



Locust City Council Meeting Minutes Joel Huneycutt Community Room

7:00 PM

July 9, 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 Efird

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm

2. Presentation of Colors, Prayer

Mayor Pro-tem Larry Baucom led in the Pledge of Allegiance and had a moment of silence for the passing of Council Member Rusty Efird and P&Z Director Scott Efird's mother, and Council Member Roger Hypes gave the invocation.

M/S/A Council Members Barry Sims and Roger Hypes (6-0)
Motion to excuse Mayor Huber and Council Member Rusty Efird

3. Adopt Agenda

M/S/A Council Members Barry Sims and De-Dee Nathan (6-0)
Motion to adopt the agenda as presented

4. Minutes - adopt June 11, 2026

M/S/A Council Members De-Dee Nathan and Mandy Watson (6-0)
Motion to adopt the minutes from the June 11, 2026 meeting

June 11, 2026

5. Financial Reports

City Manager Cesar Correa reviewed the monthly financial reports that also end fiscal year 2025/2026. Making special note to present that General Fund revenues exceeded expenditures by \$1,554,451.79 as of June 2026

(these funds will be transferred to fund balance reserve to offset other capital improvement projects) and Wastewater Fund revenues exceeded expenditures by \$2,744,432.86 as of June 30, 2026 (these funds will be used to pay the W. Main vacuum extension. The rest will be transferred to fund balance reserve to offset costs of other capital projects). We are actively working with the auditors who will be here next month to begin the audit process.

Financial Summary - June 2026

6. Mayor's Report

Mayor Huber was out and Mayor Pro-tem Larry Baucom thanked City Manager Cesar Correa and the entire staff for all they do to put the City in the positive financial position the City is in.

7. Manager's Report

City Manager Cesar Correa presented a Capital Reserve Fund Resolution for System Development Fees. Each year the City allocates all of the System Development Fee (SDF) proceeds into a Capital Reserve Fund in order to spend them for the approved projects identified in the SDF study. We entered FY 25-26 with a \$0 balance since the City used 100% of last fiscal year's SDFs to pay for the North Basin Sewer Improvements. FY 25-26 the City collected \$1,294,850.00 in system development fees. These are fees paid by developers for new construction which offset the cost of new infrastructure. The resolution attached asks Council to transfer these funds into the capital reserve fund to be used at a later date for our share of the West Stanly wastewater treatment facility expansion. He then reviewed purchase orders and budget amendments. Adjuster came out last week to quote the vehicle loss on the vehicle in the accident a couple of weeks ago. It was a total loss and the request is to use the proceeds to purchase a new Dodge Durango and the City cover the difference.

M/S/A Council Members Michael Haigler and Roger Hypes (6-0)
Motion to adopt the Capital Reserve Fund Resolution for System Development Fees

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

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

M/S/A Council Members De-Dee Nathan and Michael Haigler (6-0)
Motion to approve purchase of PD Dodge Durango to replace loss of PD vehicle in accident

System Development Fee - Capital Reserve Fund Resolution

Budget Amendments

Purchase Orders

8. Administration/HR

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

9. Parks

Council Member Mandy Watson spoke about events. Concert featuring Gump Fiction and movie night Featuring National Treasure. Fall sports are open to Locust residents now. Hosting a volleyball and basketball camp and both offerings are full. The concert and fireworks featuring the Tams was a great turnout even with the threat of the weather.

10. Facilities

Council Member Barry Sims gave an update on the construction of the Senior Center. The construction contract for the new senior center expired Friday, July 3rd. This means that every day starting 7/3 until the building is completed, the general contractor will incur liquidating damages. Delays are constantly being experienced. The general contractor anticipates the building will be finished by the end of August. City Manager Cesar Correa walked through the building earlier this week, and they are yet to complete insulation.

Senior Center Update

11. Public Works

Mayor Pro-tem Larry Baucom reviewed the monthly flow report and thanked the department for all they do.

Wastewater Flow Report - June 2026

12. ABC, Economic Development & Small Business Support

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

13. Public Safety

Council Member Roger Hypes reviewed the monthly statistics report and the co-officers of the month for May were Officer Jerry Wallace and Officer Tim Flieger, Jr. Chief Jeff Shew introduced the newest sworn officer, Matthew Baucom.

Monthly Report - June 2026

14. Planning & Zoning

Council Member Michael Haigler reviewed the monthly report.

Monthly Report

15. Public Comment Period:

No one signed up to speak

16. Board Closing Comments

Thank all of those who came out this evening. Thank you to the Police Department and for all they do. Welcome to Officer Matthew Baucom. Please keep the Efird family in your thoughts and prayers. Council Member Roger Hypes read a statement regarding the words we speak and what they reflect about you as a person. Thank you to the entire City staff for all of their dedication and hard work. Be thankful for what we have as a free country these last 250 years that we just celebrated.

17. Adjourn

M/S/A Council Members De-Dee Nathan and Mandy Watson (6-0)

Motion to adjourn at 7:41pm

Amy Furr, City Clerk

Stephen Huber, Mayor