



Locust City Council Meeting Minutes Joel Huneycutt Community Room

7:00 PM

June 13, 2024

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

Mayor Huber called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

2. Presentation of Colors, Prayer

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

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Rusty Efird (6-0)
Motion to excuse Council Member Mandy Watson

3. Adopt Agenda

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom (6-0)
Motion to adopt the agenda as presented

4. Minutes - adopt May 9, 2024

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom (6-0)
Motion to adopt the May 9, 2024 minutes

May 9, 2024

5. Financial Reports

With one month left in the fiscal year General Fund revenues exceed expenditures by \$1,990,605.47 and Wastewater expenditures exceed revenues by \$1,025,535.71 (Please know that we did receive our first reimbursement check from NCDEQ in the amount of \$259,498. We also received an advance in insurance funds for the repairs of the Meadow Creek Vacuum Station; the check was for \$200,000) Finance Director Stephania Morton and City Manager Cesar Correa spoke to our auditors this morning. They've assured us that the grant reimbursement dollars will be factored into our budget to reflect a balanced budget at closing. City Manager Cesar Correa reviewed the 2024/2025 fiscal year budget and the budget ordinance. Thank you to Finance Director Stephania Morton and City Manager Cesar Correa for all their hard work on the budget.

Public Hearing opened at 7:08pm to hear comments regarding the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Budget - No one signed up to speak

Public Hearing closed at 7:09pm

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom (6-0)
Motion to adopt the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Budget and Budget Ordinance

Financial Summary - May 31, 2024

Public Hearing: FY Budget 2024-2025

FY Budget 2024-2025 Adoption

FY 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance

6. Mayor's Report

Mayor Huber recognized Chief of Police, Jeff Shew and he presented Officer Timmy Hartsell with his Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate. Chief Shew also spoke about the process to achieve the Advance Law Enforcement Certificate and spoke about Officer Timmy Hartsell and his dedication to the department and his accomplishments. Mayor Huber also spoke a few words of encouragement to Officer Timmy Hartsell.

Recognition: Officer Timmy Hartsell - Advanced LEO Certification

7. Manager's Report

Purchase orders and budget amendments were reviewed. City Manager Cesar Correa updated Council on the ATIIP Grant Application. This is the new Federal DOT grant opportunity that our Grant services with the League of Municipalities is helping us put together. If awarded, we will be able to use these funds to complete the Ardsley Drive extension. The deadline is June 17th and that ask is for Council to approve submission of the grant application. Lee Snuggs with the Rocky River Rural Planning Organization reached out wanting to make a presentation regarding NCDOT's updates to the Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Temilope Animashaun and Roger Castillo, representatives of NCDOT, were present to give the updated presentation. This was presented as information for Council.

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom (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 Michael Haigler (6-0)
Motion to approve submission of the ATIIP Grant Application

ATIIP Grant Application

Rocky River Rural Planning Organization: Update on Comprehensive Transportation Plan

Purchase Orders

Budget Amendments

8. Administration/HR

Nothing to report at this time

9. Parks

The City closed on the property identified by the Parks Master Plan. Concert this Saturday

10. Facilities

Nothing to report at this time

11. Public Works

The flow report was reviewed.

Wastewater Flow Report

12. ABC, Economic Development & Small Business Support

ABC Store Manager Heather Hughey sent the stores' proposed 2024/2025 fiscal year budget for Council review. Sales are still up over last year. 3 Queens Quisine has their one year anniversary celebration.

Proposed Budget & Budget Message

13. Public Safety

Council Member Roger Hypes reviewed the monthly statistics report. Chief Shew received a mutual aid request from the Oakboro Police Department for the 4th of July festivities. May Officer of the Month was Officer Adam Hartsell.

M/S/A Council Members Roger Hypes and Harry Fletcher (6-0)
Motion to approve mutual aid request from the Oakboro Police Department

Monthly Report - May 2024

Oakboro 4th of July Mutual Aid Request

14. Planning & Zoning

Council Member Michael Haigler reviewed the monthly report. 32 new house permits since the start of the year.

Monthly Report - May 2024

15. Public Comment Period:

No one signed up to speak

16. Board Closing Comments

Thanks to the police department and all they do in the community. Thank you to City Manager Cesar Correa and Finance Director Stephania Morton for all their work on the budget. Thanks to all who came out to the meeting. Happy 4th of July. Happy Fathers Day. Thank you to all of the staff for all that they do and their hard work.

17. Adjourn

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom (6-0)
Motion to adjourn at 8:05pm

Amy Furr, City Clerk

Stephen Huber, Mayor