

Regular meeting, City Council, Walnut Grove Municipal Center, 1021 Park Street, Thursday, April 11, 2013, 7:00 P.M.

Council present: Wayne Dimsdale
Kevin Shultz
Jerry Smith
Carol Witcher

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lee who then gave the Invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by those present.

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

Jerry Smith made the motion, second by Wayne Dimsdale to approve the agenda as presented and published.

Opportunity for further discussion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. MINUTES APPROVAL: MARCH 14, 2013 COUNCIL MEETING

Jerry Smith made the motion, second by Wayne Dimsdale to approve the minutes as presented and published.

Opportunity for further discussion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

VII. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Scott Mosley noted the park road has been repaired and requested the need for 2 to 3 speed humps at a cost of \$200-\$230 each.

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was given by the City Clerk on all city accounts.

Jerry Smith made the motion, second by Wayne Dimsdale to approve the financial report as given and published.

Opportunity for further discussion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

IX. CLERK'S REPORT

The activity report on all business license, citations, other permits and park reservations issued in March was given by the City Clerk.

X. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Lee related his appreciation for all present. The sewer is coming along and will begin in spring/mid summer which is on target and will apply on Tuesday with EPD, should have permit in hand shortly to begin work on the sewer.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. PROCLAMATION: COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS DAY IN CITY OF WALNUT GROVE

The Proclamation was read by Mayor Lee and presented to Ms. Yarman. Ms. Yarman expressed her appreciation to the City for their support.

B. RATIFY DUMP TRUCK REPAIR \$488.40

Wayne Dimsdale made the motion, second by Jerry Smith for the ratification of dump truck repairs of \$488.40.

Opportunity for further discussion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

C. INVOICE PAYMENT: LAMBERT, REITMAN & ABNEY, LLC

Legal fees 2/20/13 – 2/28/13 \$ 290.64

Wayne Dimsdale made the motion, second by Kevin Shultz to approve the invoice payment to Lambert, Reitman & Abney for legal fees in the amount of \$290.64.

Opportunity for further discussion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

D. RECOMMENDATION – BALL FIELD USE FEE

Mayor Lee recommended a charge of \$10 per practice time to begin January 1, 2014.

Jerry Smith made the motion, second by Wayne Dimsdale to approve the recommended \$10 per practice time to begin January 1, 2014.

Opportunity for further discussion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

E. RESOLUTION #13-002: AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 12-02 UPDATE WALNUT GROVE ALCOHOL REGULATIONS

Joe Reitman, City Attorney, explained this is to include Easter & Christmas Day to the Ordinance.

Jerry Smith made the motion, second by Wayne Dimsdale to adopt Resolution #13-002 Amendment to Ordinance 12-02 Update Walnut Grove Alcohol Regulations.

Opportunity for further discussion. All in favor. Motion Carried..

F. 2013 LMIG STREET REPAIR BIDS

Back in December he and Todd Parker of Precision Planning, looked at city streets to determine if the city will apply for this, explained Mayor Lee. The funds are determined by road miles.

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The two (2) streets submitted were Magnolia Springs and Crystal Court. The City has received \$10,932.60 from DOT for the repairs with a 30% match from the City plus additional local funds of \$787.62 that being the total of \$15,000. There were two (2) bids received: Sims Paving \$18,330 and Key Curbing \$22,702.

Mr. Parker went over and outlined each project. He explained the bid for Crystal Court covered only partial repairs of the street.

Jerry Smith made the motion, second by Wayne Dimsdale to approve the bid of Sims Paving \$18,330.

Opportunity for further discussion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

G. RECOMMENDATION: STREETS FOR 2014 LMIG PROGRAM

After discussion by Council and Mr. Parker, it was in conscientious to submit Crystal Court project completion for the 2014 program.

Wayne Dimsdale made the motion, second by Jerry Smith to submit Crystal Court for the 2014 LMIG Program.

Opportunity for further discussion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

XII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. TRACTOR PURCHASE

Mayor Lee related maybe could get one for about \$15,000.

The type of tractor needed and if could get one from the DOT was discussed along with this being included in the FY 2013/2014 budget.

B. LIBRARY FUNDING

This was discussed at the work session held in March explained Mayor Lee.

The amount of the funding and what the contract says was asked and answered with \$60,000 per year and do not have a contract.

Mr. Reitman inquired if the County and schools have contract with Mayor Lee relating the county has a contract.

Also, the citizens are paying for this commented Mr. Reitman.

Mr. Dimsdale noted this was understood this would be a one (1) time amount.

The holding up of future payments was discussed.

With no obligation and without contract Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 36-30-3 states one council may not bind succeeding councils, explained Mr. Reitman and are already paying with county taxes.

C. CAR SHOW/FESTIVAL

Mayor Lee related he had been approached for the City to have more City functions. Some functions were discussed by Council.

D. 2012/2014 BUDGET

The City Clerk went over some of the items on the upcoming budget and asked Council for input if they would like something included.

Mayor Lee brought forward the information on the Walnut Grove Elementary School Walk-a-thon 2013 for Friday, May 3. They are asking for sponsorship which will include t-shirts with the city logo. The sponsorship is \$50 and \$100.

The Council decided to go with the \$100 sponsorship.

Also, Mayor Lee mentions the Lions Club Dedication of Trees at 7 P.M. on April 19th at the Library.

XIII. COUNCIL'S COMMENTS

Carol Witcher stated she is proud of the City and citizens as they do good things for the schools and students. Also, she appreciates the Mayor and Council.

Kevin Shultz concurs with Ms. Witcher .

Wayne Dimsdale also agrees with Ms. Witcher and have a great school system and hope the new people continue our success.

Jerry Smith agrees with all and understands the book signing went well.

Mayor Lee related as Mayor he appreciates Council's support and working together.

XIV. ADJOURN

Jerry Smith made the motion, second by Wayne Dimsdale to adjourn.

All in favor.

Motion Carried.

This to attest the information contained in these minutes are true.

This 9th day of **May, 2013**.

Mayor Lamar Lee

City Clerk Laura M. Henderson

