

Date: April 9, 2015
Meeting of: Locust City Council
Time: 7:30 pm
Members Present: Larry Baucom, Roger Hypes, Harry Fletcher, Michael Haigler, David Walker, JC Burris and Michael Hinson

Members Absent:

Order: Mayor Huber
Pledge: Mayor Huber
Prayer: Mayor Huber

Call to order at 7:30 pm

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

M/S/A Council Members David Walker and Harry Fletcher **(7-0)**
Motion to adopt March 2015 Minutes

Financials – Reviewed. This is Michael Rupp’s last meeting as he has accepted a position with the City of Greensboro.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Huber read the Police Week and Day of Prayer Proclamation. Reminded everyone that the National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 7, 2015 at noon in front of City Hall and that Police Week runs from May 10th -16th With the Police Memorial being held on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 10:00 am at Officer Jeff Shelton Memorial Park.

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and David Walker **(7-0)**
Motion to adopt Police Week Proclamation

M/S/A Council Members David Walker and Larry Baucom **(7-0)**
Motion to adopt Day of Prayer Proclamation

Administrator's Report – Reviewed GF and WW budget amendments. Reviewed the fees for Mayor and Council to register for the election. Fees will remain the same as previous year. Reviewed the 1st pass of the budget. There is still some work to do to keep from asking for a tax increase.

M/S/A Council Members Larry Baucom and David Walker (7-0)
Motion to approve election fees at \$10 for Mayor and \$10 for Council

M/S/A Council Members David Walker and Larry Baucom (7-0)
Motion to approve GF and WW budget amendments

Admin/HR – Public hearings need to be set for adoption of the 2015-2016 budget for the May and June Council meetings.

M/S/A Council Members David Walker and Larry Baucom (7-0)
Motion to set 1st and 2nd public hearing for the 2015-2016 Budget May 14, 2015 and June 11, 2015

Parks – First Concert featuring Right Turn Clyde and Taste of Locust will be held on Saturday April 18, 2015 come out and enjoy.

PW – White goods pickup is scheduled for May 11, 2015

Zoning/ABC – ABC store sales still improving over this time last year. A decision regarding the sidewalk grant needs to be made as the deadline is approaching or we will forfeit the funds.

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and David Walker (7-0)
Motion to approve sidewalk grant and proceed

PD –Chief Hartsell asked that the Council consider participating in a regional mutual aid agreement and he recognized Officer Brandon Stancil for completing his intermediate certificate.

M/S/A Council Members Michael Hinson and David Walker (7-0)
Motion to approve regional mutual aid agreement

Economic Dev. – Economic summits went great the last 3 months. Received lots of feedback to help improve processes.

Senior Services/RPO – Senior Center staying busy.

Public Comment Period – County Commissioner Peter Ascitutto spoke about what is going on in the County. They are working on budget. Discussions are centered around economic development, decisions on schools and budget shortfalls.

Board Closing Comments – Thanks to Michael Rupp for all his years of hard work and dedication to the City. You will be missed. Thanks to County Commissioners for their hard work and all Officers on their achievements.

M/S/A Council Members David Walker and Harry Fletcher (7-0)
Motion to enter into Executive Session GS: 143-318.11 (Legal) at 8:26 pm

Out of executive session at 9:38 pm

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and David Walker (7-0)
Motion to enter into Executive Session GS: 143-318.11 (Personnel) at 9:38pm

Out of executive session at 9:47 pm

Recess at 9:47pm until Thursday April 23, 2015 at 7:30 pm

Recessed Meeting called to order at 7:31 pm on April 23, 2015

Council Member Roger Hypes was absent counts as a “yes” vote
Council Member Michael Hinson was absent counts as a “yes” vote
Council Member Michael Haigler was absent counts as a “yes” vote

Budget – City Administrator Tim Fesperman explained that the last pass of the budget process showed a shortfall of about \$100,000... We have been cutting and cutting without doing away with the many services we offer and without a proposed tax increase and we are getting closer to a balanced budget.

Audit Issue – The Department of Commerce has gone through our budget from last year and asked that we account for monies that were spent for the Ardsley Commons project to be accounted for on that audit. This has in turn caused our auditors to resubmit our financials to

account for the \$11,000. This is going to increase the cost of our audit by \$800 to be paid to our auditors and require a new /updated contract to be signed showing the cost.

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom (7-0)
Motion to approve increase and sign new contract

Developers agreement for Whispering Hills Subdivision – Came from Planning and Zoning Board.

M/A Council Member Harry Fletcher (7-0)
(No second needed as it came from P&Z Board)
Motion to approve developer’s agreement

Council Member Harry Fletcher thanked all the staff for their hard work and time volunteering concessions to raise money for the Veterans Memorial at the concerts. He challenged the Council and Mayor to volunteer their time to help out and give the employees a break.

M/S/A Council Members Larry Baucom and Harry Fletcher (7-0)
Motion to adjourn at 9:02 pm

Stephen Huber, Mayor

Amy Meachum, City Clerk