

**Date:** December 10, 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, Rusty Efird, Harry Fletcher, and Roger Hypes

**Members Absent:**

**Order:** Mayor Stephen Huber

**Pledge:** Mayor Stephen Huber

**Prayer:** Mayor Stephen Huber

**Swear in re-elected Mayor Stephen Huber and Council Members Larry Baucom, Harry Fletcher, Rusty Efird and Michael Haigler**

**Call to order at 7:10pm**

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

**M/S/A** Council Members Larry Baucom and Roger Hypes **(7-0)**  
**Motion to adopt November 2020 minutes**

**Financial Report** – Finance Director Stephania Morton and Auditor Ann Craven to give an overview of the 2019/2020 audit. City is in a strong financial position and Waste Water fund is debt free.

**Mayor’s report** – Thanks to Stephania and Cesar for all their hard work.

**Administrator’s report** – Purchase orders and budget amendments were reviewed. Thank you to staff for all their hard work and the unconditional support of the Council. The City received SRO funds in the amount of \$33,333. The PD would like to purchase 2021 Dodge Durango fully equipped at \$36,998.93.

**M/S/A** Council Members Harry Fletcher and Mandy Watson **(7-0)**  
**Motion to approve budget amendments**

**M/S/A** Council Members Roger Hypes and Harry Fletcher **(7-0)**  
**Motion to approve purchase orders**

**M/S/A** Council Members Roger Hypes and Harry Fletcher **(7-0)**  
**Motion to approve purchase of 2021 Dodge Durango for PD**

**Admin/HR** – Budget retreat date will be Saturday, March 13, 2021 from 7am-3pm

**Parks** –Park Director Emily Jones attended a virtual Parks & Rec conference. She has put together COVID friendly events this season. Light up Locust, submit your address for a map of homes with outdoor Christmas lights and displays for people to drive by and look at, place an ornament on our tree in the triangle representing your family or business and take a photo and send it to us, Christmas cookie cruise-in with Santa. Scavenger hunt at the park. Clues posted on social media and take photo of yourself and tag the City. Letters to Santa, there is a mailbox outside City Hall for your children to write letters to Santa, please put return address so Santa can mail letter back. Shop with a Cop will be happening for the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row.

**Facilities** – N/A

**PW** – Leaf pick-up 12/12. Flow report good. The new public works facility has been laid off, waiting to begin construction until power line is located.

**ABC** – Kudos to Heather, staff and the ABC Board for great success.

**PD/Zoning** – New businesses coming soon to the business park. The edge sports facility was sold to a granite company. The permit for the Locust Grove apartments that were proposed for behind CVS has expired. Need to set public hearing for the next council meeting for rezone request for 516 E Main St and 160D ordinance text change. P&Z Board has members up for re-appointment: Tim Fesperman, James Baucom, Lanna Thomas, Joe Abbatiello and newly appointed Sean Lambert. Officer Godek was officer of the month for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time this year.

**M/S/A** Council Members Roger Hypes and Harry Fletcher **(7-0)**  
**Motion to set public hearing for 160D ordinance text change for 1/14/21**

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**Motion to set public hearing for 516 E Main St rezone request for 1/14/21**

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**Motion to approve P&Z Board reappointments and new appointment**

**EDC** – Lots of interest in Locust. Good things coming soon.

**Board Closing Comments:** Thank you to all staff and departments. Great news that Council Member Roger Hypes is cancer free. Thanks to auditor Ann Craven for coming out and giving us a good report. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**M/S/A** Council Members Rusty Efirm and Harry Fletcher **(7-0)**  
**Motion to enter into executive session at 8:28pm**

**Out of executive session at 9:16pm**

**M/S/A** Council Members Roger Hypes and Harry Fletcher **(7-0)**  
**Motion to appoint Connie Josey as City Attorney**

**M/S/A** Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom **(7-0)**  
**Motion to adjourn at 9:18pm**

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Stephen Huber, Mayor

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Amy Meachum, City Clerk