

**City of Locust Grove
Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
Public Safety Building – 3640 Highway 42 S.
Locust Grove, GA 30248
Monday, August 18, 2025
6:00 PM**

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

Continuation from the Special Called Meeting that was called to order at 6:00pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to remove item six.

RESULT	APPROVED REMOVE ITEM SIX
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
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 AGENDA
MADE MOTION	COUNCILWOMAN MCCORNELL
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

PRESENTATIONS – NONE

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS –

- 1. Ordinance to name/rename the City of Locust Grove Police Department in honor of the late Mayor Robert S. Price -**

Daunte stepped forward and said the application process for naming/renaming requests requires six components that must be completed. Daunte read aloud the six criteria and said except for item six, all pertinent criteria for consideration have been satisfied. If approved by the council on September 2, 2025, we will move forward with the renaming.

Mayor Greer said this is a public hearing and asked for comments from anyone in favor of the request.

Ms. Barbara Price, wife of the late Robert Price, made a comment that Robert worked hard for the Locust Grove community, and this is very well deserved. Barbara said there are other [significant] locations that have been named of someone, and she believes that no one has outdone what Robert did for this city. Barbara thanked the mayor and council for their consideration.

Mayor Greer asked for comments from anyone opposed to the request. There were no comments, and the mayor closed the public hearing.

Mayor Greer asked for comments from the council.

Councilman Shearouse made a comment there are six letters of recommendation and reasons why this should be approved [as part of the packet]. Also, please make a note this is to rename the Public Safety Building and not the Police Department [as specified on the coversheet]. Councilman Shearouse said the guidelines are unclear of the fees that would be assessed on signage, and he would like staff to add a condition to waive fees for this request.

Mayor Greer made a comment that Mr. Kingsley (DDA member) submitted an email to the clerk for record that he is in support of the renaming request.

Councilwoman McCornell said the Public Safety Building was one project Mayor Price wanted to see completed and is a great honor that he saw it through.

Daunté said the concerns mentioned by Councilman Shearouse is waiving the application \$150 fee and renaming the Public Safety Building not the Police Department.

The mayor asked Councilman Shearouse to clarify what he meant by waiving fees. Shearouse said he would like all fees associated with the request waived (application fee, signage). Daunté said he will add the language accordingly.

Councilman Boone said there is no one more deserving than Robert Price and said he would like to request a picture of Robert and Barbara be displayed after renaming.

OLD BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

2. Ordinance to establish a millage rate for the City of Locust Grove –

Andy said there is a slight correction needed to Section 3, 2025 tax year from 8.16 to 4.087 mills.

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance **#25-08-071**.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #25-08-071
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

3. Resolution encouraging the obtainability of (FLOST) tax relief and collaboration between Henry County and its respective cities –

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution **#25-08-072**.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #25-08-072
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILWOMAN MCCORNELL
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

CITY OPERATION REPORTS / WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS -

MAIN STREET OPERATIONS – COLLEEN COOK

Main Street Director Colleen Cook stepped forward to give her update. The Special Event Coordinator resigned, and we now have a job opening until September 19th. The DDA held a meeting this past month; however, the HPC did not meet. Main Street, Inc. met and are in the planning process for fall and winter events. The free library in city park was vandalized and will be reinstalled on August 26th. There were no new businesses open in the downtown district, and Stewart Hardware store opened off Peeksville Road. Further, Colleen mentioned the upcoming events include Friday Night on the Lawn August 29th at 6:00pm, the Chili cookoff event will be September 20th in downtown, and Rumble in the Grove will be September 26th. Nothing further.

Councilman Breedlove thanked Colleen for her help with the HCMA dinner.

PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATIONS – CHIEF AUSTIN

Chief Austin reviewed the monthly report and gave an update total collected in July 2025 was \$69,839.00. The department completed 347 training hours in July. We had 227 new cases for investigation and cleared 194 of those cases for 2025. The chief reviewed the crime analysis report and discussion took place. The chief said shoplifting is trending downward with officers more visible in locations of interest.

PUBLIC WORKS – JACK ROSE

Jack stepped forward with an update for his department. The wastewater plant operations are normal and continue with regular routine maintenance and grass cutting. We installed the speed hump on Jackson Street, and the signs are coming soon. The mayor asked if all residents on Jackson Street requested the speed hump and the chief said not everyone. Jack said the Grove Road sidewalk project is going well and will be completed soon.

The mayor said to keep in mind the need for sidewalks between Dollar General and Skyland and discussion took place as to why.

ADMINISTRATION –BERT FOSTER

- 4. Resolution to create a streetlight district in Bunn Farms, Phase 3 subdivision on Peeksville Road –**

Bert said this will have 109 lots and 16 lights. Staff recommend approval at the next meeting.

- 5. Ordinance to amend Title 13 “Public Services”, Chapter 13.15 “Water and Sewer Standards and Specifications” as adopted to include details for Scada, Fireline meters, and waterline installations in cul-de-sacs –**

Bert said this will be added to the existing book for builders to use in the future.

Further, Bert gave an update of capital projects and reviewed the report provided in the packets. The contractor replaced the pitch portion of the roof at the Public Safety Building this past weekend. The mayor asked Bert for an update on the Skyland Dam and Bert said that it was completed several weeks ago.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS – DAUNTÉ GIBBS

Daunté gave an update that his department has issued a total of 1091 permits for 2025 and 156 new housing permits. We have issued 173 COs [126 residential / 47 commercial] with 427 business licenses so far for 2025. Daunté reviewed the new updates including Fire Marshal, Building Inspector, Development Inspector, and Code Enforcement for 2025.

Councilwoman McCornell asked if the closed businesses included residential and commercial. Daunte said yes. McCornell mentioned the complaints from the Havenwood community and Daunté said the fire marshal is aware and has been in contact with the new management about the heat/air. McCornell said per the IBMC, Code Enforcement is authorized to address those issues. Daunté said for clarity, it is ICBM and is not part of the Code Enforcement job description; therefore, the fire marshal handles it.

The mayor said there has been a lot of turnovers in management; however, the new management has been very involved. McCornell asked Daunté if she could forward the email to him and Daunté said yes. The mayor asked about the number of complaints received by code enforcement (315). Daunté said those roll over month-to-month but said he will check his math.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (ARB) –

- 6. Resolution approving architectural plans for the Emblem Locust Grove multifamily development (formerly RangeWater) located on Tanger Blvd. –**

Item removed as part of the amended agenda.

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –TIM YOUNG

Tim gave an update and said the bids for LMIG and Carter Lane sewer project are within projected cost expectations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

COUNCIL COMMENTS – NONE

MAYOR’S COMMENTS –

Mayor Greer said thank you to the staff who helped with and attended the HCMA dinner. The council and staff represent Locust Grove very well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –NONE

ADJOURNMENT-

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

RESULT	ADOPTED
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILWOMAN MCCORNELL
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN-FAVOR MEETING ADJOURNED 7:55PM.

Notes taken by:

Misty Spurling, City Clerk