC/Small Bus. –ABC store continues to exceed their sales over previous years. Jeremiah Ice and Jersey Mike's are looking to open by the end of October. T-Mobile to open by end of September. Isla Cancun opening soon, and Casa De Los Churros had a very successful opening.

PD – Officer of the month was Detective Sergeant Brittney Tucker. Want to commend the entire department for the successful school supply drive they hosted.

P&Z – Public hearing was earlier in the meeting for a conditional rezoning of Riley's Retreat dog daycare and boarding. To be located on S Beverly beside MacGrafix. It will be a 4000sq ft building, have a fenced in play area outdoors with the front being a white vinyl fencing and the sides and back chain link. 14-16 kennels inside. Had an application for a P&Z Board Member Alternate from Jason Eury.

M/A Council Members Michael Haigler no second needed (7-0)
Motion to approve the conditional rezoning request for Riley's Retreat designating the subject property as Highway Commercial –Conditional (HC-C) with the associated parcel pin# 557504821726, located on S Beverly Drive, Locust NC, yet to be subdivided, with site plan and proposed elevations, to be consistent with the 2014 Land Use Plan.

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Michael Haigler (7-0)
Motion to appoint Jason Eury as P&Z Board Member Alternate

Public Comment – Bruce Wilhoit spoke about the upcoming Fall Festival being held at the park. Encouraged City staff, Mayor and Council to come and participate.

Board Closing Comments: Good to see lots of people here. Good Luck to Riley’s Retreat. Thank you to Mr. Wilhoit for the invitation. It is nice to see all the new business that have opened doing great. Welcome to Denise a former Olympic Athlete to Locust. Good to see new faces. Thank you to City Clerk, Amy Furr for all her hardwork preparing for the Stanly County COG Meeting. Thank you to Cesar Correa and Stephania Morton for all their hard work on the budget and winning the GFOA Award.

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Roger Hypes (7-0)
Motion to enter into executive session at 8:08pm GS 143.318.11 – Personnel

Out of executive session at 9:51pm

M/S/A Council Members Roger Hypes and Harry Fletcher (7-0)
Motion to approve PD recruitment updated ad and benefit package

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Mandy Watson (7-0)
Motion to adjourn at 9:52pm

Stephen Huber, Mayor

Amy Furr, City Clerk