

**Date:** June 11, 2020  
**Meeting of:** Locust City Council  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Members Present:** Mayor Stephen Huber, Mayor Pro Tem Larry Baucom, JC Burris, Michael Haigler, Harry Fletcher, Rusty Efird and Roger Hypes  
**Members Absent:** Council Member Mandy Watson  
**Order:** Mayor Stephen Huber  
**Pledge:** Mayor Stephen Huber  
**Prayer:** Council Member Roger Hypes

**PUBLIC HEARING: 2020-2021 BUDGET**

No one spoke for or against

**Call to order at 7:01 pm**

**M/S/A** Council Members Harry Fletcher and Roger Hypes **(6-0)**  
**Motion to excuse Council Member Mandy Watson**

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

**M/S/A** Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom **(6-0)**  
**Motion to adopt May 2020 minutes**

**Financials:** General Fund is anticipating a surplus at the close of the fiscal year and that includes an additional debt service payment. The Waste Water fund is anticipating a shortfall as the City paid off the DENR loan, paid \$140,000 towards the North Basin and Redah improvements. Whatever is needed to flatten the balance will be taken out of Waste Water reserves.

**Mayors Report:** Gave and expressed feeling of what all is going on in the Country at the moment.

**Administrators Report:** Purchase orders and budget amendments were reviewed. 2020-2021 budget was reviewed, and update given regarding salary adjustments dur to completion of certifications for officers. Reminded everyone of the special called meeting on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am to adopt the 2020-2021 budget. Reviewed system development fees and sewer rates for 2020-2021. Resolution was presented for the Capital Reserve Fund to move \$185,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund. Land

Development Ordinance update to recommend changes to the ordinance. City wants to create a sub-committee to review proposed changes including City Administrator Cesar Correa, P&Z Director Scott Efird, P&Z Board Chairman Tim Fesperman and Council Members Roger Hypes, Larry Baucom and Harry Fletcher. City wants to make an additional debt service payment on the loan for City Hall in the amount of \$125,000 which will save the City almost \$200,000 in unpaid interest. Developer of Redah Phase 3 approached the City about allowing them to develop lot but due to sewer infrastructure that option is not available.

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

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

**M/S/A** Council Members Larry Baucom and Harry Fletcher (6-0)  
**Motion to approve proposed system development fees for 2020-2021, keeping them the same**

**M/S/A** Council Members Larry Baucom and Harry Fletcher (6-0)  
**Motion to approve proposed sewer rates for 2020-2021, keeping them the same**

**M/S/A** Council Members Larry Baucom and JC Burris (6-0)  
**Motion to adopt Capital Reserve Fund Resolution**

**M/S/A** Council Members Michael Haigler and Roger Hypes (6-0)  
**Motion to approve additional debt service payment in the amount of \$125,000**

**Admin/HR:** Congrats to Corporal Tucker and Sergeant Whitley for qualifying for their advanced law enforcement certificate

**Parks:** All spring sports and activities have been cancelled, waiting to see when reopening phase 3 will begin.

**Facilities:** N/A

**PW:** Abbington Place road acceptance resolution was presented

**M/S/A** Council Members Larry Baucom and Harry Fletcher (6-0)  
**Motion to adopt resolution taking over and accepting Abbington Place road**

**EDC/Small Business Support:** Thanks to all who have supported local businesses during this pandemic. The Local Room is set to open in September and the Cup and Cone is coming to Town Center.

**ABC:** Sales are up significantly. 2020-2021 budget was presented.

**PD/Zoning:** Officer of the month is Sheelone Vang. Officer McDaniels has completed his master's degree in criminal justice. Very proud of the department and their professionalism during this time, especially during the peaceful protests. Congrats to P&Z Director Scott Efird for being a certified Zoning Officer. Longtime P&Z Board Member Bud Pethel passed away, please remember his family. That leaves a vacancy on the P&Z Board. Applications are available online. Set public hearing for voluntary annexation of 6760 NC Hwy 24/27 E for July meeting.

**M/S/A** Council Members Harry Fletcher and Roger Hypes **(6-0)**  
**Motion to set public hearing for voluntary annexation of 6760 NC HWY 24/27 E**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Barry Sims complimented City on new entry sign, actions during protests and pandemic. Stated he is interested in running for Council.

**Board Closing Comments:** Thank you to all staff and departments. Nice to meet in person and thanks to citizens who came out.

**M/S/A** Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom **(6-0)**  
**Motion to adjourn at 8:24pm**

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Stephen Huber, Mayor

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Amy Meachum, City Clerk