

City of Walnut Grove City Council Meeting
Thursday, July 10, 2014
7:00 P.M.
Walnut Grove Community Building
1021 Park Street
Loganville, GA

Council Present: Kathy Dimsdale
Wayne Dimsdale
Kevin Shultz
(military duty)
Carol Witcher

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Mayor Lamar Lee at 7:01 P.M.

II. Invocation

Invocation given by Joe Reitman

III. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Agenda Approval

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented was made by Wayne Dimsdale, seconded by Carol Witcher.

All In Favor. Motion Carried

V. Public Comment

None

VI. Approval of Minutes from June 12, 2014 City Council Meeting

Motion made by Wayne Dimsdale and seconded by Carol Witcher to approve the minutes as published.

No further discussion. All In Favor. Motion Carried.

VII. Public Works Report

Director Alan Barton was out of town, no report given.

VIII. Financial Report

The City Clerk provided the June financial report for all accounts.

Wayne Dimsdale made the motion to approve and seconded by Carol Witcher to approve the Financial Report as given and published.

No further discussion. All In Favor. Motion Carried.

IX. Clerk's Report

Walton County Sheriff's Office issued 2 citations and Georgia State Patrol issued 10 citations
18 Ball field Rentals
6 Pavilion Rentals

**** Code Enforcement Report****

Brett Davis with Code Enforcement advised that he has now completed one full month and has handled several complaints ranging from illegal parking, abandoned property, parking on sidewalks, working on vehicles (running a maintenance shop), accumulation of junk, possible dog fighting and excessive height of grass. Several written and verbal warnings were issued. All but 1 has taken care of the situation they were cited for. Also researching the process for condemning property. Attorney Reitman stated he has a form letter on condemning/abandoned property, he will get it to the Clerk.

X. Mayor's Report

Mayor Lee advised that the bucket truck will need to be taken to Gainesville to have the Bucket repaired. The Bucket won't lift-think it is an electrical issue. Sewer Bids were opened today, Jimmy Parker will be conducting the background checks and getting back with the City on the results. There were 11 Bids total.

The roundabout on the Parkway is in progress and looking great.

Will check on Ipads for the council, will let them know options at the next meeting. The current ones are very outdated.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A) Sponsorship of Walnut Grove Touchdown Club Banner – Wayne Dimsdale made motion to support the banner. No second. Motion does not pass for lack of second.

B) RICOH copier proposal – Council reviewed the proposals Included in their notebooks and discussion ensued, Joe Reitman stated that he had just gotten a very good deal for his law firm on a used machine that he outright purchased, might be something to look into instead of leasing. Council agreed that we should investigate the differences between purchases of used machines over leases.

Wayne Dimsdale made motion to table issue until more information can be obtained. Carol Witcher seconded the motion.

No Further Discussion. All In Favor. Motion Carried.

XII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Kathy Dimsdale-no comment

Wayne Dimsdale-glad to have code man, sure he will be kept busy. Very pleased with bids today, interesting to see the price variations, may be possible to come in under budget.

Carol Witcher-glad the City is trying to be money conscious. Thanked Brett for his efforts on keeping the city up to code. Will be a sense of pride when the roundabout is finished.

Mayor Lee-can't comment a lot about the sewer until Jimmy Parker does the background check. Pest control folks came out Monday and said that the shrubs being against the building at City Hall really need to be trimmed off the building or just removed to keep down the bugs and the damage to the house. Question was posed by Carol Witcher if we could possibly sell the bushes to a landscape company. It was determined that due to their size and commonality that no one would be interested.

XII. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Carol Witcher and seconded Wayne Dimsdale.

All In Favor. Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 PM

Approved by the Mayor and Council this _____ day of _____ 2014.

Mayor, Lamar Lee

City Clerk, Ariann S. Stone