

Regular meeting, City Council, Walnut Grove Municipal Center, 1021 Park Street, Thursday, September 12, 2013., 7:00 P.M.

Council present: Wayne Dimsdale  
Jerry Smith  
Carol Witcher

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order.

## II. INVOCATION

Mr. Jim Burgess gave the Invocation.

## III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

## IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Lee asked to add under New Business "Item E. Adoption: Resolution #13-004 Resolution of Adoption Short Term Work Program

Jerry Smith made the motion, second by Wayne Dimsdale approve the agenda with adding "Adopt Resolution #13-004 Resolution of Adoption Short Term Work Program".

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

At this time Mayor Lee introduced and welcomed Jim Burgess who is sitting in for Joe Reitman, City Attorney.

## V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Carolyn Potts, representing Walnut Grove UMC handed out information and explained the recycling program the church will be conducting and asked the City to join in with the program.

## VI. MINUTES APPROVAL: AUGUST 8, 2013 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Jerry Smith made the motion, second by Wayne Dimsdale to approve the minutes of August 8<sup>th</sup> city council meeting as presented and published.

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

## VII. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Scott Mosley expressed business as usual. He had been asked about landscaping around the rock city hall sign. He suggested something low growing.

## VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT

The City Clerk gave the financial report on all city accounts for the month of August, 2013.

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

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

IX. CLERK'S REPORT

The City Clerk gave the report on all citations, business license, other permits and park reservations issued in August.

X. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Lee reported (a) received approval on Tuesday by Walton County Board of Commissioners of people named to the Water Reclamation Board. They are Wayne Dimsdale, himself and Maxine McClanahan, At Large. Kevin Little, Chairman and Commissioner Timmy Shelnett are from the County. The Board will have to have a meeting as soon as possible to set up Officers so to be able to let bids. (b) Code Red is on line. He introduced Ariann who gave an update on the program. (c) Youth Middle School Pink Out game will be September 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:30. (d) the employee picnic will be Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 P.M. at the park pavilion .

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. INVOICE PAYMENT: LAMBERT, REITMAN & ABNEY, LLC  
*Legal fees 7/192013 – 8/8/2013 \$251.88*

Jerry Smith made the motion, second by Wayne Dimsdale to approve the invoice payment of \$251.88 from Lambert, Reitman & Abney for legal fees.

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

B. WALNUT GROVE HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL WARRIORS SPONSORSHIP

Jerry Smith made the motion, second by Wayne Dimsdale to approve the sponsorship of \$300 for Walnut Grove High School Baseball Warriors.

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

C. WALNUT GROVE HIGH SCHOOL BANNER \$300

This is for football noted Mayor Lee.

Jerry Smith made the motion, second by Wayne Dimsdale to approve the \$300 sponsorship for the Walnut Grove High School football banner.

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

D. WALNUT GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO SPONSORSHIP

Mayor Lee explained they wanted to have a Fall Festival on the parkway, but could not get power, they will hold it at the high school.

Carol Witcher made the motion, second by Jerry Smith to approve \$300 sponsorship for the Walnut Grove Elementary School PTO which will fall in line with the other schools sponsorships.

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

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E. **ADOPTION: RESOLUTIONS #13-04 RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM**

The City Clerk explained this was done every five years and presented to the Northeast Georgia Regional Development Center for review and then to the Department of Community Affairs for approval so the City can retain the Qualified Local Government (QLG) status to be able to qualify for grants.

Jerry Smith made the motion, second by Carol Witcher to adopt Resolution #13-04 Adoption Short Term Work Program with typographical corrections.

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

XII. **COUNCIL'S COMMENTS**

Ms. Witcher related she was very pleased with the most people at the CPR Training. This continues to show community the Council is trying to stay involved.

Jerry Smith apologized for not being at the CPR training but his job had him elsewhere. He expressed his appreciation for Kathy Dimsdale for running for city council. There also will not be an election this year.

Mayor Lee also congratulated Ms. Dimsdale and thanked Mr. Burgess for being at the meeting tonight.

XIII. **ADJOURN**

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

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

This **10<sup>th</sup>** day of **October, 2013**.

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Mayor Lamar Lee

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City Clerk Laura M. Henderson