



Locust City Council Meeting

Minutes

Joel Huneycutt Community Room

7:00 PM

July 13, 2023

Mayor
Council Members

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

1. Call to Order

Public Hearing - Conditional Rezoning for Zaxby's
No one spoke for or against

Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm

2. Presentation of Colors, Prayer

Mayor Huber led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Mario Miller gave the invocation.

3. Adopt Agenda

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

4. Minutes - adopt June 8, 2023

M/S/A Council Members Larry Baucom and Roger Hypes (7-0)
Motion to adopt the June 8, 2023 minutes

June 8, 2023

5. Financial Reports

We are still working with our auditors to close the FY 22-23, and with that these numbers will change. We had an incredible fiscal year with many revenues performing better than expected. Big thanks to department heads

for their careful and thoughtful use of their appropriated funds. Over the next 2 or 3 months, financials will look off until revenues start rolling in about September and that this is normal for this time of year. Some highlights as of June 30, 2023 and the close of the 2022-2023 fiscal year are that revenues exceed expenditures in the General Fund by \$1,826,103.97. That revenues exceed expenditures in the Wastewater Fund by \$2,255,719.57. That we collected \$564,525.89 in ABC income and sales tax income collected rounded out at \$1,462,398.55. That is in part due to the American Rescue Act Funds and that a couple of developers pre-paid for system development fees prior to the increase with the new budget year.

Financial Summary - June 30, 2023

6. Mayor's Report

Locust Police Department has instituted a chaplain program and have appointed Eddie Barbee and Mario Miller as chaplains for the City of Locust and the Police Department. Asst. Chief of Police, Kevin O'Connor gave a brief introduction of each individual. Corporal Dwayne Dietz was presented with an plaque signifying his award from the VFW as the 2022 Officer of the Year for the entire state of North Carolina.

7. Manager's Report

Purchase orders and budget amendments were reviewed. A System Development Fee – Capital Reserve Resolution was presented per NCGS 162A-8, we need to account for all System Development Fee proceeds in a Capital Reserve Account for the use of approved Capital Projects. We usually spend all of the SDF proceeds within the same fiscal year. But last year and this year we have carried a balance. The balance in this Capital Reserve Fund will be used in this new fiscal year to pay for the North Basin Sewer Improvements. We started our FY 22-23 with a balance of \$605,923.22 and will be carrying over an additional \$508,933.40 for a new balance of \$1,114,856.62. Thank you to the Mayor and Council for supporting the change to the Council-Manager form and thanks to the staff and the great year we have had.

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 Michael Haigler (7-0)
Motion to adopt the System Development Fee – Capital Reserve Resolution

System Development Fee - Capital Reserve Resolution

Purchase Orders

Budget Amendments

8. Administration/HR

Nothing to report at this time.

9. Parks

Fall baseball and soccer registration will open soon. Moving to a new platform for rentals and signups, RecDesk. All online. Basketball camp will be hosted. Lots of events hosted in June and were well attended. Sprinkle and Splash will be this Saturday. Family friendly event with a mobile rock climbing wall. Farmers market on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Campsites are ready to be rented. 4 sites available. Benesch, the firm completing the park master plan is finishing up and we look to presenting it for approval at the August Council Meeting.

10. Facilities

We have a revised Powell Map that needs the Council's approval. In May, Council approved the ownership of new roads in Whispering Hills and Crossroads subdivisions. This new map reflects the new roads. This map will be submitted to NCDOT to ensure we continue to receive funding for paving and street repairs. We anticipate \$145,000 in Powell funding this year. We received responses to our Request for Qualifications (RFQ's) on June 30, 2023 for architects to design the new senior center. We will begin reviewing these qualifications statements and will present a recommendation for approval during the August Council Meeting. The goal is to begin construction in early 2024.

M/S/A Council Members Michael Haigler and Harry Fletcher (7-0)

Motion to approve the Powell map and certify the new map including the recently adopted roads

Powell Map Certification

11. Public Works

Department has done a great job with City beautification and things are running so smoothly.

Wastewater Flow Tracking

12. ABC, Economic Development & Small Business Support

ABC distribution was over \$500,000 to the City, 3 Queens Catering will be opening this weekend.

13. Public Safety

Thank you to newly appointed chaplains, Eddie Barbee and Mario Miller for your willingness to serve. Officer Ryan Tran-Thompson was promoted to Corporal in early July. June Officer of the month was Adam Hartsell. Statistics were reviewed. Thank you to the department for all they do and protecting the businesses and citizens of Locust.

Public Safety Report - June 2023

LPD Stats for June 2023

Officer of the Month

14. Planning & Zoning

Housing permit numbers reflect 2 developers that came in and pre-paid for permits before the end of the fiscal year and change in system development fee increase. Conditional Rezoning request submitted by Zaxby's was

presented with site plan.

M/A Council Member Michael Haigler (No Second Needed) (7-0)
Motion to Approve conditional rezoning for Zaxby's on James Avenue

Monthly Report - June 2023

Conditional Rezoning: Zaxby's

15. Public Comment Period:

Bishop Jordan spoke about wanting the City to continue issuing proclamations for holidays and organizations.

John Nettleton spoke about issues with stormwater and issues with Smith Douglas Homes.

16. Board Closing Comments

Glad to see all those in attendance. Congrats to Corporal Dietz on his award. Congrats to City Manager Cesar Correa on his title change. Thanks to Council for taking time and volunteering on the board and doing what's in the best interest of the City of Locust. Thank you to Mr. Nettleton for voicing his concerns and thank you to Bishop Jordan for speaking to us tonight.

17. Adjourn

M/S/A Council Members Michael Haigler and Larry Baucom (7-0)
Motion to adjourn at 8:21pm

Amy Furr, City Clerk

Stephen Huber, Mayor