

**City of Locust Grove  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Public Safety Building – Courtroom Chamber  
3640 Highway 42 S. – Locust Grove, GA 30248  
Monday, August 4, 2025  
6:00 PM**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Staff Present:</b>
Carlos Greer – Mayor	Tim Young – City Manager
Rudy Breedlove – Councilman/Pro Tem	Bert Foster – Assistant City Manager
Keith Boone – Councilman	Misty Spurling – City Clerk
Willie Taylor – Councilman	Daunté Gibbs – Community Development Director
Rod Shearouse – Councilman	Jack Rose – Public Works Director
Lester Clark – Councilman	Derrick Austin - Police Chief
E. Olivia McCornell - Councilwoman	Andy Welch – Attorney

Mayor Carlos Greer called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Invocation given by Community Development Director Daunté Gibbs

Councilman Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to amend the agenda to remove item number 17.

RESULT	APPROVED REMOVE ITEM 17
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to approve the agenda as amended.

RESULT	APPROVED AS AMENDED
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

**PRESENTATION** – NONE

**PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS** – NONE

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** –

**1. JULY 7, 2025- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES** –

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilwoman McCornell made the motion to approve the July 7, 2025, regular meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED JULY 7, 2025, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCIL WOMAN MCCORNELL
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**2. JULY 7, 2025 – EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES –**

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the July 7, 2025, executive session meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED JULY 7, 2025, EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**3. JULY 21, 2025 - WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES –**

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to approve the July 21, 2025, workshop meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED JULY 21, 2025, WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**4. JUNE 21, 2025 – EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES –**

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Clark made the motion to approve the July 21, 2025, executive session meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED JULY 21, 2025, EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT –**

**5. JULY 2025 – Financial Statement –**

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Clark made the motion to approve the July 2025 financial statement.

RESULT	APPROVED JULY 2025 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –**

- 6. Ordinance for annexation and rezoning of 71.6 +/- acres located at 1158 Peeksville Rd. (1.87 +/- acres, Parcel: 145-01048000); 1117 Peeksville Rd. (48.314 +/- acres, Parcel: 145-01008000); 1141 Peeksville Rd. (19.435 +/- acres, Parcel: 145-01027000); and 1170 Peeksville Rd. (1.984 +/- acres, Parcel: 145-01048001) –**

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to deny the request by denying ordinance #25-08-059.

RESULT	DENIED ORDINANCE #25-08-059
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

- 7. Ordinance to approve a variance to allow encroachment into the city’s seventy-five (75) foot impervious stream buffer -**

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #25-08-060.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #25-08-060
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

- 8. Resolution to transmit an annual update of the Capital Improvement Element (CIE) to the Atlanta Regional Commission –**

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilwoman McCornell made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #25-08-061.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #25-08-061
MADE MOTION	COUNCILWOMAN MCCORNELL
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

- 9. Resolution to appoint Stuart Kingsley to the Locust Grove Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) –**

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Clark made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #25-08-062.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #25-08-062
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILWOMAN MCCORNELL
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**10. Resolution to approve the proposal from Evans Precision Painting, LLC for services associated with painting the first floor of city hall –**

Mayor Greer recused himself from any discussion or action due to a potential conflict of interest. The mayor left the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Breedlove asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #25-08-063.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #25-08-063
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILWOMAN MCCORNELL
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

The mayor returned to the meeting.

**11. Resolution to award the bid to replace the roof on the public safety building –**

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #25-08-064.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #25-08-064
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**12. Resolution to approve the installation of a speed hump on Jackson Street between the southernmost railroad crossing and SR 42 –**

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #25-08-065.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #25-08-065
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**13. Resolution to create a streetlight district in Dawson Creek subdivision –**

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #25-08-066.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #25-08-066
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**14. Ordinance to authorize the execution of the agreement with TSW for professional services associated with the Heart of Locust Grove redevelopment plan–**

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Clark made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #25-08-067.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #25-08-067
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILWOMAN MCCORNELL
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**15. Ordinance to approve the preliminary plat for Shoal Creek subdivision, an R-2 (single-family residential) CRSO (conservation residential subdivision overlay) zoned subdivision, located at Indian Creek Road and Shoal Creek Road (Combs Road) –**

Councilman Breedlove recused himself from any discussion or action to avoid any conflict of interest. Breedlove left the meeting.

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Clark made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #25-08-068.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #25-08-068
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Breedlove returned to the meeting.

**16. Year End FY 24 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget –**

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Clark made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #25-08-069.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #25-08-069
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**NEW BUSINESS/ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS –**

**17. Request for Special Event permit from the GA Department of Corrections Special Management Unit for their back-to-school drive on August 9, 2025 –**

Item removed from the agenda [as amended].

**18. Resolution to award the bid for professional services to replace the water services in Grove Park subdivision –**

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #25-08-070.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #25-08-070
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –**

Tim gave an update we received eight responses on Thursday for the bids for the repaving of eleven streets. The HCMA dinner will be on August 14, 2025, at the Locust Grove event center at 6:30pm. The property tax public hearing dates are August 11, 2025; 6:00pm, August 18, 2025; 9:00am, and August 18, 2025, during the 6:00pm workshop meeting. The tentative increase is 4.087 mills.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS –**

Ms. Judy Welch stepped forward to comment. Ms. Welch said she watched the meeting on FLOST between henry county and the cities. Andy made a comment to Ms. Welch and clarified that those meetings were ad valorem tax hearings, not FLOST hearings. Judy asked if there will be a hearing on FLOST. Andy said no, and said as we move forward, there may be some meetings within the city, but those are not normally public hearings. Judy asked if the city is favoring one way or another. Andy said all the cities had an option for opting out of FLOST [some time ago]; however, the city chose not to opt out. If the city had opted out, we would not have the ability to roll back homestead tax exemptions. Every jurisdiction had to have a homestead tax exemption, and the desire of the city is to let the voters decide. Judy asked if she were to vote yes, would henry county tax be rolled back. Andy said yes, and that point needs to be emphasized to the voters. Nothing further.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS –**

Councilwoman McCornell thanked the mayor, Mr. Gibbs, Councilman Breedlove and Boone for attending the back-to-school event. The chief estimated there were over one thousand children in attendance.

Councilman Boone said Happy Birthday to the chief.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS – NONE**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – POTENTIAL LITIGATION**

Motion to go into executive session to discuss potential litigation by Councilman Breedlove and seconded by Councilman Shearouse. Motion Carried All in favor 6:22 PM.

At 7:02 PM, motion to come back into regular session made by Councilman Breedlove and seconded by Councilman Shearouse.

**ADJOURNMENT –**

Mayor Greer asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to adjourn.

RESULT	APPROVED – ADJOURN MEETING
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILWOMAN MCCORNELL
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED MEETING ADJOURNED 7:03 PM.

Notes taken by:

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Misty Spurling  
City Clerk