

Date: March 13, 2014

Meeting of: Locust City Council

Time: 7:30 pm

Members Present: Michael Hinson, Larry Baucom, Harry Fletcher, David Walker, JC Burris, Michael Haigler and Roger Hypes

Members Absent:

Order: Mayor Huber

Pledge: Mayor Huber

Prayer: David Walker

Call to order at 7:30 pm

M/S/A Council Members David Walker and Roger Hypes **(7-0)**

Motion to adopt agenda

M/S/A Council Members Michael Hinson and David Walker **(7-0)**

Motion to approve January 2014 minutes

Financial Reports accepted

Mayor's Report – Dr. Russ Sharples, Chairman of the Stanly County Chamber of Commerce, Spoke to the Council and let them know that the Chamber is here to support Locust in any way possible.

Administrators Report – Sidewalks have been pushed back due to the weather. April 1st is target start date. The City is looking at doing something at three intersections for Christmas instead of upgrading the light poles. Chambers Engineering is working on plans for fixing the park flooding issues that Tate Osborne suggested.

M/S/A Council Members David Walker and Michael Hinson **(7-0)**

Motion to approve February purchase orders

M/S/A

Council Members David Walker and Michael Hinson

(7-0)

Motion to approve March purchase orders

Island Creek Landscape	\$813	011-005-06000-56120
AD Star	\$795	011-005-06000-53114
Ferguson Enterprises	\$336	061-005-07400-53100
CDW Government	\$1968	011-005-04300-53108
Dana Safety Supply	\$2240	011-005-04300-53110
Dynamic Plumbing	\$560	011-005-06000-56120
Bondo Innovations	\$350	011-005-04100-53506
Ruehlen Supply	\$507	061-005-07400-53100
Bondo Innovations	\$350	011-005-04100-53506
D&W Incorporated	\$1800	011-005-04200-54260

Administration – Thanks for a productive budget retreat

PW – Kings Heights, closing in on finishing date, trying to maximize supplies for roads to be in best condition. Sewer fee – Most residents paid \$300 tap fee many years ago, only a few will have to pay current fee of \$2500. The City is working on an interest free payment plan for residents.

Zoning/ABC – Sales up 14% over sales last year this time. Group Homes text change was discussed again since the February meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. Dana Stoogenke gave a brief update on the bypass.

M/A

Council Members Harry Fletcher

(7-0)

Motion to approve Group Homes Text Change

(No second was needed as it came from P&Z Board)

PD – Thank you to all officers for their continued dedication and service. 2014-2015 Urban Archery Season needs to be renewed. Officer Jeff Shew was recognized for obtaining his intermediate certificate. This marks the 75% completion for the Locust PD and he has also been accepted to Western Carolina to complete his bachelor's degree. May 14th at 10:00am is the Police Memorial at Officer Jeff Shelton Memorial Park. The Thin Blue Line Auction will be held on May 15th at Il Bella Gardens.

M/S/A

Council Members Michael Hinson and David Walker

(7-0)

Motion to approve 2014-2015 Urban Archery Season

Senior Services – The Senior Center is up and running and growing in attendance. Lots of different activities and opportunities happening. Please spread the word.

Public Comment Period – Jeff Bennett of Locust NC spoke on the CTP and the proposed northern bypass. He is concerned that his neighborhood will be affected if the northern bypass is approved.

Board Closing Comments – Ray Smith former City Council Member passed away. Thanks to Tim Fesperman for a very informative retreat. Congrats to Officer Jeff Shew and all of the PD for all their continued work. Thanks to all City employees, we are amazed the amount of quality work that is done with the amount of employees the City has. Council Member Roger Hypes thanked everyone for the opportunity to attend the UNC School of Government class. Mayor Huber expressed his sympathy to the family of Kilah Davenport who passed away today.

M/S/A

Council Members Larry Baucom and David Walker

(7-0)

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm

Stephen Huber, Mayor

Amy Meachum, City Clerk