

**City of Walnut Grove City Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 12, 2014**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**Walnut Grove Community Building**  
**1021 Park Street**  
**Loganville, GA**

Council Present: Kathy Dimsdale  
Wayne Dimsdale  
(by phone)  
Kevin Shultz  
Carol Witcher

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Lamar Lee at 7:04 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 Kevin Shultz, seconded by Carol Witcher.

All In Favor. Motion Carried

**V. Public Comment**

None

**VI. Approval of Minutes from May 8, 2014 City Council Meeting**

Motion made by Kevin Shultz and seconded by Kathy Dimsdale to approve the minutes as published.

No further discussion. All In Favor. Motion Carried.

**VII. Public Works Report**

Director Alan Barton advised the council that he had not started work on the slave cabin behind City Hall yet, but has added a porch swing to the Park and benches in the play area. Also placed a few new picnic tables that seem to be getting used a lot. Parking lot towards the ball field is now finished. Septic tank at the Park has been pumped out. Issue with drain lines, possibly need more, large pine tree is caving one side of the septic tank wall in and needs to come down. Grass planted on Parkway and Park Street, water leak at school roundabout fixed. Paving sidewalks next week to repair damage from the storms. Also planting tree and bushes at the roundabout on the Parkway. Need a post hole digger for 52 plus holes approximately 3 feet deep. Can purchase a 12 inch auger for around \$150.00 and renting one is \$125.00 a day. Would be a good investment for the city to purchase one and have it for future use. It has also come to the attention of the mayor, that there are no tools at the maintenance shop. All the tools that the city owns are on the white truck. If Alan Barton is gone with the truck, then Alan Clark has to either wait to finish projects or use his personal tools from home. Trying to save the city money, but need tools to work with.

Carol Witcher complimented what has already been done, never had such a comprehensive report. Appreciative of the hard work from both the Alan's. Alan Barton responded with that he has been a resident of Walnut Grove since 1963 and is proud to be from here and wants to see the City go forward, the citizens need a place to enjoy.

**VIII. Financial Report**

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

Kevin Shultz made the motion to approve and seconded by Kathy Dimsdale 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 7 citations and Georgia State Patrol issued 16 citations  
17 Ball field Rentals  
14 Pavilion Rentals

**X. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Lee introduced the new Code Enforcement officer, Brett Davis. Brett came forward and spoke to council, resident of the city, been here about 10 years, child graduated from here. Very excited about working with and for the City. Has looked around at the City with the Mayor and already given verbal warnings for a few issues.

Mayor Lee advised that 11 people have picked up bid packages from Precision Planning and there will be a meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup> to answer any questions and to take a short tour of the proposed site. Bids will be opened on July 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

New pharmacy in town where the old bank used to be on Leone Ave. Also a new restaurant coming where Stevie's used to be in the Papa John's shopping center. Supposed to be a wing place.

The WCSO Precinct is open, the City had a pizza luncheon for both shifts last week. Sheriff Chapman, wants to expand the Precinct to have 10 deputies out of the precinct with a full time secretary that will be able to get reports, background checks, etc.

GMA Convention in Savannah next Saturday, will need to vote on a delegate to vote for the City. Delegate will attend seminars, votes on changes or resolutions with GMA. Mayor Lee asked for volunteers- Kathy Dimsdale nominated Carol Witcher. Carol accepted the nomination.

All In Favor for Carol Witcher to be our voting delegate at the Convention.

XI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A) Budget Approval – Carol Witcher moved to accept the Budget as presented. Kevin Shultz seconded the motion.

No further discussion. All In Favor. Motion Carried.

- B) Estimate from Scarborough Tree \$1250.00 to remove tree at the Pavilion – Kevin Shultz made motion to accept the estimate. Carol Witcher seconded the motion.

No further discussion. All In Favor. Motion Carried.

- C) Roundabout Improvements- Estimate from Alan Barton for the work to be done will be between \$10, 000 and \$12, 000. That includes the flowers, concrete, grass, river rock, posts, etc. Already purchased the willow tree and roses  
Carol Witcher stated that we have two choices regarding the roundabout, ignore it and let it be destroyed or take care of it and let it be what it was supposed to be.  
Condition of the roundabout on Park Street at the high school was also discussed. Not being taken care of, is it a city issue or a school issue? Mayor Lee pointed out that the City did work on that roundabout in preparation for the Indian statue that the school was being given and the statue ended up inside the school instead. Actual responsibility of the area was not determined, but will be discussed at a later time.  
Kevin Shultz made motion to wait until we have a more solid estimate on the cost, material list, etc.  
Carol Witcher questioned the price quote, is the auger included in the estimate? Alan Barton advised that yes, the auger is included in the price, the big variable is the price of the concrete. Price varies greatly. Probably already spend around \$1000.00 on plants and posts.

Kevin Shultz amended his motion to put a \$10,000.00 limit on the costs and see where we are with it.

Kathy Dimsdale seconded the motion to put limit on cost.

No further discussion. All In Favor. Motion Carried.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### Collection Agency for delinquent Sanitation Bills

The City pays regardless of whether or not the citizens pay. We have made efforts to collect past due accounts and have met with minimal results, but citizens seem more willing to attempt to make arrangements. Some make good on those arrangements, others do not.

Should have contact with several different agencies in Savannah at the Convention. Will talk to some and see what they can offer the City.

## **XII. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Carol Witcher-Glad to see folks in attendance. Welcome to Brett Davis. Appreciate all the work that both of the Alan's do for the city. Very productive time in the meeting tonight.

Joe Reitman-no comment

Kathy Dimsdale-no comment

Kevin Shultz-thank you to Alan for work done on the playground and the ball field fence. Welcome to Brett Davis.

Wayne Dimsdale-apology for not being in person, but was unavoidable.  
Proud of what Public Works has accomplished in the city.

Mayor Lee-no comment

**XIII. ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn made by Kevin Shultz and seconded Carol Witcher

All In Favor. Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 7:58 PM

Approved by the Mayor and Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2014.

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Mayor, Lamar Lee

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City Clerk, Ariann S. Stone