

Date: November 10, 2016
Meeting of: Locust City Council
Time: 7:00 pm
Members Present: Roger Hypes, Harry Fletcher, David Walker, Rusty Efird, Roger Hypes and JC Burris, Michael Haigler and Larry Baucom

Members Absent:

Order: Mayor Huber

Pledge: Mayor Huber

Prayer: Mayor Huber

PUBLIC HEARING: To re-zone Lions Club Drive from NR to CC

Citizens Hank Rhus, Harold Almond, Jessica Huneycutt, Mary Almond, Charles Scott and Keith Efird all spoke *against* the re-zone request citing issues and concerns with traffic, parking, community feel and quality of life if the re-zone was approved. Shanna King speaking on behalf of Bigford Enterprises spoke *for* the re-zone request stating that they wanted to build 72 good quality market rate apartments that they believe will enhance the community.

*Public hearing closed at 7:20pm

Regular meeting was called to order at 7:26pm

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and David Walker (7-0)
Motion to adopt agenda as amended as amended

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and David Walker (7-0)
Motion to adopt October 2016 Minutes

M/A Council Member Harry Fletcher (No Second Needed) (0-7)
Motion to re-zone Lions Club Drive from NR to CC failed

Financials – Financial reports accepted.

Mayor's Report – Broke ground on the Veteran's Memorial and concrete was poured. Christmas parade is the Saturday after Thanksgiving at 3:00pm.

Administrator's Report –Purchase orders and budget amendments were reviewed. The take home vehicle police that was approved at the last meeting has been implemented and staff have all reviewed and acknowledged the policy. The new online bill pay fees will take effect on December 1st. Software will be very user friendly. During the election the City polling site saw over 4700 voters between early voting and on Election Day. The City's new Back porch/Backyard rental policy was reviewed. A marketing opportunity has been brought to the City at no cost to the City. They are video tours of the City and the amenities and businesses that we have to offer. The new proposal for the sewer billing envelope stuffer and folding machine was reviewed.

M/S/A Council Members David Walker and Harry Fletcher (7-0)
Motion to approve Back porch/Backyard rental policy

M/S/A Council Members David Walker and Larry Baucom (7-0)
Motion to table approval of video marketing opportunity until next meeting

M/S/A Council Members Roger Hypes and Michael Haigler (7-0)
Motion to approve the new sewer billing envelope stuffer and folder

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

M/S/A Council Members David Walker and Larry Baucom (7-0)
Motion to approve the following purchase orders

Purchase Request # 2971
City Wide Exterminating
Budgeted Item - Treat Fire Ants
Price - \$1,350.00
Charge Code – 011-005-06000-53113 – Parks & Rec – Turf Grass Maintenance

Purchase Request # 2974
MC Schroeder Equip. Co.
Budgeted Item – VS #2 Oil for PM Services
Price - \$1,140.00
Charge Code – 061-005-07400-53100 – Waste Water – Supplies

Purchase Request # 2975
Bilfinger Water Technologies
Budgeted Item - Filter kit for 630 vacuum pump
Price - \$3,230.00
Charge Code – 061-005-7400-53100 – Waste Water – Supplies

Purchase Request # 2976
Campbell-Brown Inc.
Budgeted Item – Equipment for new PD Interceptor Vehicle
Price - \$2,392.06
Charge Code – 011-005-04400-53111 – Police Dept. – Equipment Expense

Admin/HR – N/A

Parks – Fall sports continued in October. Baseball and softball will conclude at the end of the month with volleyball continuing into November. Basketball registrations began in October. Numbers seem to be in line with previous years. There was a sinkhole that opened beside parking lot next to tennis courts. Park staff along with Public Works were able to make repairs. Staff began planning for 2017 including booking bands and tournaments for athletic complex. Over thirty-five dates were requested from five different sanctioning bodies. Planning continued for the new park bathrooms. Meetings were conducted with several contractors and engineers requesting ideas/pricing for the new facility.

Work continues on the grant proposal for the inclusive park grant the city is applying for. The grant is due December 1, 2016. Park staff began prepping the irrigation system for winter. A proposed recommendation was presented to the Council for the new park bathroom project. The cost will be \$99,600 in conjunction with a \$10,000 grant from the CVB for utilities.

M/S/A Council Members Michael Haigler and Roger Hypes **(7-0)**
Motion to approve and proceed with new park bathrooms

Facilities – City Hall back porch repairs and Library repairs have been complete

PW – Leaf collection is kicking off. Good job to staff.

ABC – N/A

Economic Dev. – Still developing an EDC committee for Locust to hopefully get started after the first of the year.

PD/Zoning – Police Chief Frank Hartsell has asked the Council to move away from purchasing Dodge Chargers for the officers but instead start investing in the Ford Explorers. They hold up better, have a better re-sale value and are much better on maintenance and more fuel efficient. Bids for the Sidewalks were opened and we are going to come in about \$36,000 under budget.

M/S/A Council Members Michael Haigler and David Walker **(7-0)**
Motion to approve Chief Hartsell to make the change from Dodge Chargers to Ford Explorers

Board Closing Comments – Thanks staff, citizens and Veteran's.

M/S/A

Council Members Roger Hypes and David Walker

(7-0)

Motion to adjourn at 8:35pm

Stephen Huber, Mayor

Amy Meachum, City Clerk