

**City of Locust Grove
Council Meeting Minutes
Public Safety Building – Courtroom Chamber
3640 Highway 42 S. – Locust Grove, GA 30248
Monday, January 5, 2026
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
Willie Taylor – Councilman	Daunté Gibbs – Community Development Director
E. Olivia McCornell – Councilwoman	Jack Rose – Public Works Director
Rod Shearouse – Councilman	Derrick Austin - Police Chief
Sherrin Henderson Duncan – Councilwoman	Andy Welch – Attorney

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

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH –

Judge Patten administered oath to Councilman Willie Taylor and Councilwoman Sherrin Henderson Duncan. Judge Knights, Jr. administered oath to Councilman Lester Clark.

Invocation given by Marcus Taylor.

Councilwoman McCornell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Greer asked for a motion to recess. At 6:14pm, Councilman Shearouse made the motion, and Councilman Breedlove seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Recess period from 6:14 until 6:35 for pictures and greetings for the new and returning council members.

At 6:35, Mayor Greer asked for a motion to return to regular session. Councilman Clark made the motion and seconded by Councilman Breedlove. All in favor and motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS –

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES –

1. DECEMBER 1, 2025- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilwoman McCornell made the motion to approve the December 1, 2025, regular meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED DECEMBER 1, 2025, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILWOMAN MCCORNELL
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

2. DECEMBER 1, 2025- EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to approve the December 1, 2025, executive session meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED DECEMBER 1, 2025, EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

3. DECEMBER 8, 2025- SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilwoman McCornell made the motion to approve the December 8, 2025, special called meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED DECEMBER 8, 2025, SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILWOMAN MCCORNELL
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

4. DECEMBER 15, 2025 - WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to approve the December 15, 2025, workshop meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED DECEMBER 15, 2025, WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

5. DECEMBER 15, 2025- EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the December 15, 2025, executive session meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED DECEMBER 15, 2025, EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILWOMAN MCCORNELL
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT –

N/A – FISCAL YEAR END CLOSEOUT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

- 6. Resolution approving architectural plans for the Henry County Government Satellite Tag office located at 629 Tanger Blvd. –**

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution **#26-01-001.**

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #26-01-001
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

- 7. Resolution approving architectural plans for the Whataburger located at 4518 Highway 42 -**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilwoman McCornell made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution **#26-01-002.**

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #26-01-002
MADE MOTION	COUNCILWOMAN MCCORNELL
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

Motion to go into executive session to discuss litigation and personnel matters by Councilman Breedlove and seconded by Councilman Shearouse. Motion Carried All in favor 6:39 PM.

At 7:15 PM, motion to come back into regular session made by Councilman Breedlove and seconded by Councilwoman McCornell.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS –

- 8. Ordinance for appointment of offices of the City of Locust Grove for 2026 -**

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance # **26-01-003 [Chris (Rudy Breedlove)]**

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #26-01-003
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILWOMAN MCCORNELL
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – FIVE IN FAVOR (SHEAROUSE, CLARK, MCCORNELL, TAYLOR, DUNCAN) AND ONE ABSTAINED (BREEDLOVE)

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance # **26-01-004 [Andrew J. Welch, III and the law firm of Smith Welch Webb & White]**

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #26-01-004
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Clark made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance # **26-01-005 [City Manager, Tim Young]**

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #26-01-005
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance # **26-01-006 [Assistant City Manager, Bert Foster]**

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #26-01-006
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance # **26-01-007 [City Clerk, Misty Spurling]**

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #26-01-007
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Clark made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance # **26-01-008 [Assistant City Clerk, Tracey Sullivan]**

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #26-01-008
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilwoman McCornell made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance # **26-01-009 [Police Chief, Derrick Austin]**

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #26-01-009
MADE MOTION	COUNCILWOMAN MCCORNELL

2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Clark made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance # **26-01-010 [Captain, Brandon Morris]**.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #26-01-010
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilwoman McCornell made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance # **26-01-011 [Community Development Director, Daunté Gibbs]**

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #26-01-011
MADE MOTION	COUNCILWOMAN MCCORNELL
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance # **26-01-012 [Public Works Director, Jack Rose]**

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #26-01-012 – WITH CONDITION PER ORDINANCE
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

Attorney Welch mentioned that this was with the language noted on the appointment ordinance.

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Clark made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance # **26-01-013 [City Engineer, G. Ben Turnipseed Engineers]**

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #26-01-013
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Clark made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance # **26-01-014 [Judge, Donald Patten]**

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #26-01-014
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Clark made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance # **26-01-015 [Judge Pro Tem, ShaLanda J. William]**

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #26-01-015
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance # **26-01-016 [Judge Pro Tem, Jordan VanMatre]**

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #26-01-016
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Clark made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance # **26-01-017 [Court Solicitor, the law firm of Smith, Welch, Webb, & White]**

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #26-01-017
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILWOMAN MCCORNELL
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Clark made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance # **26-01-018 [Court Appointed Attorney, Natalie Fears Sundeen]**

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #26-01-018
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance # **26-01-019 [Election Supervisor, Henry County Elections Board (by SDS)]**

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #26-01-019
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Clark made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance # **26-01-020 [Police Chaplain, Kenny Heath]**

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #26-01-020
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MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

9. Budget amendment for SBITA reclassification to debt service –

Tim stepped forward to comment. This is a new standard for governmental accounting for software agreements (GASB 96). These amendments are for FY 2024 audit for \$332,000 principal payments to SBITA’s and crediting software expenses.

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution # **26-01-0021**.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #24-01-021
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

10. Ordinance to authorize the issuance of a request for construction bids for the Grove Road streambank restoration project –

Councilman Taylor read a letter of recusal recusing himself from all discussion, deliberation, or action for this item due to a conflict of interest. Councilman Taylor exited the meeting. Andy clarified for the council that this is formality to retain integrity of the process.

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance # **26-01-022**.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #26-01-022
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Taylor returned to the meeting.

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –

Tim said Happy New Year to everyone and said we are working on goals and objectives to present at the next workshop meeting. We are working on Youth Council + Government 101 and will need information on the advisory board. Further, we are planning to have a council retreat in late February or early March. The audit is complete and will be presented at the workshop meeting. The city’s net position increased by \$26 million and short-term cash position changed to 51.9 percent, which shows the need for property tax to help maintain our cash reserve.

COUNCIL COMMENTS –

MAYOR’S COMMENTS –

The mayor congratulated Councilwoman Duncan as [newly elected] and to Councilman Taylor and Councilman Clark [incumbents]. We have expectations and we are holding staff and [mayor and council] accountable for this community. Sometimes people assume that because we are elected officials we do what

we want; but assured [the public] that is not the case and said it takes public response and participation. Mayor Greer acknowledged elected officials that are present tonight.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NONE

ADJOURNMENT –

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

RESULT	APPROVED – ADJOURN MEETING
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED MEETING ADJOURNED @ 7:36 PM.

Notes taken by:

Misty Spurling
City Clerk