

Regular meeting, City Council, Walnut Grove Municipal Center, 1021 Park Street, Thursday, February 14, 2013, 7:00 P.M.

Council present: Wayne Dimsdale  
Kevin Shultz  
Jerry Smith  
Carol Witcher

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lee.  
Mr. Joe Reitman gave the invocation.

### III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Representatives from Corndawgs addressed the Council about the upcoming events and asked the Council to consider, at certain events, allowing them to serve alcohol at some of the events. The alcohol issue was discussed along with the security, some of the funds going to charity, they have all facilities for a restaurant and they want to keep Corndawgs family oriented.

Joe Reitman, City Attorney, related some of the restrictions on alcohol is state law provisions and there is a long list of requirements. He and the Mayor will talk on Friday.

The parking, the percentages of funds that goes to charities, number of acres along with handling of traffic was also discussed.

### V. MINUTES APPROVAL: JANUARY 10, 2013 COUNCIL MEETING

Jerry Smith made the motion, second by Kevin Shultz to approve the minutes as published.  
Opportunity for further discussion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

### VI. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Scott Mosley mentioned the park road collapse and the tractor has a hydraulic issue. A hydraulic pump cost is in the \$400 range, but he is not certain this is the problem. The needed tractor repairs will cost about \$400-\$500.

### VII. MARSHAL'S REPORT

Holly Smith reported he had written two (2) citations, nine (9) verbal warnings and four (4) written warnings.

The explanation of the different warning was discussed.

### VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT

The City Clerk gave the financial report on all city accounts.

### IX. CLERK'S REPORT

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

X. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Lee brought to council attention he had a meeting with Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning on the sewer project who provided sketches which is on the easel for everyone to view. They were also to meet with Jon Dial, but who was out of town, on the right-of-way easements. All information will be sent into the State when completed.

XI. PUBLIC HEARING

A. FIVE YEAR SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM (STWP) – DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Mayor Lee called the public hearing to order and explained this has to be done every 5 years and is mandated by the state.

There was no comments on the work program and Mayor Lee declared the public hearing closed.

B. ADOPTION: RESOLUTION #13-001 FIVE YEAR SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM

Carol Witcher made the motion, second by Kevin Shultz for the adoption of Resolution #13-001 Five Year Short Term Work Program.

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

XII. NEW BUSINESS

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

*Legal fees 1/07/13 – 1/17-13 \$271.26*

Jerry Smith made the motion, second by Wayne Dimsdale to approve the invoice payment to Lambert, Reitman & Abney in the amount of \$271.26.

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

B. GEORGIA INTERLOCAL RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY INSURANCE COVERAGE WALNUT GROVE LIBRARY \$952.00

Wayne Dimsdale made the motion, second by Kevin Shultz for approve the Walnut Grove Library insurance coverage through Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency.

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

C. WALNUT GROVE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS SPONSORSHIP T-Shirts (8 dozen) exclusive with City of Walnut Grove logo \$895

Mayor Lee stated this has been done for several years.

Wayne Dimsdale made the motion, second by Jerry Smith to approve Walnut Grove High School Cheerleaders Sponsorship with a purchase of 8 dozen T-Shirts for \$895.

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

**D. WALNUT GROVE MUNICIPAL COURT SOLICITOR APPOINTMENT**

Ann Bernstein was recommended by Mayor Lee for court solicitors.

Wayne Dimsdale made the motion, second by Jerry Smith to approve Ann Bernstein as the municipal court solicitor.

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

**E. RECOMMENDED BUDGET WORKSHOP DATES**

The City Clerk recommended the next two (2) council meetings, which will be March 14<sup>th</sup> and April 11<sup>th</sup> as the budget has to be presented to council the first meeting in May.

Mayor Lee explained will be receiving a letter on the SPLOST and the funds will be deposited and requisitioned from AFB&T.

Carol Witcher described the Arbor Day event which will be held on February 18 at 2 P.M. at city hall.. There will be a planting of three (3) dogwood trees on the city hall lawn and Walton Tribune will be present.

**XIII. DISCUSSION ITEM**

**A. WALNUT GROVE SHOPETTE LICENSE VIOLATION**

The violation was described by the City Clerk as beer and wine was available after 12 midnight December 31, 2012 when license had expired. Lights advertising the products were on also.

The fees and license suspension, the failure to appear in court to address the citation charge was discussed along with the already issuance of all license to Walnut Grove Shopette.

Mr. Reitman suggested to let the court handle the citation and failure to appear.

**XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. PERSONNEL**

7:49 P.M.

Jerry Smith made the motion, second by Wayne Dimsdale to go into Executive Session after a brief recess.

All in favor. Motion Carried.

The council reconvened from Executive Session at 8:38 P.M.

**XV. COUNCIL'S COMMENTS**

Jerry Smith noted he can be at the March 23 work session.

Kevin Shultz related he cannot make it on the 23<sup>rd</sup> but can on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

All agreed upon March 16<sup>th</sup> for the council work session.

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**XVI. ADJOURN**

Jerry Smith made the motion, second by Kevin Shultz to adjourn.

All in favor.

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

This **14<sup>th</sup>** day of **March, 2013**.

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Mayor Lamar Lee

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City Clerk Laura Henderson