

**City of Locust Grove
Council Meeting Minutes
Public Safety Building – Courtroom Chamber
3640 Highway 42 S. – Locust Grove, GA 30248
Monday, April 6, 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
Rod Shearouse – Councilman	Daunté Gibbs – Community Development Director
E. Olivia McCornell – Councilwoman	Casey Tapley – Public Works Manager
Sherrin Henderson Duncan – Councilwoman	Derrick Austin - Police Chief
Willie Taylor – Councilman	Andy Welch - Attorney

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

Invocation given by City Manager Tim Young

Councilwoman Duncan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 CLARK
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

- **Introduction of new employee Ambrisha James** –

Daunté asked Ms. James to come forward. Ambrisha has joined Community Development as the new Planner and staff are happy to have her on the team. The mayor and council welcomed Ambrisha to Locust Grove.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS – NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES –

1. **MARCH 2, 2026 – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES** –

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the March 2, 2026, regular meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED MARCH 2, 2026, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

2. MARCH 2, 2026 – EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilwoman Duncan made the motion to approve the March 2, 2026, executive session meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED MARCH 2, 2026, EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILWOMAN DUNCAN
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

3. MARCH 16, 2026 – WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to approve the March 16, 2026, workshop meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED MARCH 16, 2026, WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT –

4. FEBRUARY 2026 – Financial Statement –

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the February 2026 financial statement.

RESULT	APPROVED FEBRUARY 2026 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILWOMAN MCCORNELL
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

5. Ordinance for a variance to allow a 50% reduction of the front and rear yard setbacks on 0.835 +/- acres located on Jackson Street (Tax ID – L08-04001000) from R-2 (single-family residential) for the purpose of a residential development –

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to *deny* the request by denying ordinance #**26-04-034**.

RESULT	DENIED ORDINANCE #26-04-034
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – FIVE IN FAVOR (CLARK, DUNCAN, MCCORNELL, SHEAROUSE, BREEDLOVE) AND ONE OPPOSED (TAYLOR)

6. Ordinance to adopt a moratorium on accepting rezoning applications and development permit applications for industrial, commercial, multi-family developments, and subdivisions exceeding three lots for a period of 180 days -

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #26-04-035.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #26-04-035
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

7. Ordinance to authorize the acceptance of a sanitary sewer lift station in Havenwood Grove development on Indian Creek Road -

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilwoman McCornell made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #26-04-036.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #26-04-036
MADE MOTION	COUNCILWOMAN MCCORNELL
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

8. Ordinance to authorize the execution of the agreement with Whitley Engineering, Inc. for professional engineering services associated with the Peeksville Connector –

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Clark made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #26-04-037.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #26-04-037
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILWOMAN DUNCAN
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

9. Ordinance to approve a final plat for Bunn Farms, Phase 4 –

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #26-04-038.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #26-04-038
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILWOMAN MCCORNELL
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

10. Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances for the purpose of establishing an “Adopt-A-Road Program” –

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilwoman McCornell made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #26-04-039.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #26-04-039
MADE MOTION	COUNCILWOMAN MCCORNELL
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

11. Ordinance to review the revised agreement with Waste Management –

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #26-04-040.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #26-04-040
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

12. Ordinance to amend certain water/sewer fees –

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #26-04-041.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #26-04-041
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

Tim said Andy reviewed and added additional language for each section and Tim reviewed. Andy confirmed the verbiage.

13. Resolution for Capital Lease with United Bank –

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #26-04-042.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #26-04-042
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

Andy said the state law requires language be added about the term of lease for multi-year leases.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – NONE

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –

City Manager Tim Young stepped forward to comment. Tim said the retreat went well at Halcyon, Alpharetta and reminded everyone of Tracey’s last day after 24 years with the city will be April 9, 2026. The public safety building renaming ceremony will be at 6:00 pm on April 16, 2026. Further, Tim said the henry county population as of 2025 is 264,922 which increased by 1.9 percent from 2024. The new estimates for the cities will be released in May 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Ms. Lula Bailey, 2152 Theberton Trail, stepped forward to comment. Ms. Bailey said her concern is the speeding violations along Tanger Blvd and Hwy 42 to MLK. There are no speed limit signs posted in the area and people are speeding as if they are on the interstate. The mayor thanked Ms. Bailey for bringing her concerns forward. Captain Morris stepped forward and said he would assign traffic officers to that area to observe. Tim said she came by to request signs and said we will order signs to pinpoint in the vicinity of Lear Way and other areas.

Keith Boone, resident on Jackson Street, stepped forward to comment. Mr. Boone thanked the mayor and council for their decision on the variance request. Mr. Boone also made a comment he would like to see another [location] alternative for Post 516 to have their event instead of allowing the use of the front lawn. The mayor said hopefully the solution that has been agreed on will work and help them as well.

COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilwoman Duncan asked to revisit the discussion about the car/bike show event.

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilwoman McCornell made the motion to lift the tabled item from *March 16, 2026, workshop meeting.*

RESULT	APPROVED LIFT FROM TABLE
MADE MOTION	COUNCILWOMAN MCCORNELL
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – FIVE IN FAVOR (TAYLOR, MCCORNELL, DUNCAN, SHEAROUSE, BREEDLOVE) AND ONE OPPOSED (CLARK)

Andy said the current ordinance says you must be a city sponsor to use the front lawn. Andy said he hasn't drafted the ordinance yet; however, is requesting the council to consider and accept the application for a city sponsored event [for the front lawn only] for the car show [city directed and administered] if Post 516 agrees. The city is allowed to make donations to 501 (c)(3) events.

Mayor Greer asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to approve a city sponsored special event in conjunction with Post 516 on May 2, 2026.

RESULT	APPROVED SPECIAL EVENT
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

MAYOR'S COMMENTS –

Mayor Greer said we have had a lot of things going on recently. Thank you to Tim and Andy for the recent meetings with the county and sister cities. Our city officials are doing a great job with communication and details as we approach SDS negotiations. Thank you to the council, staff, and public for all you do.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LITIGATION

Motion to go into executive session to discuss litigation matters by Councilman Breedlove and seconded by Councilman Clark. Motion Carried All in favor 6:33 PM.

At 7:01 PM, motion to come back into regular session made by Councilman Clark and seconded by Councilman Taylor.

ADJOURNMENT –

Mayor Greer asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman McCornell made the motion to adjourn.

RESULT	APPROVED – ADJOURN MEETING
MADE MOTION	COUNCILWOMAN MCCORNELL
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN CLARK
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED MEETING ADJOURNED 7:01 PM.

Notes taken by:

Misty Spurling, City Clerk