

Date: December 9, 2021

Meeting of: Locust City Council

Time: 7:00pm

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

Members Absent:

Order: Mayor Stephen Huber

Pledge: Mayor Stephen Huber

Prayer: Mayor Stephen Huber

Call to order at 7:00pm

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Roger Hypes **(7-0)**

Motion to adopt agenda

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom **(7-0)**

Motion to adopt November 2021 minutes

Financial Report –Accepted. Both of the general fund and the waste water funds revenues are exceeding expenditures halfway into the fiscal year. Sales tax revenue continues to increase over \$100,000 each month. The audit has been completed and there were no findings by the auditors. City Administrator Cesar Correa reviewed the audit and the City’s net position assigned and unassigned balances from the 2020-2021 audit. City Administrator Cesar Correa was also happy to announce that the City of Locust won the award for distinguished budget presentation from the GFOA. We are the only municipality in Stanly County to have won this award.

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom **(7-0)**

Motion to adopt the 2020-2021 audit

Mayor’s report – Congrats to the City and staff for all their hard work on the budget and award. The Christmas parade was well attended and a great time.

Administrator’s report – Purchase orders and budget amendments were reviewed. Thanks to staff for a great year! Reviewed the 2022 holiday schedule, 2022 council meeting dates and 2022 P&Z meeting dates. A public hearing needs to be scheduled for the new 20yr annexation agreement between the City of Locust and the Town of Midland for the January 13, 2022 meeting. The Magnum the P&Z Director

Scott Efird has been driving is in need of some repair, possible rebuilt transmission. City Clerk Amy Meachum presented the updated record retention schedule that was presented by the state archives on late October 2021. She also requested permission for scheduled record destruction for June of 2022 for all scheduled records.

M/S/A Council Members Larry Baucom and Harry Fletcher (7-0)
Motion to approve purchase orders

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

M/S/A Council Members Rusty Efird and Larry Baucom (7-0)
Motion to approve 2022 Holiday Schedule

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Roger Hypes (7-0)
Motion to approve 2022 Council meeting dates

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom (7-0)
Motion to approve 2022 P&Z meeting dates

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Roger Hypes (7-0)
Motion to adopt the updated October 2021 Record Retention schedule and set the administrative value at 12 months

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Roger Hypes (7-0)
Motion to approve Destruction of scheduled records in June 2022

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom (7-0)
Motion to set public hearing for Jan 13, 2022 for the new 20yr annexation agreement between the City of Locust and the Town of Midland

M/S/A Council Members Michael Haigler and Roger Hypes (7-0)
Motion to approve Magnum vehicle repair

Admin/HR – N/A

Parks – Parade was great. There are several Christmas activities for the kids like the reindeer bell hunt, light up locust and letters to santa. The light pole repair at the park to begin next week.

Facilities – N/A

PW –Leaf collection 12/11 and 1/8. No brush or tree limbs.

ABC/EDC/Small Bus. – ABC distribution was about \$32,000 but that covers October and November sales. Greater Grounds coffee shop grand opening is on Friday 12/17 at 10:00am.

PD – Thanks to the PD for all their assistance during the parade. Shop w/a Cop is coming up and that is always a great event. November Officer of the month was Sergeant Brandon Stancil.

P&Z – We are working with Circle K on a revised site plan. They have asked to table the discussion and vote until the January 13, 2022 meeting to allow time for you to review the revised site plan. There are 3 re-appointments for the P&Z Board, Janie Hils, Dillon Beatty and Ed Curlee. Janice Hils and Dillon Beatty are asking to be re-appointed, but Ed Curlee does not want to continue. Asking that alternate Todd Stutts to be appointed to fill that vacancy and the P&Z board are accepting applications for alternates.

M/S/A Council Member Michael Haigler and Roger Hypes (7-0)
Motion to table discussion and vote on rezoning request submitted by Circle K until January 13th meeting.

M/S/A Council Members Michael Haigler and Roger Hypes (7-0)
Motion to re-appoint Janice Hils and Dillon Beatty to the P&Z board and to appoint Todd Stutts to fill the vacant seat.

Public Comment – Pamela Blake, candidate running for Clerk of Court introduced herself and why she is running for that office. Barry Sims spoke about growth in the community.

Board Closing Comments: Thanks to all who worked on budget. Congrats on the GFOA award. Thanks, and good luck to Pam Blake for coming out and introducing herself. Thank you to Scott Efird for calling parade. What a great year the City has had and thanks to Cesar and all the staff for all they have done. Thankful for Roger Hypes' good health report and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Michael Haigler (7-0)
Motion to enter into executive session – contract negotiation at 8:16pm

Out of executive session at 9:03pm

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom (7-0)
Motion to adjourn at 9:04pm

Stephen Huber, Mayor

Amy Meachum, City Clerk