

Date: January 12, 2017
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: Council Member Larry Baucom

Call to order at 7:00pm

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

M/S/A Council Members David Walker and Larry Baucom **(7-0)**
Motion to adopt December 2016 Minutes

Dr. Enamait, the new President from Stanly Community College came and spoke to the Council about an initiative to focus on workforce development, economic development and small business support and development focusing on the western end of Stanly County. He wasn't to have a visibly employee to work with existing businesses and prospective ones as well. He is requesting a partnership with the City of Locust to allow SCC to utilize one of the offices inside City Hall to house this employee to allow them to be successful in this initiative.

M/S/A Council Members Larry Baucom and Roger Hypes **(7-0)**
Motion to allow contract and partnership with Stanly Community College for office space

Financials – Financial reports accepted. The audit was approved. The wheel's loan for the Public Works Department was closed on and the Powell money has been received. Also, the sewer fees for the new apartments has been collected.

Mayor's Report – Thanks to all staff

Administrator's Report –Purchase orders and budget amendments were reviewed. The new CC online payment software is running without any incident. We have received our letter from the LGC regarding

our audit and we have responded appropriately. We would like to have our yearly Budget Retreat on Saturday, March 4th. It will follow the same style meeting as in past years. City Administrator Cesar Correa has been looking into options to refinance City Hall to receive a better interest rate and possibly shorten the term to save the City some money. He has received a couple proposals. There are 2 different scholarships the City Administrator would like to apply for to further his education. The NCCMMA scholarship and the Harvard Kennedy scholarship. The 2017 holiday schedule was reviewed.

M/S/A Council Members David Walker and Roger Hypes (7-0)
Motion to allow City Administrator to apply for both scholarships

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and David Walker (7-0)
Motion to follow and adopt County holiday schedule for 2017

M/S/A Council Members David Walker and Harry Fletcher (7-0)
Motion to proceed with preliminary process

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

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

Purchase Request # 3006
Preferred Sources.
Budgeted Item – backup grinder pump replacement
Price - \$1,119.00
Charge Code – 061-005-07400-53108 – WW – Equipment Remaining Budget - \$ 22,881.00

Purchase Request # 3007
National Power Corporation Emergency Item – LVLS #7 – stand by generator service
Price - \$1,141.68
Charge Code – 061-005-07400-54101 – WW – Other Maintenance Remaining Budget - \$21,610.18

Purchase Request # 3012
Clear Water Inc. Emergency Item – 200N LS#3 replacement CV
Price \$2,089.00
Charge Code – 061-005-07400-53108 – WW – Equipment Remaining Budget - \$20,792.00

Purchase Request # 3014
Macgrafix Basketball Uniforms for K-5 ages – cost has been collected in participant fees
Price \$4,267.16
Charge Code – 011-005-06000-53114 – Parks – Youth and Adult Athletics Remaining Budget - \$8,200.53

Purchase Request # 3015

Macgrafix Basketball Uniforms for Middle School age – cost has been collected in participant fees

Price \$1,993.20

Charge Code – 011-005-06000-53114 – Parks – Youth and Adult Athletics Remaining Budget - \$6,207.33

Admin/HR – Thanks to Cesar for all of his hard work and vision.

Parks – Plans have been submitted for new bathrooms

Facilities – Leaf pickup rescheduled for January 21st.

PW – Sewer infrastructure needs improvements to be able to hold the capacity and flow needed for the continuing growth. The City can either upgrade the current pump stations or potentially install a new line on the western end of the City that would allow for future growth. The council agreed and approved the City Administrator to proceed with conversations with the LGC and builders on the project.

ABC – Sales continue to rise

Economic Dev. – We are in the process of establishing guidelines and mission of the EDC Board and currently looking for individuals who'd like to serve on the board. Hope to have recommendation by next meeting.

PD/Zoning – There are 4 board members up for re-appointment. All 4 members would like to continuing serving on the board. Gerry Friedman, Bob Remsburg, Lanna Thomas and James Baucom. The Veterans Memorial bricks are in and things are looking great. The greenway project is supposed to begin on February 1st. Thanks to PD for all their hard work. The City owns 3 parcels of land on HWY 24/27 almost to the intersection of Hwy 200. We approached Mr. Honeycutt who owns a parcel of land on Market Street to potentially do a land swap so the City can establish our growing farmers market in a more fixed location with room for parking. The Council agreed to continue conversations about the land swap.

Public Comment Period – Judy Godwin spoke on behalf of a property owner who has some concerns with sewer not being accessible to their property. Many businesses looking at purchasing property but have an issue with no sewer available.

Board Closing Comments – Good things on the horizon for the City. Thank you to SCC President and Chambers Engineering for coming out to meeting. Thanks to staff for a great job.

M/S/A

Council Members Harry Fletcher and David Walker

(7-0)

Motion to enter into Executive Session GS: 143-318.11 Personnel at 8:54pm

Out of Executive Session at 9:08pm

M/S/A

Council Members Harry Fletcher and David Walker

(7-0)

Motion to adjourn at 9:08pm

Stephen Huber, Mayor

Amy Meachum, City Clerk