

WALNUT GROVE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

THURSDAY JUNE 9, 2016

Present at Meeting:

Mayor Lamar Lee
Carol Witcher
Kevin Shultz
Kathy Dimsdale
Wayne Dimsdale

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to Order by Mayor Lee

II. INVOCATION

Given by Carol Witcher

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion made by Kevin Shultz to approve the agenda, seconded by Wayne Dimsdale – Motion Passed

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

John Pringle spoke on behalf of the Walnut Grove Lion's Club. He reported the Lion's Club will help with the Festival just like they did last year. John Pringle – the Lion's Club will do the same exact thing. I'll get with Sonya like I said on that, maybe tomorrow when I come to get my buckets. Carol Witcher – John what festival are you speaking of? Mayor Lee - the Heritage Festival. Carol Witcher – Oh so we are still going to go ahead and have it? Mayor Lee – Yes.

VI. MINUTES APPROVAL: May 12, 2016 City Council Meeting

Motion made by Kevin Shultz to approve the Minutes as presented, seconded by Wayne Dimsdale – Motion Passed

VII. BUDGET REVIEW / ADOPTION

Mayor Lee - Copy of the budget is in your notebook marked. We had the public hearing last month so all we need to do is approve the budget, right Kathy? Kathy Glass -Yes we reviewed it last month and had a public hearing and all we have to do now is the Council needs to vote and adopt it. I didn't make another copy it is already in your notebooks with a tab indicating where it is.

Motion made by Wayne Dimsdale to approve the Budget 2016-2017 as proposed, seconded by Carol Witcher, Motion Passed.

VIII. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

No Report - Mayor Lee – The Public Works Director is out sick.

IX. FINANCIAL REPORT

Given by Clerk, Kathy Glass – A copy of the financials is in your notebook. If you have any questions let me know. Also if you will notice the percentages should be at 100% at this time of year but some are way over and some are only at about 8%. I just want to let you know this is because some of the accounts are not credited to the correct account and the auditor and I will be working on getting all these straightened out in a couple of weeks.

X. CLERK'S REPORT

Given by Clerk, Kathy Glass – We had 19 traffic citations issued. Walton Co. Sheriff's Office issued 10 citations and the Georgia State Patrol issued 9 citations. We had 1 business license renewed. We issued one HAV permit, 1 plumbing permit, 1 building permit and 1 deck permit. We issued one Certificate of Occupancy at 640 Greenhill Way. We had 41 ball park reservations and 7 pavilion reservations. The pavilion has really picked up since it is spring and summer.

Kathy Dimsdale- Why did we have to issue a C.O. at 640 Greenhill Way? Kathy Glass – That is the new mobile home. Kevin Shultz – It is a new mobile home. Wayne Dimsdale – They took out a mobile home and put in a new one. Kevin Shultz – You can see it from Park St. when you go back out that way. Carol Witcher – That's not where they were going to build that new home is it? Mayor Lee – No. Kevin Shultz - They just poured the foundation for that house yesterday.

XI. CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

No Report

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

As all of you know we are going to – it is the end of the 6 months period on your pay for council. Kevin Shultz – it is pay day. Mayor Lee– yes it is payday. That is what I am trying to tell you. It also has your check for expenses for the conference in Savannah. Mayor handed out the checks to the council members.

Alright we got the Park St paving project. The bids will close on the 16th of June. Kevin Shultz - Is that for all of Park St.? Is that all the way to the round about? Mayor Lee – where they put the new pavement. Kevin Shultz- Are they sealed bids? Mayor Lee– Yes. The bids will be opened on the 22nd. Carol Witcher – So we wait until the 22nd to open the bids? Mayor Lee – Yes, they will close on the 16th. Jimmy said that was what was good for them. The bids go to Precision. They don't come to us, they go to Jimmy. They had to get the bid forms from Jimmy. Mayor Lee - The bids will be opened at City Hall. What we are trying to do is get that street fixed and done with before school starts. Wayne Dimsdale – Jimmy goes through them to make sure they got everything. Mayor Lee - They receive them on the 16th and we will open them on the 22nd. Wayne Dimsdale – that won't give them much time to finish it up. Mayor Lee – they say they can finish it up in that time. Kathy Dimsdale - that won't give them much time. School starts back in Newton County the end of July and Walton won't be far behind

them. Mayor Lee – Chris told me it is sometime in August. Kathy Dimsdale – it may be the first of August. Mayor Lee - I'll get with Jimmy and we can shoot for something a little closer.

The spring issue on Park St. in front of . Wayne Dimsdale- in front of Bobby's –Mayor Lee – yes. Jimmy got one bid on this job and it was \$7,769.00. Wayne Dimsdale - That is piping it to the other side of the road and putting everything back. Carol Witcher – this spring down here? Mayor Lee – Yes Carol Witcher - I'm not a GA native my father was. How do you cap off a spring? Mayor Lee - You don't cap it off you just go under the road. Wayne Dimsdale – we are going to run a line to the other side of the road that has a deep ditch. Mayor Lee - an 18" pipe and it will take all the water off that way. Wayne Dimsdale – we talked about doing this years ago and never got it done. Mayor Lee- What we are going to do is run a pipe across and take it down to the stream. On the other side of the road is a spring that bubbles up. We will run this one over to it where that stream is and down in the woods to the creek. Wayne Dimsdale - Bobby tried to put culverts in there but it didn't work. Kathy Dimsdale- Don't we know someone else that can give us another price? Mayor Lee – He said everyone is too busy right now and they didn't bid on it. Kevin Shultz – Can't we get this done when they pave Park St. Mayor Lee – I don't know I asked Jimmy about that. Jimmy said a lot of contractors have a lot going on and just didn't bid. The people he got the bids from was Pittman. He knows what he is doing. Wayne Dimsdale – I'm surprised Sims didn't bid it. Mayor Lee - It is probably too small.

