



Locust City Council Meeting

Minutes Joel Huneycutt

Community Room

7:00 PM

January 12, 2023

Mayor

Council Members

Mayor Steve Huber

Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Baucom, Mandy Watson, Roger Hypes, Harry Fletcher, Mike Haigler, Barry Sims, and Rusty Efird

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm

2. Presentation of Colors, Prayer

Cub Scout Troop 623 lead the Pledge of Allegiance
Mayor Huber gave the invocation

3. Adopt Agenda

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Roger Hypes (7-0)
Motion to adopt agenda as presented

4. Minutes - adopt December 8, 2022

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom (7-0)
Motion to adopt December 2022 minutes

December 8, 2022 - Minutes

5. Financial Reports

Both the General Fund and Waste Water Funds revenues continue to exceed expenditures substantially. The audit for fiscal year 2021-2022 was approved by the LGC on December 22, 2022. On a similar note, planning for the 2023-2024 budget season has officially begun. In the same manner as last year, department heads will give

their presentation during the February and March Council Meetings. This keeps our budget retreat shorter and more task focused. Please look at Saturday, March 11th, as a potential convenient day for this year's budget retreat, to begin as always at 7:30am. Confirmed Saturday, March 11th, for budget retreat.

Financial Summary December 2022

FY 2023-2024 Budget

6. Mayor's Report

Mayor Huber spoke about the strength of the City and the Police Department through the challenges in 2022. He also spoke about the successes the City and staff accomplished throughout the year. Expressed his gratitude to the Council, citizens and staff for all their hard work this past year. He introduced Chief Jeff Shew to present the LPD Citizen of the Year award. This is an award that is presented to an individual who has had the most impact on the Locust Police Department and the community. This year the award is presented to Travis McKinney who is the loss-prevention specialist at Wal-Mart.

Locust PD - 2022 Citizen of the Year Award

7. Administrator's Report

Budget amendments and purchase orders were reviewed.

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 approve purchase orders

Purchase Orders

Budget Amendments

8. Administration/HR

Nothing to report at this time

9. Parks

Rec basketball is well underway. Spring sports registration is open and will close on February 20th. Tennis and pickleball lessons will hopefully begin in the spring. Breakfast with Santa, the reindeer bell scavenger hunt, and light up Locust were very successful programs over the month of December. The Parks Dept. has an opening for a part time program coordinator. Both Parks Director Emily Jones and Athletic Coordinator Hunter Willimas have and are attending their respective conferences. New security cameras were installed at the park as well. Jon Wood from Benesch Consulting introduced himself and his consulting firm. Mr. Wood provided a summary and a timeline of the project. The Parks and Rec master plan process will now be underway. Goal is to have a plan ready to present for adoption at the July 2023 meeting.

Introduction: Jon Wood & Benesch Consulting

10. Facilities

Council Member Barry Sims toured all the City facilities

11. Public Works

Thanks to the entire department for all their work over the last month. Flow report was good with the exception of one day where we had substantial rain.

Monthly Report

12. ABC, Economic Development & Small Business Support

Seven Oaks Hardware has almost fully moved in on Browns Hill Road in the business park.

13. Public Safety

Council Member Roger Hypes gave an update on the 2022 final statistics. Law Enforcement Appreciation day was January 9th. Very thankful for all they do.

2022 Locust PD Statistics

14. Planning & Zoning

12 new housing permits were issued and that brings the total for the year to 163 new homes.

Monthly Report

15. Public Comment Period:

16. Board Closing Comments

Great turnout to the meeting. Very thankful and excited about what the City will accomplish in 2023. Thank you to Troop 623 for coming out and learning about local government. What a great 2022. Congrats to Travis McKinney on his Citizen of the Year award. Thank you to Mayor Huber and City Administrator Cesar Correa for taking the time out to explain how the City is run to the Cub Scouts. Happy New Year to everyone. Thank you to the entire police department for all their hard work over the past 12 months. Mayor Huber addressed the scouts from Troop 623 and commended them for their dedication and challenged them to remember the saying "it's better to give than to receive".

17. Executive Session

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Barry Sims (7-0)

Motion to enter into executive session at GS: 143:318.11 Economic Development

Out of executive session 8:45pm

18. Adjourn

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom (7-0)
Motion to adjourn at 8:45pm

Stephen Huber, Mayor

Amy Furr, City Clerk