

Date: December 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 Elect: Rusty Efird
Order: Mayor Huber
Pledge: Mayor Huber
Prayer: Mayor Huber

PUBLIC HEARING TO REZONE 1602 W MAIN FROM OPS TO HC

No one spoke for or against

Call to order at 7:31 pm

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

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and David Walker **(6-0)**
Motion to adopt November 2015 Minutes

Financials – Financial reports accepted

Mayor’s Report – Shop with a Cop was a huge success this past Saturday. Thanks to Officers Brittany Tucker and Kevin O’Connor for their vision and dedicated efforts in making this even a great one. They were able to help 27 kids with Christmas. And thank you to all the volunteers that came out to help this event take place. Then Veteran’s Memorial Golf Cart Giveaway will be held on December 21st.

Administrator’s Report – Reminder that the City provides a leaf pick-up in November, December and January. Please no burning leaves inside the City limits. Starting January 2016 Council meetings will be moved from 7:30 to 7:00pm on the second Tuesday of every month. Also, due to elections some of the Council meeting may have to be moved to a different location as our facility is used during primary, early voting and the November election. Council Member Roger Hypes has resigned from the TAC and the City will not be making a recommendation to fill that seat. We have had several calls about the lack of decorations around the City. Duke Energy has made it mandatory that the City upgrade their power

poles that the decorations hook up too and the cost is over \$40,000 to upgrade them. We are looking at other options for decorations for next year. We are in the process of transferring the sewer line to the County and there will have to be some paperwork signed and City Administrator Tim Fesperman has requested that the Council give him permission to sign whatever documents needed to sign.

M/S/A Council Members Larry Baucom and Roger Hypes **(6-0)**
Motion to allow City Administrator Tim Fesperman to sign sewer line transfer paperwork

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

Lawmen's \$4871 011-005-04300-53110

Admin/HR – Met with the auditor. All positive remarks and very high praise to everyone.

Parks – Still gathering bids and design for new bathroom facility at park.

PW – Lots of rain in November. Things looking well despite chasing rain water.

Zoning/ABC – Many housing permits issues this year. Up over double from last year.

M/A Council Member Harry Fletcher **(6-0)**
Motion to rezone 1602 W Main Street from OPS to HC

PD – N/A

Economic Dev – N/A

Senior Services – N/A

Recess at 8:00pm
Reconvened at 8:05pm

Oath given to new Council Member Rusty Efirid
Oath given to returning Council Members Harry Fletcher, Michael Haigler and Larry Baucom
Oath given to returning Mayor Steve Huber

Council Departments Given

Public Comment Period: Bill Tucker with the Locust Museum gave an update on the past years events and programs. Thanks to City staff for all assistance. Jonathan Gildner with State Farm came to introduce himself as a new business owner in Locust. The new State Farm office is set to open on January 1st.

Board Closing Comments – Thanks to all citizens for continued support. Let’s start preparing for 150 year celebration. Remember D-Day. Remember meeting will start at 7:00pm starting 2016. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and David Walker **(6-0)**
Motion to adjourn at 8:43 pm

Stephen Huber, Mayor

Amy Meachum, City Clerk