

Date: August 13, 2020
Meeting of: Locust City Council
Time: 7:00pm
Members Present: Mayor Stephen Huber, Mayor Pro Tem Larry Baucom, Mandy Watson, JC Burris, Michael Haigler, Harry Fletcher, Rusty Efird and Roger Hypes

Members Absent:

Order: Mayor Stephen Huber
Pledge: Mayor Stephen Huber
Prayer: Council Member Roger Hypes

Call to order at 7:02pm

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

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Roger Hypes **(7-0)**
Motion to adopt July 2020 minutes

Financial Report – In the fall revenues should start coming in, so the financial statements will look better once that happens. We should have a preliminary 2019-2020 audit in October.

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Michael Haigler **(7-0)**
Motion to enter into executive session: Personnel

Out of executive session at 7:11pm

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom **(7-0)**
Motion to set a special meeting for Monday August 17, 2020 at 9:00am and recommend Jeff Shew to continue as acting Police Chief until that time

Mayor's report – N/A

Administrator's report – Purchase orders and budget amendments were reviewed. CARES ACT has allowed the City to be reimbursed for COVID related expenses and public safety salaries are included in that. The City should be reimbursed approximately \$71,000 between both Stanly and Cabarrus counties.

Request to enter into 2 interlocal agreements. One with Stanly County for \$65,860.54 and one with Cabarrus County for \$4,869.99 for reimbursement for expenses.

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and JC Burris (7-0)
Motion to approve budget amendments

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom (7-0)
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M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Roger Hypes (7-0)
Motion to approve Interlocal Agreement with Stanly County

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Roger Hypes (7-0)
Motion to approve Interlocal Agreement with Cabarrus County

Admin/HR – N/A

Parks – Still in phase 2 so playgrounds are still closed. Ballfields are open for practices only right now. 8/15 movie night featuring Toy Story 4. 8/29 Hands on Locust will be a parade this year due to the restraints on social distancing. Fall soccer and baseball have been cancelled. The end of summer celebration has been postponed till the spring hopefully. We finally received the funds from the Walmart grant and we are putting kits together for kids.

Facilities – N/A

PW - Flow is the best it has been in a long time. Thanks to the entire department.

ABC – N/A

PD/Zoning - PD has been very active and diligent especially during these challenging times. P&Z has been very active.

EDC – The Local Room is set to open next month. There is some interest in a couple parcels in the business park.

Public Comment: Pastor Wally Gilmer asked about rezoning the area his church is on so that he can have a Led sign in front of the church.

Christopher Griffin asked that the farm animal ordinance be changed to allow for people to have chickens and other animals that can provide food.

David Kluth asked about a new light pole and help with speeders such as lighted stop signs and some paving concerns in Charleston Place.

Penny Geater requested someone look into the City having a community garden.

Board Closing Comments: Thank you to all staff and departments. Its been a tough month and super proud for everyone stepping up and keeping morale up. Thanks to everyone who came out to meeting. Locust Elementary School principal did an evaluation on Corporal Brittany Tucker and they were all great comments.

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

Out of executive session at 8:22pm

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom **(7-0)**
Motion to approve class for City Administrator Cesar Correa

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Roger Hypes **(7-0)**
Motion to appoint Joe Abbatello to fill the vacancy on the P&Z Board and appoint David Mercel, Sean Lambert and Todd Stutts as alternates on the P&Z Board.

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom **(7-0)**
Motion to adjourn at 8:26pm

Stephen Huber, Mayor

Amy Meachum, City Clerk