

City of Walnut Grove City Council Meeting
Thursday, September 11, 2014
7:00 P.M.
Walnut Grove Community Building
1021 Park Street
Loganville, GA

Council Present: Kathy Dimsdale
Wayne Dimsdale
Kevin Shultz
Carol Witcher

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Mayor Lamar Lee at 7:06 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 Kevin Shultz.

All In Favor. Motion Carried

V. Public Comment

John & June Pringle wanted the city to know they think the round-about on the Parkway is looking really good. Wonderful improvements!

**VI. Approval of Minutes from July 10, 2014 City Council Meeting
(August meeting was cancelled)**

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

No further discussion. All In Favor. Motion Carried.

VII. Public Works Report

Lot accomplished in the past two months. Round-about done with the exception of the grass or sod. Ground breaking for the Waste Water facility will be tomorrow at the round-about and it's ready, sidewalks poured and benches are in place. Dead tree limbs hanging over some of the sidewalks have been trimmed. New swing hung at the Park as well as a new flag pole installed. The sign for the Community/Municipal building has been raised up on the existing columns so that drivers can see under/around it now. It had been a hazard due to it blocking view of traffic. Waiting for a new sign to come in, the current one is in disrepair and too far gone to save. Installed new cabinets in the kitchen at the Community/Municipal building. Completed the well box at City Hall. Surveyors have been at the Waste Water property this week and are waiting on the bulldozers to come in and straighten the driveway. Put up "Posted No Hunting" signs all over the property.

*Carol Witcher thanked Alan for doing a wonderful job getting things done and making sure the city looks good. Citizens are commenting positively on how nice everything is coming together.

Alan stated he enjoys working and getting things done, making things look nice. Taking pride in what he does and doing things right the first time.

*Wayne Dimsdale asked about the vandalism at the Park, Alan said that there have not been any problems lately. He has had contact with a few kids, and his philosophy is to just talk to the kids and not antagonize them, just let them know we know they are there and what they are up to.

Alan also wanted to let the Council know that he is under budget on the round-about. Only spent about \$4500.00 so far with only the grass left to really complete the project.

VIII. Financial Report

The City Clerk provided the July and August financial reports 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

For the month of July:	WCSO	3 citations
	GSP	17 citations
Park reservations	7	
Ball Field	15	

For the month of August:	WCSO	4 citations
	GSP	8 citations
Park reservations	7	
Ball Field	14	

X. Code Enforcement Report

Brett Davis stated he had focused on vacant and abandoned properties. Able to make contact with several homeowners and properties have been cleaned up. Also made contact with property owner in regard to an open well that has now been sealed up. Reached out to the County and City of Monroe for direction on handling abandoned or blighted properties. Monroe has had 44 buildings demolished based on an SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) they created. Chapter 47 of the City Code outlines vacant properties and the fact that all vacant property is to be registered with the City. The ordinance was created in 2011 and apparently never used. Brett would like to implement the ordinance, it should make management of the properties easier and more efficient. Have issued a few written notices and several verbal warnings. Also in reference to the animal complaint in Broken Arrow, it has been turned over to A/C officer Morris and he has a plan in place to handle the

Code Enforcement continued:

situation and follow up. Didn't want anyone to think the situation wasn't being taken care of. All in all, very happy with the progress of the city and with the waste water facility, hopefully the citizens will see the city progressing and want to keep things clean and up to par.

XI. Mayor's Report

Walnut Grove High School had its homecoming parade today, and game will be Friday night. Also want to mention that the DOT has proposed a round-about at Highway 81 and Guthrie Cemetery Rd. DOT Is trying to get away from traffic lights and have resorted to round-about because they are cheaper to maintain and seem to be more effective at controlling traffic. Next meeting will be Monday or Tuesday of next week.

*Kathy Dimsdale asked what happened to the light at Park St?? Mayor Lee responded that as far as we know, it's still on the table to happen. DOT is trying to get the busses off Park St and onto Guthrie Cemetery Rd, like they were supposed to originally do. A lot going on at the Corn Dawgs property, the county would like to move the fire station inside the property towards the back instead of the open field. If it's built on the front side, new lanes will need to be constructed, turn lanes, decell, etc. Fire station should get started in 2015 once the permits and plans are approved.

Waste Water Facility ground breaking will be tomorrow at 10 am at the round-about. Hope to start grading road tomorrow as well.

Employee Picnic will be Saturday, looking forward to seeing everyone. Also have the annexation of Carter's One Stop, the business has been in the same spot for 46 years and has changed hands now and the new owners want to be a part of the City. New owner is a retired firefighter from Rockdale. Joe Reitman stated he has been in communication with City employees and everything seems to be in order for the annexation. Should "true up" the City limits on Highway 138.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

- A)** Ratify Payment to CodeRed for Invoice #ECN-017350 for \$2500.00 – Extension of CodeRed contract for 08-22-14 to 08-21-15

Kevin Shultz made a motion to ratify the payment, Carol Witcher seconded the motion.

No discussion. All In Favor. Motion Carried.

- B)** Copier Proposal-this is the proposal that was brought to Council at the July meeting and tabled to determine if purchasing would be more cost effective instead of leasing. Kathy Dimsdale made the motion to purchase the MPC30303 Ricoh used copier for the price of \$6,286.30. Carol Witcher and Wayne Dimsdale seconded the motion at the same time.

No discussion. All In Favor. Motion Carried.

XIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Wayne Dimsdale-Thanked all the employees for hard work. Seems problems have been taken care of. Alan and code enforcement taking care of things. Would like for the citizens to be able to say the Council is taking care of the City while they were in office.

Carol Witcher-one five letter word sums up how she feels "P.R.I.D.E.", hears that word everywhere she goes. Lots are getting cleaned up, playgrounds look great, we've established a place that's safe and close by for citizens to enjoy. Pleased to serve with the people of this Council and City. All of the Council work together and get along. Applaud the people that do what they do to make the citizens proud of this City.

Joe Reitman-no comment

Kathy Dimsdale-no comment

Council Comments continued:

Kevin Shultz-thanked Alan for all he does, especially for moving the sign at the Community/Municipal building. Thanked the clerks and Brett for all they do. Brett for trying to write policies and looking into beautification of vacant lots, trying to clean up the City.

Mayor Lee-no comment

XIII. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Wayne Dimsdale and seconded by Kevin Shultz.

All In Favor. Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 7:47 PM

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

Mayor, Lamar Lee

City Clerk, Ariann S. Stone