



Locust City Council Meeting Minutes

Joel Huneycutt Community Room

7:00 PM

January 8, 2026

Mayor
Council Members

Mayor Steve Huber
Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Baucom, Mandy
Watson, Roger Hypes, De Dee Nathan, Mike
Haigler, Barry Sims, and Rusty Efir

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm

2. Presentation of Colors, Prayer

Mayor Huber led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Council Member Larry Baucom gave the invocation.

M/S/A Council Members Larry Baucom and De-Dee Nathan (6-0)
Motion to excuse Council Member Rusty Efir

3. Adopt Agenda

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

4. Minutes - adopt December 11, 2025 & Joint Special Meeting December 16, 2025

M/S/A Council Members Larry Baucom and De-Dee Nathan (6-0)
Motion to approve the December 11, 2025 minutes

M/S/A Council Members Larry Baucom and De-Dee Nathan (6-0)
Motion to approve the December 16, 2025 Special Joint Meeting minutes

December 11, 2025

Joint Special Meeting December 16, 2025

5. Financial Reports

City Manager Cesar Correa reviewed the monthly financials, noting that the General Fund revenues exceed revenues by \$1,243,831.29 as of 12/31/2025. That the Wastewater Fund revenues exceed revenues by \$1,943,607.11 as of 12/31/2025 and that the City received our 2nd distribution of Powell Funds in the amount of \$98,512.07. Nick Wicker with Strickland Hardee PLLC was present to review and present the 2024-2026 fiscal year audit. It was noted that they had an unmodified opinion and no deficiencies were noted. He then reviewed the total fiscal position of the City making a special point to note that the City is in excellent fiscal health.

Budget workshop is coming up and the City Council decided on Saturday, March 21st.

FY 25 Audit Presentation

Financial Reports

6. Mayor's Report

Mayor Huber had nothing to report at this time.

7. Manager's Report

City Manager Cesar Correa presented a voluntary annexation petition that was received from Ross Furr Homes, LLC for 2016 N. Central Ave. Council was presented with a resolution to instruct City Clerk Amy Furr to certify the sufficiency of the petition. Mr. Furr is going to present a rezoning request to the Locust Planning & Zoning Board on January 22nd. The police department's newest Durango is currently being up-fit, and will be ready for patrol soon. L735 is a 2018 Ford Explorer with 94,476 miles and is being requested to be sent to auction. Finally, purchase orders and budget amendments were reviewed.

M/S/A Council Members Barry Sims and De-Dee Nathan (6-0)
Motion to approve asset disposal of L735 a 2018 Ford Explorer Interceptor

M/S/A Council Members Roger Hypes and De-Dee Nathan (6-0)
Motion to adopt resolution and instruct City Clerk Amy Furr to certify the sufficiency of the voluntary annexation petition of 2016 N Central Ave.

M/S/A Council Members De-Dee Nathan and Larry Baucom (6-0)
Motion to approve purchase orders

M/S/A Council Members Larry Baucom and De-Dee Nathan (6-0)
Motion to approve budget amendments

Voluntary Annexation Request - 2016 N. Central Ave.

Disposal of LPD Vehicle - L735

Purchase Orders

Budget Amendments

8. Administration/HR

Council Member De-Dee Nathan had nothing to report at this time.

9. Parks

Council Member Mandy Watson reviewed the park report noting that the 2026 event calendar is almost complete. The City received the \$1000 arts council grant. Spring sports registration is opening soon.

10. Facilities

Council Member Barry Sims gave an update on the new Senior Center and the construction schedule. The contractor is actively working inside the building. Electrical, HVAC, plumbing and AV are all working at the same time. Framing is complete, and the building is dried in. In the upcoming weeks we'll see windows, doors and the stucco finished. The current schedule calls for an April 30th completion date.

Senior Center Update

11. Public Works

Council Member Larry Baucom reviewed the monthly flow report and thanked the public works department for all they do.

Wastewater Flow Report

12. ABC, Economic Development & Small Business Support

Council Member Rusty Efird was not present so there was nothing to report at this time.

13. Public Safety

Council Member Roger Hypes reviewed the monthly statistics report highlighting the neighborhood and business checks and the officer of the month for the month of December was Officer Caleb Whitley and the Officer Spotlight was Officer Eric Fore.

Monthly Report - December 2025

14. Planning & Zoning

Council Member Michael Haigler reviewed the monthly report. The proposed and approved stoplight at Meadowcreek Church Road should be completed in the next 8-9 months.

Monthly Report - December 2025

15. Public Comment Period:

Harry Fletcher, 308 Brentwood thanked the City of Locust staff for all they do for the citizens of Locust. He also thanked the City Council and the Mayor for all they do.

16. Board Closing Comments

Thank you to all who came out this evening. Council Member Michael Haigler gave comments on the growth the City has seen over the past year and all the work P&Z Director Scott Efird and City Manager Cesar Correa put in on these projects. Thank you to former Council Member Harry Fletcher for all he has done over the years for the City. The City has had a great year. Thankful for a Council who are able to have a difference of opinions and always do what is best for the City. Thank you to the entire staff for all they do.

17. Adjourn

M/S/A Council Members De-Dee Nathan and Larry Baucom (6-0)

Motion to adjourn at 7:55pm

Amy Furr, City Clerk

Stephen Huber, Mayor