

Date: September 10, 2015
Meeting of: Locust City Council
Time: 7:30 pm
Members Present: Larry Baucom, Roger Hypes, Harry Fletcher, David Walker, Michael Haigler and JC Burris
Members Absent: Michael Hinson
Order: Mayor Huber
Pledge: Boy Scout Troop 202
Prayer: Boy Scout Troop 202

Call to order at 7:33 pm

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

M/S/A Council Members Larry Baucom and David Walker **(6-0)**
Motion to adopt August 2015 Minutes

Financials – Financial reports accepted

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Huber spoke to the Council and stated that Council Member Michael Hinson submitted his written resignation. The Council decided to leave the seat un-filled as it is one of the seats up for election. Council continued the discussion to raise the speed limit on 24/27 through Locust from 35mph to 45mph. County Commissioner Martha Sue Hall spoke to the Council on behalf of the Esther House of Stanly County on making October Domestic Violence Awareness Month and extended an invitation to the Break the fast Breakfast on October 1st. Locust Police Department is raising money for kids in our area for Christmas through the Shop with a Cop program. Donations can be made at City Hall.

M/S/A Council Members David Walker and Harry Fletcher **(6-0)**
Motion to accept Council Member Michael Hinson’s resignation and leave seat open until election

M/S/A Council Members David Walker and Larry Baucom (5-1)
Motion to approve speed limit change (Council Member Harry Fletcher voted against)

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and David Walker (6-0)
Motion to adopt Domestic Violence Proclamation for October

Administrator's Report – Reviewed purchase orders

M/S/A Council Members Roger Hypes and David Walker (6-0)
Motion to approve the following purchase orders

MC Schroeder Co	\$3569	061-005-07400-53100
Hatley's Electric	\$3150	011-005-04400-55200
CK Earnhardt	\$18805	011-005-04500-54103

Admin/HR – Thanks to City Administrator Tim Fesperman and Staff for all their hard work

Parks – Hands on Locust and Movie on the 12th and Concert finale and fireworks on the 19th. Have not had enough time to get quotes on cleaning the community building and will postpone solutions until next meeting.

PW – N/A

Zoning/ABC – Council discussed setting a public hearing to adopt the Stormwater ordinance and Fire Chief Kenny Crump spoke to the council about changing the sign ordinance regarding LED signs.

M/S/A Council Members David Walker and Harry Fletcher (6-0)
Motion to set public hearing for October meeting to adopt stormwater ordinance

M/S/A Council Members David Walker and Harry Fletcher (6-0)
Motion to send LED sign ordinance change to P&Z board for recommendation and set public hearing for October meeting.

PD – Thanks to all in Department. They continue to stay busy doing home & business checks.

Economic Dev. – Council Member Michael Haigler suggested that Council spend a day in the different departments within the City. Economic Summit group meeting potentially scheduled for October 24th.

Senior Services/RPO – Senior center is adding programs and needing volunteers. RPO – Locust potentially has 2 projects. Widening of HWY 200 and a deceleration lane at West Stanly High School on 24/27.

Board Closing Comments – Thanks to all staff for continued hard work. Thanks to Boy Scout Troop 202 for participating in our meeting and coming out to learn about Local Government. Tomorrow is 9/11 lets be thankful for those who sacrificed and were brave.

M/S/A Council Members David Walker and Roger Hypes (6-0)
Motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:50pm GS 143-318.11 (Personnel)

Out of Executive Session at 9:10pm

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and David Walker (6-0)
Motion to adjourn at 9:11 pm

Stephen Huber, Mayor

Amy Meachum, City Clerk