

Date: January 8, 2015
Meeting of: Locust City Council
Time: 7:30 pm
Members Present: Larry Baucom, Roger Hypes, Harry Fletcher, Michael Haigler, David Walker and Michael Hinson
Members Absent: JC Burris
Order: Mayor Huber
Pledge: Mayor Huber
Prayer: Mayor Huber

Call to order at 7:35 pm

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and David Walker **(6-0)**
Motion to excuse Council Member JC Burris

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and David Walker **(6-0)**
Motion to adopt agenda

M/S/A Council Members David Walker and Larry Baucom **(6-0)**
Motion to adopt December 2014 Minutes

Financials – The audit is very good!

Mayor’s Report – N/A

Administrator’s Report – One of the basketball goals at the park has been broken. Our insurance company has advised the City against purchasing another glass backboard. The Parks department has researched and found a metal backboard for approx. \$800. They both will eventually need to be replaced. The Parks department has also suggested a policy for background checks for volunteers for coaching sports or any volunteering within the department. Several people have called regarding their leaves not being picked up. Waste

Industries sold our contract a company called God Bless USA. We have been trying desperately to find someone to pick up the slack as communication with this company is failing. The City is looking at if the company has broken the terms of the contract and if so then we will look at finding a new company to use going forward.

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom (6-0)
Motion to approve purchase of one backboard this budget year

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and David Walker (6-0)
Motion to approve background check policy

M/S/A Council Members Larry Baucom and Michael Hinson (6-0)
Motion to approve the following purchase orders

Randall Supply	\$1040	061-005-07400-54101
Vulcan Materials	\$390	061-005-07400-53100
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Dixie Electric	\$382	061-005-07400-53100

Admin/HR – N/A

Parks – We are still continuing to plan new events for this year.

PW – We have researched and looked at surrounding municipalities with our same demographics at their rate structure and are in line with them for the most part. Some local builders have come to speak about how the rates affect them and how a new fee schedule could help their businesses. Terry Whitley, Harold Dean Almond and Tim Furr all spoke to the fee schedule and how reducing the fees could help them sell more houses and better the market and how more rooftops could bring in bigger businesses and more appealing businesses.

Zoning/ABC – ABC store sales still improving over this time last year. A public hearing needs to be set for the February Council meeting for Planning and Zoning Ordinance regarding Bonding.

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and David Walker (6-0)
Motion to set Public Hearing for February 12, 2015

PD –Thanks to all the officers for all their hard work. Chief Hartsell wants to apply for a GSHP grant in the amount of \$2300.00. January 9, 2015 is Thank an officer day.

M/S/A Council Members Michael Hinson and David Walker **(6-0)**
Motion to approve application for grant

Economic Dev. – Economic summits each month 1/26 – with local realtors and 2/23 with local businesses. The purpose of these meetings are to see what we can do to assist in local growth.

Senior Services/RPO – Senior Center staying busy. They want Council to add West Stanly Senior Center to the City’s directional signs.

Public Comment – Sharon Lipe bought some property on Locust Ave and wants to build a child care facility but was informed that’s there is a sewer force main that runs through where she wants to build. She is seeking the City’s help in finding a solution so that she can build this business and bring jobs to the City.

Board Closing Comments – Thanks to citizens for coming out and being heard. Thanks to staff. 2015 is going to be a good year of growth for Locust. Saturday, February 28th at 8:00am will be the budget retreat.

M/S/A Council Members Larry Baucom and David Walker **(6-0)**
Motion to adjourn at 9:00pm

Stephen Huber, Mayor

Amy Meachum, City Clerk