

**Date:** December 12, 2019  
**Meeting of:** Locust City Council  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Members Present:** Mayor Stephen Huber, Mayor Pro Tem Larry Baucom, Mandy Watson, JC Burris, Harry Fletcher, Michael Haigler, and Roger Hypes  
**Members Absent:** Council Member Rusty Efirm  
**Order:** Mayor Stephen Huber  
**Pledge:** Mayor Stephen Huber  
**Prayer:** Council Member Michael Haigler

**Call to order at 7:03 pm**

**M/S/A** Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom **(6-0)**  
**Motion to excuse Council Member Rusty Efirm**

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

**M/S/A** Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom **(6-0)**  
**Motion to adopt November 2019 minutes**

**M/S/A** Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom **(6-0)**  
**Motion to enter into executive session: Personnel at 7:05pm**

**Out of executive session at 7:18pm**

**Service recognition award presented to Chief Frank Hartsell for his career service to the City of Locust upon his retirement.**

Selection Committee made a recommendation to the Council to appoint Captain Steven Smith as the new Chief of Police for the City of Locust.

**M/S/A** Council Members Roger Hypes and Harry Fletcher **(6-0)**  
**Motion to appoint Captain Steven Smith as the new Chief of Police**

**M/S/A** Council Members Roger Hypes and Harry Fletcher (6-0)  
**Motion to call a special meeting on Monday, December 30, 2019 at 9:00am for the swearing in of the newly appoint Chief of Police, Steven Smith**

**Financials:** Ann Craven, auditor with Rowell Craven and Short, gave an overview of the 2018-2019 audit for the City. She spoke about how fiscally responsible the City has been and that the City's net position was the best it has ever been.

**Mayors Report:** Parade was great. Thank you to Chief Hartsell for his many years of dedicated service to the City and citizens of Locust. Congrats to newly appointed Police Chief Steven Smith.

**Administrators Report:** Purchase orders and budget amendments were reviewed. 2020 Holiday schedule was reviewed. 2020 Census partnership resolution was presented.

**M/S/A** Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom (6-0)  
**Motion to approve purchase orders**

**M/S/A** Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom (6-0)  
**Motion to approve budget amendments**

**M/S/A** Council Members Michael Haigler and Larry Baucom (6-0)  
**Motion to approve 2020 Holiday schedule**

**M/S/A** Council Members Harry Fletcher and Mandy Watson (6-0)  
**Motion to approve 2020 Census Partnership Resolution**

**Admin/HR:** Thanks to staff for all their hard work.

**Parks:** Locust rec volleyball team won the championship tournament. Spring sports registration will begin soon.

**Facilities:** N/A

**PW:** Thanks to the entire department for working around the clock to fix the sewer issue.

**EDC/Small Business Support:** N/A

**ABC:** N/A

**PD/Zoning:** A voluntary annexation petition has been received from 16042 Elm Street. Council will direct City Clerk to certify the petition and public hearings will be set at the next meeting. Resolution was presented to award Retiring Police Chief Frank Hartsell with his badge and service weapon.

**M/S/A** Council Members Roger Hypes and Larry Baucom (6-0)  
**Motion to direct City Clerk to certify Voluntary annexation petition of 16042 Elm Street**

**M/S/A** Council Members Larry Baucom and Michael Haigler (6-0)  
**Motion to approve resolution to award badge and service weapon to retiring Police Chief Frank Hartsell**

**Public Comment:** Barry Sims, Kingston Dr spoke about the traffic issues at the intersection of Ray Kennedy Drive and HWY 24/27

**Board Closing Comments:** Thank you to all staff and departments. Thanks to all the residents for coming out to the meetings. Thanks to Frank Hartsell for his many years of dedicated service to the City of Locust as its citizens. Thanks to the Public Works department for all their hard work. Remember the family of Benny White who passed. He served on the City Council. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**M/S/A** Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom (6-0)  
**Motion to adjourn at 8:16 pm**

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Stephen Huber, Mayor

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Amy Meachum, City Clerk