

City of Walnut Grove City Council Meeting
Thursday, October 9, 2014
7:00 P.M.
Walnut Grove Community Building
1021 Park Street
Loganville, GA

Council Present: Kathy Dimsdale
Kevin Shultz
Carol Witcher

- I. Call to Order**
Meeting was called to order by Mayor Lamar Lee at 7:13 P.M.

- II. Invocation**
Invocation was given by Joe Reitman.

- III. Pledge of Allegiance**

- IV. Motion to Change Agenda**
Joe Reitman requested that the agenda be changed to open public hearing for zoning and annexation of Carter's One Stop after Minutes Approval. The motion was made by Kathy Dimsdale to approve the agenda change and was seconded by Carol Witcher. There was no further discussion. All were in Favor. The motion was carried.

- V. Public Comment**
Mayor Lee asked for public comments. There were no comments from those in attendance.

- VI. Approval of Minutes from September 17, 2014 City Council Meeting**
A motion was made by Kathy Dimsdale and seconded by Carol Witcher to approve the minutes as published. There was no further discussion. All were in Favor. The motion was carried.

- VII. Rezoning and Annexation Public Hearing, Carter's One Stop
4895 Old Highway 138, Loganville, GA**
Refer to attached minutes.

VIII. Public Works Report

Alan Barton delivered the public works report and mentioned street work on Habersham Circle and other places in the city to repair sinkholes and culverts.

IX. Financial Report

The Deputy City Clerk provided the September financial report for all accounts. Carol Witcher made the motion to approve the financial report as given and published. The motion was seconded by Kathy Dimsdale. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

X. Clerk's Report

The Deputy City Clerk presented the clerk's report as follows:
The City issued no new business licenses.
The ball field was rented 17 times.
The pavilion was rented on 6 occasions.
There were no permits issued.
Walton Co Sheriff's Office issued 42 citations.
Georgia State Patrol issued 10 citations.

XI. Code Enforcement Report

Brett Davis reported that he had been working on getting owners of vacant properties to clean up. He wrote 6 violation notices and issued 12 verbal warnings. Every subdivision has some problems that range from bush hogging grass that is too high to debris that needed to be removed.

XII. Mayor's Report

Mayor Lee advised Council that B&J Liquor had been sold to The Grove Wine and Spirits. The owners will transfer inventory to The Grove location and the store will be closed by the end of the year.
The new pharmacy held its ribbon today and will be changing the name to Walnut Grove Pharmacy.
Public Works changed the door to City Hall to allow employees to see who is coming in the door for safety reasons.
The public Christmas Tree Lighting is set for November 29 from 6-8 PM.
Mayor Lee recognized former councilman, Jerry Smith, as an attendee at the meeting and invited him to come again.

XIII. New Business

(A) Sponsorship of WGHS Cheerleaders \$895 for towels

Carol Witcher opposed the \$895.00 purchase of towels. She believes that the money would be better used in the classroom. She is opposed to always supporting athletic programs and not academics. Kevin Shultz made a motion to table to the next council meeting in order to get

more information from the school as to what the money is used for and why there was an increase in the amount requested from last year. Carol Witcher seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

(B) Tree Removal on Habersham Circle \$700 to cut tree down and \$1050 for total clean up

Kathy Dimsdale asked if this was a reasonable price. Alan Barton explained that it was as this was an extensive process. The tree is very large and would need to be cut from the top down, piece by piece to avoid dropping power lines. Kevin Shultz made the motion to accept the \$1050 bid by Scarborough Tree. The motion was seconded by Kathy Dimsdale. All were in favor. The motion carried.