Methodist Church 5K Run – This is the race they run every year. It will be Saturday July 30th . Kathy Dimsdale – What is the route? Mayor Lee – the same as every year. Kathy Dimsdale – but what is the route? Mayor Lee - They will start at 940 Church Way to the Left on Park St. Emmett Still for 3/10ths of a mile and then turn around and back up. Carol Witcher – are you going to run this year. Mayor Lee – I'm not even going to ride! Carol Witcher – I was going to say we could all suit up and run with him. It would probably take me two days to get there. Kevin Shultz– I'll be running around Ft. Stewart around that time.

Mayor Lee - We've been on the phone with people interested in properties here in Walnut Grove. They will not tell you exactly what they want. Kathy has been on the phone with one and emailing one all day today representing some outfit. Kathy Dimsdale – About what? Kathy Glass – About zoning. It is a commercial property coming in. I told her I was interested as a representative of the City. I asked her if she was representing a client bringing in a commercial property. She is with an engineering firm and she said she is not at liberty to say. She wanted current zoning map.

Kevin Shultz – Any more on the Dollar General? Kathy Dimsdale – They always say they are breaking ground but nothing happens. Mayor Lee –They are building so many Dollar Generals there is no telling when they will get to ours. Kathy Glass – I got something from Precision Planning. They are not sitting idle. They have been working on getting everything lined up. I expect them to start any day. They will throw that building up quick when they get started. Carol Witcher -What is happening on the round about? I know we have another lot across from the church it looks like they are clearing. It looks good. Mayor Lee – They are just cleaning it up. Carol Witcher - Are they going to put something up there? Kathy Glass – The owner has an agreement with Morris Smith. Morris will double the size of property he is going to plant

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

Kathy Dimsdale - What happened with the Church? With what we sent back to them. Mayor Lee – We have a contract with the church now. To Kathy Glass, Did you bring the contract we got from Joe? Kathy Glass – I don't have it. We have the contract from the church where they will stucco the whole building and bring it just like we want it. Wayne Dimsdale - They signed it? Mayor Lee - Yes they all signed it. Joe took care of that. Carol Witcher - What did we give them. Mayor Lee - We changed it from 2 years to 1, all that has been changed. Carol Witcher - Did you see that driveway in the back. Mayor Lee - That will be a building later on. The reason they bought the 22 acres, nobody will tell me, but I think they will put in a school. Mayor Lee - They are doing it a little at a time as they get they get the money. Kathy Dimsdale - That is what they did at the other church.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

Carol Witcher - I would like to ask a question under new business. When you, I don't know the person's name, I am sure you all do, but I don't. On the back side of Ms Byrd's across from Ms Barton's house, right across the street. I don't know who put the rebel flag there but where the City put the flag there is a rebel flag. We don't have a code officer. Mayor Lee - Is it on our pole or a power pole? It is on a brown pole. Wayne Dimsdale – Well we can take it down. Carol Witcher – Well I tell you what. I don't like controversy. But when you see a flag like that when you are coming into town it sets the tone. Mayor Lee - Let me say this before you say anything else. We are going to Court with that gentleman on several citations on June 20? Kathy Glass - The 21st. Carol Witcher - Well it might not be a bad idea to take a picture of the flag. Mayor Lee – Well we have enough pictures. Carol Witcher - What is his name? Mayor Lee - Robert Ray. It is Patsy Barton's nephew. Kevin Shultz - Is he related to Joe Ray? Mayor Lee - No. Carol Witcher - Is this the one that Ms. Barton told me has given them so many problems? Mayor Lee - Yes.

Mayor Lee – I don't even want to talk about this deal. We have him coming to Court. I don't even want to hear it any more. Let the Court handle him.

Carol Witcher - In my neighborhood I heard a ringing and I look up and it is an ice cream truck. She was so glad to see me. I walked up to the door and she said what can I do for you? I said if I don't see your business license you might not want to come back. If you would like to come to our council meeting you can discuss why you don't have a business license. The people at our City Hall will be happy to sell you a business license. She actually was a nice lady and she didn't know she needed a license. The company sent her and she just didn't know. But we just don't need to....I know summer is here and we will see a lot of this.

XV. DISCUSSION:

Wayne Dimsdale – You got anything Kathyroo? Kathy Dimsdale - No
Wayne Dimsdale - All the grass they planted has died. Mayor Lee – Where? Wayne Dimsdale - along the parkway at the entrance where you turn in off 138 and all down to the creek. Kevin Shultz – What did they plant? Rye? It will have to be planted in fescue. Carol Witcher – You can get a summer rye and also a winter rye. Wayne Dimsdale – Are they going to come back and plant that? Mayor Lee – No. We will have to get Alan to throw some seed there. Carol Witcher - The birds will pick it up if you don't put it in the sand. Mayor Lee – They will put some straw over it.

They had to do the whole sewer plant again. We had to re-sprig every bit of it. Carol Witcher
– Well it has been so dry.
Kevin Shultz – No
Carol Witcher – Just wanted to clarify about the ice cream truck

Wayne Dimsdale - I make a motion we adjourn, Kathy Dimsdale, seconded, Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned.

This _____ day of July, 2016.

Mayor Lamar Lee

Katherine A. Glass, City Clerk