

Date: March 11, 2021

Meeting of: Locust City Council

Time: 7:00pm

Members Present: Mayor Stephen Huber, Mayor Pro Tem Larry Baucom, Mandy Watson, Rusty Efird, Harry Fletcher, JC Burris, Michael Haigler and Roger Hypes

Members Absent:

Order: Mayor Stephen Huber

Pledge: Mayor Stephen Huber

Prayer: Mayor Stephen Huber

Call to order at 7:01pm

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Rusty Efird **(7-0)**
Motion to adopt agenda

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Roger Hypes **(7-0)**
Motion to adopt February 2021 minutes

Financial Report –3/4 of the way through this fiscal year. Revenues have been pleasantly surprising over the last year. Accepted.

Mayor’s report – Sheriff Jeff Crisco spoke about getting out and being involved in each community. That he and his department are here and offering any services needed.

Administrator’s report – Budget amendments and purchase orders reviewed. Reminder that the budget retreat is Saturday March 13th and begins at 7:30am. The City received a request from Matt Harris at the Local Room to consider adopting a Brunch Bill Ordinance to allow alcohol sales beginning at 10:00am on Sundays. If Council is considering adopting it then we will need to schedule a public hearing for the April 8th meeting. The City Clerk, Amy Meachum, certified the voluntary annexation petition from Rocky River Vineyards for 11685 and 11751 Reed Mine Rd. We need to schedule a public hearing for that voluntary annexation at the April 8th meeting. 2 more department heads presented their 2021-2022 budget presentations. Tim Flieger, Public Works Director and Emily Jones, Parks and Rec Director both gave reviews of their departments. Mayor Huber thanked each department for all their hard work on their presentations.

PW/WW Presentation – Tim Flieger gave an overview of the department, expectations, roles and duties. He gave progress report updates on current projects and programs. Upcoming projects and equipment needs were reviewed.

P&R Presentation – Emily Jones gave an update on how her department managed handling events during the COVID pandemic. Her department made adjustments to create socially distanced activities and events. She gave an update on her policies and procedures on sanitizing the playgrounds. 2021-2022 budget goals were reviewed along with equipment needs.

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

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

M/S/A Council Members Rusty Efird and Harry Fletcher **(5-2)**
Motion to set public hearing for Brunch Bill April 8, 2021 (Roger Hypes and JC Burris-nay)

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom **(6-1)**
Motion to set public hearing for voluntary annexation of 11685 & 11751 Reed Mine Rd (Roger Hypes-nay)

Admin/HR –Good job and thanks to Stephania Morton, Finance Director for all her hard work.

Parks –N/A

Facilities – N/A

PW – Lots of rain, electronics recycle event to be held on March 18th

ABC/EDC/Small Bus. – Carters Place Art Studio owner, Donna Carter is looking to expand her facility. EDC zoom workshop was held and was successful. 3 applications were received for interest in the Locust EDC Board. Moe Smith, Chris Phillips and Randy Burris.

M/S/A Council Members Larry Baucom and Rusty Efird **(7-0)**
Motion to appoint Moe Smith, Chris Phillips and Randy Burris to EDC Board

PD – Detective Brittney Tucker was officer of the month and Detective Karcin Vick-Dunn was awarded her intermediate law enforcement certificate

P&Z – Interested in participating in a quarterly meeting with the County for transparency and growth to be “in the know”.

Public Comment – Jennifer Darling, Fairview Street spoke about wanting better walking trails in the park and around soccer fields. She also inquired about having an adult softball league.

Board Closing Comments: Thank you to all staff and departments. Remarkable job on budget preparation and presentations. Great to be back in person.

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Rusty Efird

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Motion to adjourn at 9:00pm

Stephen Huber, Mayor

Amy Meachum, City Clerk