

**City of Locust Grove
Special Called Meeting Minutes
3640 Highway 42 – Public Safety Building
Locust Grove, GA 30248
Monday, August 18, 2025
9:00 A.M.**

Members Present	Staff Present
Carlos Greer - Mayor	Tim Young – City Manager
Willie Taylor – Councilman	Bert Foster – Assistant City Manager
Keith Boone – Councilman	Tracey Sullivan – Assistant City Clerk
Rod Shearouse – Councilman	Daunte’ Gibbs – Community Development Director
E. Olivia McCornell - Councilwoman	Andy Welch - Attorney
Rudy Breedlove – Councilman	
Not Present	Staff Not Present:
Lester Clark – Councilman	Misty Spurling – City Clerk (Qualifying)

Mayor Greer called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

Invocation given by Community Development Director Daunte Gibbs

Councilman Shearouse led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

RESULT	APPROVED AGENDA
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

Mayor Greer opened the Public Hearing.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING ITEMS -

1. Public Hearing on the 2025 millage rate of 4.087 mills which will result in an increase in property taxes by 100 percent.

City Manager, Tim Young, discussed digest numbers and proposed millage rates. He also presented a slide presentation with more explanation. He stated that any resident who filed for homestead exemption will pay zero dollars in city tax.

More discussion took place regarding the power point slides.

Mayor Greer asked if anyone had any questions. No one from public was present so he closed the public hearing. He asked if any council members had any questions and no questions from the council.

2. Update on FY 2025 Mid-Year Budget Amendments –

City Manager, Tim Young, updated the council on budget amendments and on the Cigna health insurance renewal. He said we are anticipating at least a 6% increase on our renewal. Andy made a comment that the increases are also taking place in the private sector. Tim asked for any questions and there were none.

3. Discussion on HB 581 – FLOST –

Tim reviewed the FLOST scenarios and reviewed the options from the slides on the overhead screen.

Attorney Andy Welch told the council with the amount of projects, the city may not see a profit and If FLOST is approved, the revenue may not be sufficient. There are many factors including a “no vote” until the IGA decision by the county and if FLOST passes or not.

A discussion took place of the three scenarios and Andy said we are just giving perspective and not making promises if LOST becomes FLOST.

Andy explained the time options of the ballot to the mayor and the council and said negotiations are a separate issue and must be finalized by August 25th for the November ballot.

Councilman Breedlove asked where the millage rate numbers come from and City Manager, Tim Young said the tax digest.

Mayor Greer asked for clarity on the two options from the county, and a discussion took place.

There were no further comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

Motion to go into executive session to discuss litigation by Councilman Breedlove and seconded by Councilman Shearouse. Motion Carried All in favor 9:45 AM.

At 10:52 AM, motion to come back into regular session made by Councilman Shearouse and seconded by Councilwoman McCornell.

ADJOURNMENT –

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

RESULT	APPROVED – ADJOURN MEETING
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEARHOUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILWOMAN MCCORNELL
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED MEETING ADJOURNED 10:53AM.

Notes taken by:

Tracey Sullivan, Assistant City Clerk