

**Date:** May 14, 2020  
**Meeting of:** Locust City Council  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Members Present:** Mayor Stephen Huber, Mayor Pro Tem Larry Baucom, Mandy Watson, Harry Fletcher, Rusty Efird and Roger Hypes  
**Members Absent:** Council Member JC Burris and Michael Haigler  
**Order:** Mayor Stephen Huber  
**Pledge:** Mayor Stephen Huber  
**Prayer:** Mayor Stephen Huber

**Call to order at 7:12 pm**

**M/S/A** Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom **(5-0)**  
**Motion to excuse Council Member JC Burris and Michael Haigler**

**M/S/A** Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom **(5-0)**  
**Motion to adopt agenda**

**M/S/A** Council Members Harry Fletcher and Mandy Watson **(5-0)**  
**Motion to adopt April 2020 minutes**

**Financials:** General Fund is doing well, revenues are exceeding expenditures. WW Fund gap is closing. First payment for the Redah improvements is expected to be about \$80,000. The audit contract was presented and recommended for approval.

**M/S/A** Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom **(5-0)**  
**Motion to approve audit contract**

**Mayors Report: N/A**

**Administrators Report:** Purchase orders and budget amendments were reviewed. 2020-2021 budget was introduced. Taking a conservative approach to revenue projections. Adjusted sales and franchise tax revenues, budgeted a 15% decrease. Decreased park fee revenues by \$10,000. The PD is not purchasing the Dodge Durango put of this years budget so those funds will be added to next years budget. Still waiting on final renewals for liability insurance and postponed adjusting the part time park position to full time until the next fiscal year. The budget includes the upgrades to the public works building and

proposing a \$190,000 transfer from fund balance to balance budget. Need to set a public hearing for the 2020-2021 budget for Thursday, June 11, 2020 and call a special meeting to adopt the proposed budget for Monday, June 15, 2020 at 10:00 am. It is also time for the powell map recertification. It has to be submitted between July 1-21<sup>st</sup> and expected to cost around \$7,600. Hazard mitigation plan was presented. The City of Locust's strategic plan was presented. Recommended keeping the filing fee for Mayor and Council Member at \$10 for election. Equipment requests were presented and recommended to be taken out of this year's budget.

**M/S/A** Council Members Mandy Watson and Harry Fletcher (5-0)

**Motion to approve purchase orders**

**M/S/A** Council Members Harry Fletcher and Roger Hypes (5-0)

**Motion to approve budget amendments**

**M/S/A** Council Members Mandy Watson and Harry Fletcher (5-0)

**Motion to set 2020-2021 budget public hearing for June 11, 2020 meeting**

**M/S/A** Council Members Roger Hypes and Harry Fletcher (5-0)

**Motion to call special meeting to adopt 2020-2021 budget on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 10:00 am**

**M/S/A** Council Members Mandy Watson and Harry Fletcher (5-0)

**Motion to approve powell map recertification**

**M/S/A** Council Members Harry Fletcher and Roger Hypes (5-0)

**Motion to adopt hazard mitigation plan**

**M/S/A** Council Members Harry Fletcher and Rusty Efird (5-0)

**Motion to adopt City of Locust Strategic Plan**

**M/S/A** Council Members Harry Fletcher and Roger Hypes (5-0)

**Motion to approve \$10 filing fee for election for Mayor and Council Member**

**M/S/A** Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom (5-0)

**Motion to approve department equipment purchase requests out of this year's budget as presented**

**Admin/HR:** N/A

**Parks:** Phase 1 in effect. Walking paths, soccer fields and tennis courts open with social distancing rules in effect.

**Facilities:** N/A

**PW:** The department is in request of an asset management tool to help manage work orders, assets, and infrastructure. It requires an annual maintenance. June 6<sup>th</sup> is white goods pick up.

**M/S/A** Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom (5-0)  
**Motion to approve Cartegraph software and equipment**

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

**ABC:** Sales are up significantly.

**PD/Zoning:** National Police Week. Thank an officer. Officer of the month, this time there were two. Officer Godek and Sergeant Whitley. Saddened by the passing of former Asst. Police Chief Eric Thomas. Please remember his wife and family. The City has received a petition for voluntary annexation of the property listed at 6760 NC HWY 24/27 E, by the Hartsell's. Developer of Redah phase 3 reached out to City asking if the City was interested in a lot for a pocket park and if not, then could they build a home on the lot. Need to confirm sewer access and lin. Discussion tabled until next meeting.

**M/S/A** Council Members Harry Fletcher and Roger Hypes (5-0)  
**Motion to instruct City Clerk to certify voluntary annexation petition of 6760 NC HWY 24/27 E**

**Board Closing Comments:** Thank you to all staff and departments. Miss meeting in person but thankful for this platform. Memorial Day is around the corner, please remember those who have served. Check out the new restaurant being built called The Local Room across from the fire department. Please complete census.

**M/S/A** Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom (5-0)  
**Motion to adjourn at 8:34pm pm**

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Stephen Huber, Mayor

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Amy Meachum, City Clerk