



Locust City Council Meeting

Minutes

Joel Huneycutt Community Room

7:00 PM

December 8, 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

Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm

2. Presentation of Colors, Prayer

Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Baucom gave the invocation.

3. Service Recognition for Councilmember JC Burris

Mayor, Council, and staff presented outgoing Council Member JC Burris with service awards and spoke about his commitment and dedication to the City over the years. Many were given the opportunity to address Council Member JC Burris and thank him personally.

4. Oath of Office

The oath of office was given to re-elected Mayor Stephen Huber, re-elected Council Members Mandy Watson and Roger Hypes, and newly elected Council Member Barry Sims.

5. Adopt Agenda

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

Motion to adopt agenda as presented

6. Minutes - adopt November 10, 2022

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom (7-0)

Motion to adopt November 10, 2022 minutes

November 10, 2022

7. Financial Reports

Both the General Fund and Wastewater Funds revenues continue to exceed expenditures. Sales tax revenue continues to be steady, as well as the ABC revenues. The fiscal year 2021-2022 audit is presented and CPA, Will Huneycutt and Finance Director, Stephania Morton are present to answer any questions. Mr. Huneycutt reviewed for Council the audit and the audit report. He gave a brief review of the financials. There were no

findings and the opinion of the auditor was favorable and that as of the close of the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the City of Locust is debt-free. Thanks was extended to the auditor and both Finance Director Stephania Morton and City Administrator Cesar Correa.

Financial Summary

Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Audit

8. Mayor's Report

Congrats to Council Members Roger Hypes and Mandy Watson on their re-election and newly elected Council Member Barry Sims.

9. Administrator's Report

City administrator Cesar Correa presented the 2023 City Holiday Schedule, the 2023 City Council Meeting Schedule, and the 2023 P&Z Board Meeting Schedule and he is requesting approval for all. At the November Council meeting, Council Member Rusty Efird mentioned and asked that the Council to think about changing the meeting time for Council Meetings from 7:00pm to 6:00pm. The consensus is that it will be hard for some of Council to be here. Table discussion and decision for now. The City is approaching the end of the 5 year system development fee period. . We need to conduct the study again in order to justify collecting a system development fee. Unfortunately, the consultant that assisted us 5 years ago is unable to take additional work at this time. However, we secured a proposal from the consultant who had just completed the same study for Stanly County. The cost to do a new SDF study is \$16,600 and we will begin working on this in January to be ready for an implementation date of July 1, 2023. Council Member Mandy Watson, P&Z Director Scott Efird, PW Director Tim Flieger, Parks Director Emily Jones and City Administrator Cesar Correa met to review the qualifications received for the master plan project. It was a unanimous recommendation to proceed with Benesch as the consulting group to complete this project. We ask you to award the contract to Benesch, and their representative is scheduled to begin work in January 2023 with a brief introduction/presentation during the January 2023 council meeting. Thanks to staff for everything they have done this year. Merry Christmas to everyone.

M/S/A Council Members Larry Baucom and Rusty Efird (7-0)
Motion to Approve 2023 Holiday Schedule

M/S/A Council Members Larry Baucom and Rusty Efird (7-0)
Motion to Approve City Council and P&Z Board 2023 Meeting Schedules

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

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

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Roger Hypes (7-0)
Motion to award contract for Parks and Rec Master Plan to Benesch

M/S/A Council Members Larry Baucom and Harry Fletcher (7-0)
Motion to approve system development fee study contract

2023 Holiday Schedule

Council Meeting Time

2023 Council and Planning & Zoning Board Meeting Schedule

System Development Fee Study

Award of Contract for Parks & Rec Master Plan

Purchase Orders

Budget Amendments

10. Administration/HR

11. Parks

Thanks to Parks Director Emily Jones and staff for a successful Christmas Parade.

12. Facilities

13. Public Works

Monthly Report

14. ABC, Economic Development & Small Business Support

Buzzed Viking Grand Opening this weekend.

15. Public Safety

Officer of the month for October and November was Officer Timmy Hartsell. Earlier this week, Chief Jeff Shew was notified that the Locust Police Department received their taser grant for the full amount of \$24,000. This will cover the cost of replacing all of the tasers. Council Member Roger Hypes reviewed the police statistics for the month of November.

Taser Grant Update

16. Planning & Zoning

16 new housing permits. 151 so far total for the year. Since P&Z Board Member Barry Sims was elected to the Locust City Council, he has tendered his resignation from that board. That will leave a vacancy open and we have received an application from Denise "De-dee" Nathan and are asking that you please appoint Ms. Nathan to fill that vacancy.

M/S/A Council Members Michael Haigler and Harry Fletcher (7-0)
Motion to appoint Denise Nathan to the P&Z Board as an alternate.

Appointment to Planning & Zoning Board

Monthly Report

17. Public Comment Period:

18. Board Closing Comments

Bittersweet evening. Sad to see Council Member JC Burris go but excited to get to serve with newly elected Council Member Barry Sims. Thanks to the police department and all they do to protect the City. Appreciate all of the proactive policing. Merry Christmas to all. Council Member Barry Sims thanked everyone for all their assistance and help. Congrats to Commissioner Scott Efird for being elected chairman. Thanks to Mr. Wil Huneycutt for such a thorough audit. Thanks to the staff for all their hard work and dedication. Great Christmas parade. Thanks to Chris Miller of the SNAP for coming out to report the goings on with the City.

19. Executive Session: Personnel

M/S/A Council Members Larry Baucom and Mandy Watson (7-0)
Motion to enter into executive session at 8:42pm GS: 143-318.11 Personnel

Out of executive session at 9:55pm

20. Adjourn

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom (7-0)
Motion to adjourn at 9:55pm

Stephen Huber, Mayor

Amy Furr, City Clerk