

CITY OF WALNUT GROVE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016

Council Members Present:

Carol Witcher
Kevin Shultz
Wayne Dimsdale
Kathy Dimsdale

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Lamar Lee

II. INVOCATION

Joe Reitman opened in prayer

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All stood and Pledged Allegiance to the Flag

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

Kevin Shultz made motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Wayne Dimsdale seconded the motion, Motion Passed

V. PUBLIC HEARING

81 Investment Company, LLC requesting Zoning Change for 3.238 acres from A-1 Agricultural to C-1 Commercial

Turned over to Joe Reitman, city attorney. There will be 10 minutes for each side to present comments for the re-zone, 10 minutes for comments in favor and 10 minutes for comments against.

Ned Butler of 1077 Monticello Drive in Monroe, GA represented 81 Investment Co., LLC in the matter of the rezone. There were no questions. No other public comment on behalf of the re-zone either for or against it.

Public Hearing is closed and turned back to the City Council.

Wayne Dimsdale made motion to rezone this property from A-1 Agricultural to C-1 Commercial, seconded by Kevin Shultz, Motion Passed.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VII. MINUTES APPROVAL – NOV 10TH , 2016

Kevin Shultz made a motion the Minutes from November 10, 2016 be approved from as presented, Wayne Dimsdale seconded the motion, Motion Passed.

VIII. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Alan Barton, Public Works Director was not present, no report. Mayor Lee – As you all know Alan's brother Randy Barton is in the hospital in serious condition.

IX. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk, Katherine Glass, directed the Council and Mayor to the financial reports in their notebooks.

Motion made by Wayne Dimsdale to accept the Financial Report as submitted, Seconded by Kevin Shultz, Motion Passed

X. CLERK'S REPORT

There were a total of 45 citations issued the month of November. Walton County Sheriff's Office issued 39 of those, the Georgia State Patrol issued 6. Business Licenses, we are starting to see some renewals for 2017. We had 8 renewals. We had no reservations at the ball park or the pavilion. There were no other permits issued.

XI. CODE ENFORCEMENT

Report given by Craig Ellington, Code Enforcement Officer

Since my last report, there have been seven total violations issued, of those two are pending and need to be resolved. I had a total of 8 resolved from last month and this month. So everybody is complying.

Of the two, one is an abandoned building which is an eye sore and presents some safety issues. It is owned by an out of state owner and the other one I'm working with the homeowner who needs to clean up their property. Wayne Dimsdale – None of them had to go to Court? Craig Ellington – No Sir. Wayne Dimsdale – Good.

Carol Witcher – When you issue them a warning is the first one verbal? Craig Ellington – the first one is a written warning and they have 15 days to comply. And then the next step is a second warning, it is a different written warning that states if they don't comply this time they will be issued a court date to appear. Joe Reitman- So you have a paper trail going. Craig Ellington – Yes sir. Twice I have gone ahead and issued the second warning first. It was last week for a burning violation. There was discussion about burning trash and falling limbs and debris on your property.

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Tomorrow night Dec 9th is the Council and Staff Christmas Party starting at 6:00 p.m.

The construction on the County Fire Station will get underway when they finish the road construction.

The land has been transferred. Joe Reitman – Lee Abney is working on the paperwork.

Motion to add to the agenda item - discussion of giving the Mayor and Clerk the approval to sign appropriate paperwork to convey property for the fire department. Wayne Dimsdale made a motion to add this to the Agenda, Kevin Shultz seconded the motion, Motion Passed.

Motion to give Mayor and Clerk express authority to sign all paperwork necessary for fire station conveyance as approved by Council. Kevin Shultz made a motion to give Mayor and Clerk

express authority to sign all paperwork for fire station conveyance as approved by Council, motion seconded by Wayne Dimsdale, Motion Passed.

Mayor Lee – I just want everyone to remember Alan and Alan’s family.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

Carol Witcher – I would like to ask about the fence at Dollar General. Have we decided or do we know what they are doing? Mayor Lee – Dollar General will be putting up the 6’ wooden fence and pay for it in full. There was discussion about the benefit of having the fence.

Wayne Dimsdale – Mr. Mayor have you heard any more about the DOT at intersection Hwy 81 and Park St.? Mayor Lee – We will have a meeting with DOT District Commissioner next week. They will come out and meet with us. Wayne Dimsdale – If you don’t mind I would like to be there. Mayor Lee – Alright that will be fine.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

None

XV. DISCUSSION ITEM

None

XVI. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Carol Witcher – Hope everyone in our community has a Merry Christmas and remember Randy Barton in our prayers and his family as Mayor Lee has mentioned.

Kevin Shultz – Merry Christmas and prayers for the Barton Family

Wayne Dimsdale – Merry Christmas and remember what Christmas is all about. Thanks to Mr. Butler for being here.

Kathy Dimsdale – Thanks for bringing your son. He is delightful.

MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Wayne Dimsdale, seconded by Kevin Shultz, Motion Passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:25 p.m.

Approved by Mayor and City Council this 12th day of January, 2017.

Mayor Lamar Lee

Katherine A. Glass, City Clerk