(C) WGES Fall Festival Donation: 3 Levels (Bronze \$100/Silver \$200/Gold \$300)

Kathy Dimsdale asked the question about how the money raised at the festival would be used. Kevin Shultz explained that it was to be used for new playground equipment, a trophy case and some other school equipment. Carol Witcher suggested the city donate silver level. Kevin Shultz made a motion that the \$300 gold level be donated as that is what the city had previously donated. Kathy Dimsdale seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

(D) Approval of Corrective Documents for Library

Joe Reitman explained that there was confusion in processing the library loan that made the library collateral for the loan. The original intent was for everything but the library in the agreement. Paperwork was drawn to correct this error and needed to be signed by Mayor Lee, the City Clerk and Council. A motion was made to correct the paperwork by Carol Witcher. The motion was seconded by Kevin Shultz. No further discussion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

XIV. Discussion Item

Mayor Lee mentioned to Council that the city is looking at securing City Hall to provide better protection to the City Clerk and Deputy Clerk. Alan Barton explained that the City would be putting up partitions and walls in the main area with a window to address the public. As it is now, if someone came in to rob the office, neither employee would have an escape route. Mayor Lee said that he would like this addressed sooner rather than later. Kevin Shultz expressed a desire to include video surveillance in the improvements. The Mayor said that Alan will draw up something to enclose and secure the area and Council members are welcome to bring to him any ideas they may have.

XV. Council Comments

Kathy Dimsdale apologized for being late to the meeting and thanked everyone in attendance for being there.

Kevin Shultz thanked Jerry for attending the meeting as well as the other two citizens. He said that it was important to have the citizens tell council what they are concerned about and to take an interest in the city.

Carol Witcher explained to the attendees that as civil servants, the council is to be held accountable by those in the community to ensure that the council acts wisely

in how they represent the city and that there are no personal agendas and she believes that is the case with the present council. They are acting in the best interest of the city. In answer to questions that have been received regarding the round-about in front of the high school, Ms. Witcher reminded all that the council did everything that was promised by the city there. The school, however, did not put follow through with the carved Indian there as they was supposed to be set in the area. That matter is a school issue and not one for the council.

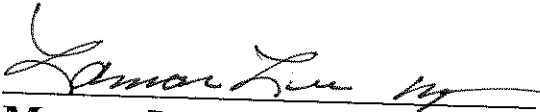
XVI. Adjourn

Motion made by Kathy Dimsdale to adjourn the meeting.

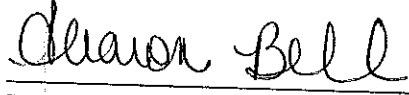
Seconded by Kevin Shultz.

All in Favor. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Approved by the Mayor and Council this 13 day of November 2014.



Mayor, Lamar Lee



Deputy City Clerk, Sharon Bell

**City of Walnut Grove City Council Meeting
Rezoning and Annexation – Carter’s One Stop
Thursday, October 9, 2014
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1021 Park Street
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Mayor Lee called the meeting to order with the following Members present:
Kathy Dimsdale, Kevin Shultz and Carol Witcher

Also present were City Attorney Reitman, and city employees Sharon Bell, Deputy Clerk, Brett Davis, Code Enforcement, and Alan Barton, Public Works Director.

Mayor Lee declared a public hearing and turned it over to Reitman, who gave each side 10 minutes to speak on the automatic zoning to C-1, of 1.538 acres of land in Walton County fronting on the North side of GA Highway 138, as requested by Michael W. Conner and Sarah McBee Conner, being the members of the Owner, Conner & Sons Holdings, LLC. No public comment, so Reitman closed the public hearing.

Reitman then opened the advertised annexation public hearing, and gave each side 10 minutes to speak on the requested annexation of 1.538 acres of land in Walton County fronting on the North side of GA Highway 138, filed by Michael W. Conner and Sarah McBee Conner, being the members of the Owner, Conner & Sons Holdings, LLC. No public comment, so Reitman closed the public hearing.

Kevin Shultz made a motion, seconded by Carol Witcher to annex the 1.538 acres of land in Walton County fronting on the North side of GA Highway 138, as requested by Michael W. Conner and Sarah McBee Conner, being the members of the Owner, Conner & Sons Holdings, LLC, into the city limits. Opportunity for discussion. All were in favor.

Kevin Shultz made a motion, seconded by Kathy Dimsdale to zone to C-1, the 1.538 acres of land in Walton County fronting on the North side of GA Highway 138, as requested by Michael W. Conner and Sarah McBee Conner, being the members of the Owner, Conner & Sons Holdings, LLC. Opportunity for discussion. All were in favor.

Approved by the Mayor and Council this 9th day of October, 2014.



Mayor, Lamar Lee



Deputy City Clerk, Sharon Bell