

Date: November 4, 2010

Meeting of: Locust City Council

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Locust City Hall

Members Present: Scott Efird, David Walker, Larry Baucom, Wilson Barbee, Joe Bishop, J.C. Burris, Michael Hinson, and Joel Huneycutt.

Members Absent: None

Order: Mayor Efird called the Public Hearing to discuss Delinquent Sewer Bill Ordinance, Revocation of the Watershed and Drainage Ordinance, Speed Limit change in Town Center, and the Development Agreement with Locust Investments of Monroe, LLC for Whispering Hills at 7:30pm

Public Hearing to discuss the Delinquent Sewer Bill Ordinance

No one spoke for or against

Public Hearing to discuss repealing of the Watershed and Drainage Ordinance

No one spoke for or against

Public Hearing to discuss the Speed Limit change in Town Center

No one spoke for or against

Public Hearing to discuss Development Agreement with Locust Investments of Monroe, LLC for Whispering Hills

No one spoke for or against

Public Hearing ended at 7:31 pm

Order: Mayor Efird called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm

Pledge: Mayor Efird

Prayer: Mayor Efird

M/S/A Council Members Michael Hinson and Joel Huneycutt **(7-0)**
Motion to adopt agenda as amended

M/S/A Council Members Wilson Barbee and David Walker **(7-0)**
Motion to adopt the minutes from October 7, 2010

Financial Report

- **Michael Rupp informed the board that the sales and property taxes we received were higher than anticipated. No expenditures over budget so far. Overall the status of the finances is favorable.**

Mayor's Report

- **Thanksgiving is in three weeks. Stay informed about community and local holiday events**
- **Mayor Efirm asks that everyone keep Rodney Little in their thoughts and prayers**
- **Wilson recommends council write a letter to Bobby Harold Barbee thanking him for all he has done for the City. Mayor supports this request.**

M/S/A Council Members David Walker and Michael Hinson. (7-0)

Motion to approve the following purchase orders:

Graphical Creations – Decals for trailer jet - \$375.00

Galls – Rechargeable flashlights - \$159.99 x 2 = \$319.98

AD Star – Windscreens for ball fields - \$1,477.83

Computer Software Innovations – Utility Bills, postcard style, 23,100 - \$1,531.26

Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, LLC – Actuarial Valuation of Health Care Plan (OPEB) - \$2,588.00

M/S/A Council Members Michael Hinson and Larry Baucom (7-0)

Motion to approve budget amendments transfer funds from the General Fund Reserve to the Economic Development Fund

James informed City Council that the Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday November 27th, 2010 at 3:00 pm. The same route as last year will be used. Vendors and festivities will be held in Town Center after. City Council members have a reserved spot on the float. Council member Wilson Barbee would like the City to reach out to the press more to advertise this event

Parks

Councilman Burris has no report this month

M/S/A Council Members Larry Baucom and David Walker (7-0)

Motion to approve the adoption of the Delinquent Sewer Bill Ordinance

Council member Baucom explained that this Ordinance will allow the City to garnish the wages of those with delinquent sewer bills. Stanfield and New London are also considering using this policy.

M/S/A Council Members Joe Bishop and Wilson Barbee (7-0)

Motion to repeal the Watershed and Drainage Ordinance.

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Motion to approve the Development Agreement with Locust Investments of Monroe, LLC for Whispering Hills as amended.

M/S/A Council Members David Walker and Joe Bishop (7-0)

Motion to approve the Governor's Highway Safety Program Local Governmental Resolution

M/S/A Council Members David Walker and Larry Baucom (7-0)

Motion to approve the change in speed limit for the developed areas of Town Center to 15 miles per hour with posted speed limit signs. Undeveloped property on Market Street to remain at 25 mph.

Public Safety

Council Member David Walker reviewed Monthly summary report. It was also announced that the Police Department offers home checks as a service to City residents when they are out of town.

Facilities and Economic Development

Council member Joel Huneycutt updated the board on the current projects and businesses opening in the City. There was no new construction permitted in October for residential or commercial property. Andy's Burgers is working diligently on the interior and hopes to be open before the end of the year. Rock Store BBQ plans to open the first of December. The Barbershop in Town Center also plans to open before the end of this year. Murphy has opened and brought lower gas prices to the area. City Staff is working to bring the Charlotte Symphony to Locust for a spring concert in 2012.

Councilman Barbee updated the Council and community on Senior Services. The group is working on the grant application and funding. James informed those in attendance that an architect and engineer have volunteered their services and time to develop the plans for a building.

Mayor Efird called for a 5 minute recess at 7:58pm

Mayor Efird called the City Council Meeting back to order at 8:03pm

**M/S/A Council Members Wilson Barbee and David Walker (7-0)
Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:03pm**

City Council reconvened from Executive Session and returned to regularly scheduled meeting at 8:49pm

Mayor Efird asked for board comment, council members thanked staff for the work they have done. Mayor wishes all a Happy Thanksgiving, we have lots to be thankful for. Please remember Rodney Little who has passed tonight.

Next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting is December 9, 2010 at 7:30pm.

Public Comment: No one signed up to speak.

**M/S/A Council Members Wilson Barbee and David Walker (7-0)
Motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm**

Mayor Scott Efird

**Lora L Flieger, City Clerk
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