

Regular meeting, City Council, Walnut Grove Municipal Center, 1021 Park Street, Thursday, November 14, 2013

Council present: Wayne Dimsdale  
Jerry Smith  
Carol Witcher  
Council absent: Kevin Shultz

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order

## II. INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Mr. Joe Reitman.

## III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

## III. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Lee requested to delete Item XIII "Executive Session" and add under New Business, Item G. "Personnel".

Jerry Smith made the motion, with a second by Wayne Dimsdale to approve the agenda with the deletion and addition.

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

## V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

## VI. MINUTES APPROVAL: OCTOBER 10, 2013 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Jerry Smith made the motion, with a second by Wayne Dimsdale to approve the minutes of October 10, 2013 city council meeting as presented and published.

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

## VII. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Scott Mosley gave update on the light installation on the tree for the Christmas Tree Lighting on November 30, 2013. He was about the bucket truck repairs which are finished.

## VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Jerry Smith made the motion, second by Wayne Dimsdale to approve the Financial Report.

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

## IX. CLERK'S REPORT

All citations, other permits, business license, and park reservations issued in October was given by the City Clerk.

X. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Lee related (1) water sewer board meeting was held and the name of that board is now Walnut Grove Sewer Service District, not Water Reclamation Board. The Officers elected are Mayor Lamar Lee, Chairman, Timmy Shelnut Vice Chair and Maxine McClanahan, Secretary. The Board has an application, which has not been completed, requesting a loan from GEFA for \$1.9 million at .062%. (2) He will be out of pocket for a few days next week due to minor surgery next Monday,

Mr. Reitman gave an update on Mr. Jim Burgess who is recovering from surgery due to an aneurysm.

The Council was informed by Mayor Lee, Ms. Henderson, City Clerk, will be retiring at the end of this year.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

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

*Legal fees (2 mos.) 9/24/13 – 10/10-13 \$271.25 and 10/10-13 – 10/22/13 \$310.00  
Total \$581.26*

Wayne Dimsdale made the motion, second by Jerry Smith to approve the invoice payments to Lambert, Reitman and Abney for a total of \$581.26.

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

B. WALTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE YEARLY RENEWAL \$315

Wayne Dimsdale made the motion, second by Jerry Smith to approve the Chamber of Commerce yearly membership renewal at \$315.00

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

C. WALNUT GROVE HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADER SPONSORSHIP

*Towels \$895*

It was asked by Carol Witcher if this was for one year or just this season with Mayor Lamar Lee answering it was yearly.

Jerry Smith made the motion, second by Wayne Dimsdale to approve the Walnut Grove High School Cheerleader Sponsorship.

Mr. Joe Reitman asked what the City of getting out of this, with Mayor Lamar Lee relating the towels have the City of Walnut Grove logo on them.

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

D. HOLIDAY EXTRA PATROL

The Council had the schedule in their agenda and it is the same as last year which will be December 21-25, 2013 and December 31, 2013-January 1, 2014.

Jerry Smith made the motion, second by Wayne Dimsdale to approve the holiday extra patrol for those days noted.

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

E. RECOMMENDATION: EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY BONUSES

It was explained by the City Clerk this will be same as last year. Full time employees will get one weeks pay and the part time employee hours will be averaged out for the last month.

Jerry Smith made the motion, second by Wayne Dimsdale to approve the employee holiday bonuses as outlined.

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

F. ATTENDANCE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIAL INSTITUTE  
February 28-March 1, 2014 – Athens

This is a requirement for all newly elected officials.

Jerry Smith made the motion, second by Wayne Dimsdale to approve the attendance for the newly elected official.

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

G. PERSONNEL

Mayor Lamar Lee recommended Deputy Clerk Ariann Stone to replace Ms. Laura Henderson as City Clerk.

Carol Witcher made the motion, second by Jerry Smith to approve the recommendation.

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

XII. COUNCIL'S COMMENTS

Carol Witcher related she had spoken with Santa and he is anxious to be here for the Christmas Tree Lighting event.

Jerry Smith stated he hated to see Ms. Henderson go.

Wayne Dimsdale thanked everyone for their concerns when his step father passed. He asked when a sign denoting the Walton Co. Sheriff's Precinct at the old city hall.

Mayor Lamar Lee explained the county will be soon be installing a sign.

XIII. ADJOURN

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

All in favor. Motion Carried.

Approved by the Mayor and Council this 12<sup>th</sup> day of **December, 2013**

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Mayor Lamar Lee

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City Clerk

