

WALNUT GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

Present at Meeting:
Mayor Lamar Lee
Kevin Shultz
Kathy Dimsdale

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
Meeting called to Order by Mayor Lee

- II. INVOCATION**
Given by Joe Reitman

- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

- IV. AGENDA**
Motion made to approve the Agenda by Kevin Shultz, seconded by Kathy Dimsdale , Motion Passed.

- V. PUBLIC COMMENT**
None

- VI. MINUTES APPROVAL: AUGUST 18, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
Motion made to approve the minutes as presented by Kevin Shultz, seconded by Kathy Dimsdale, Motion Passed.

- VII. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**
Public Works Director not present - No Report
Kathy Dimsdale – when is our sign going to be ready? Mayor Lee – It is ready now.

- VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT**
The Mayor and Council were directed by the City Clerk, Kathy Glass to find the financials in their notebooks.
Motion made to approve the financials as submitted by Kevin Shultz, seconded by Kathy Dimsdale, Motion Passed.

- IX. CLERK’S REPORT**
The Clerk reported there were 23 citations issued in August. Twelve citations were issued by the Walton County Sheriff’s Office, eleven were issued by the GA State Patrol and there

were no citations issued by Walton County Animal Control. There was one business license issued to Porter Indoor Comfort Heat & Air. A building permit was issued to Dollar General and another building permit for a double size metal building. Other permits were a land disturbance permit for Verizon to install a fiber optic cable, and an alcohol permit for Glenda's at the Corn Dawg Event. There were two ball park reservations made and five pavilion rentals.

X. CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Report given by Craig Ellington, Code Enforcement Officer

Since the last meeting there have been three warnings issued, a total of 25 in two months of noncompliance. Out of that twenty have been brought into compliance. The others are being worked out. One is an ongoing problem at 1150 Park St, an abandoned house. The previous owner told Craig she is not allowed on the property. It is probably bank owned. We should talk to the WCSO and see.

Joe Reitman says we can go under the "unfit property" ordinance. We prepared five of these for Social Circle in the last month or so. This can be sent to the bank or owner and let them know we might file this in Magistrate Court unless they are in compliance. Craig Ellington - someone actually drove a car into the garage door. They also attempted to cut the grass.

I have fielded a lot of phone calls this month. That is where we are.
Mayor Lee – we appreciate it.

XI. MAYOR'S REPORT

We are hosting the Municipal Association Dinner this month here in the Municipal Building. It will be next Thursday night. Salamanders will be hosting it.

The Heritage Festival has been canceled and replaced by the Walnut Grove Fall Celebration. It will be held October 29th from 10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

We need all the help/volunteers we can get.

We have a new employee in the Public Works Department. His name is Brian Pilgrim. He is Preston Pilgrim's son who was a City Council member here in Walnut Grove.

The old car has quit so we are looking at a Ford pickup truck down at Jimmy's like we got Alan except this one is a 2011. It is a nice two door, white in color.

Kathy Dimsdale - How much and where is the money coming from? Mayor Lee - \$9,495.00 and we are going to have to look and see. We don't have much choice our Code Enforcement Officer needs a vehicle.

There was discussion of where we might find the money for the truck.

They are grading at the Dollar General site. Kathy Dimsdale – What are they digging up at the old city hall? Mayor Lee - It was Verizon. They hit a water line there when putting in a fiber optic line.

It has been repaired.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

XIV. DISCUSSION

Kevin Shultz - On the vehicle, I was looking at Public Works in our budget. Couldn't we take the money from the Public Works, Repair and Maintenance? Kathy Glass – We have just started this fiscal year and we have the rest of the year to go. We cannot just take the money from this line item. Mr. Reitman if we did pay for the truck from this line item can we take the money from our money market account and repay it? Mr. Reitman – you can repay the money from the money market account if you put it on the agenda next month to amend the budget

XV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Kathy Dimsdale – none

Kevin Shultz– Sorry Wayne and Carol are not here. Hope Carol is ok. We should pray for her. I hope Wayne's mother is o.k.

Joe Rietman – none

Motion made to adjourn by Kevin Shultz, seconded by Kathy Dimsdale, Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

This _____ day of October, 2016.

Mayor Lamar Lee

Katherine A. Glass, City Clerk