

**MINUTES**  
**WALNUT GROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**Present:**

Mayor Lamar Lee  
Carol Witcher  
Kevin Shultz  
Linda Pilgrim  
Mark Moore

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**  
Mayor Lamar Lee called the meeting to order.
- II. **INVOCATION**  
Invocation given by Carol Witcher
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. **AGENDA APPROVAL**  
Kevin Shultz made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mark Moore, opportunity for discussion, Motion passed.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENT**  
No Public Comment
- VI. **MINUTES APPROVAL: DECEMBER 13, 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
Kevin Shultz made a motion to approve Council Minutes, seconded by Carol Witcher, opportunity for discussion, Motion passed.
- VII. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**  
Given by Public Works Director Alan Barton – There has been an issue at the City Park with damage to the grass. Mr. Barton took pictures and contacted Walton County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Barton reported he had been contacted by the Walnut Grove Library about an issue with their and the timer on their outside lights. T. H. Mize Electric came and replaced the timer on the lights as well as replacing the ballast at a cost of \$985.00. All the Christmas lights have been taken down and put away. Mr. Barton will be meeting with E.R. Snell about a pot hole in Cambridge and will make sure nothing else has happened since that hole was marked. We will also look at Valley Drive so we can get that taken care of. We will get everything done for the next round of paving of Cambridge.
- VIII. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk advised the Council and Mayor the financials were emailed to them on Friday January 4<sup>th</sup> and the copies are in their books. Mark Moore made a motion to accept the financials as presented, Linda Pilgrim seconded the motion, opportunity for discussion, motion passed.

**IX. CLERK'S REPORT**

Given by Katherine Glass – Clerk

Activity report given on all business licenses, citations, permits and park reservations.

**X. CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

No report – Grant Satterfield not present

**XI. MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Mayor Lee reported there hasn't been much going on since December.**

**XII. OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Lee turned this portion over to Jesse Couch, Attorney.

**a. Paving in Cambridge Subdivision**

Motion was made and approved to proceed with this. Question was raised for the attorneys to review how to proceed with the issue of paving Cambridge Subdivision. It has been agreed on by the attorneys for the City and the City engineer that the paving job will be put out for bid as a new job. The City has started that process. This should conclude the business of paving in Cambridge Subdivision. Councilman Moore asked that the Council members be furnished a copy of the bid process, exactly what the contractors are bidding on.

**Second Reading: Amend Ordinance increasing Code Enforcement Officer's hours from 5 hours to up to 20 hours per week as needed. The first reading occurred on November 8, 2018. Jesse Couch, Attorney read the Ordinance aloud. – Carol Witcher asked if the hours allowed to work would be at the discretion of the Mayor? City Attorney, Jesse Couch answered, as an employee of the City, yes. Mark Moore made a motion to adopt amendment to ordinance as read, Kevin Shultz seconded the motion, opportunity for discussion, motion carried.**

**b. Library Funding –**

Mark Moore made a motion to amend to annual budget of the library funding by increasing it from \$45,000 to \$50,000. With said funds being appropriated away from the training and convention budget item 52-3701. He further explained by asking the Council member to open their copy of the budget to page 2 where he pointed out under purchase contract services training and convention which is separate from education and training of council and executive. Looking at what has already been spent was from last June. But these bills came into the next year's budget leaving an extra \$5,440.00 we won't use or need for the upcoming state convention. This \$5,000 will not be used as an educational expense. The City Clerk interrupted that these monies will be used to pay for registration in March of this year. Councilman Moore pointed out other areas of monies that can be moved over to cover the State Convention. There was further discussion on where the monies could be taken from. Kevin Shultz made a motion \$5,000 be moved from line item 52.4000 Street, Sidewalk, Curb Repair to line item 6500

Library Funding, Mark Moore seconded the motion, opportunity for discussion, motion passed.

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Election of Mayor Pro-Tem**

Kevin Shultz nominated Carol Witcher, seconded by Carol Witcher, Mayor Lee called for a vote. Kevin Shultz and Carol Witcher voted yes, Mark Moore and Linda Pilgrim voted no. Mayor Lee broke the tie with a yes vote. Carol Witcher is voted in as Mayor Pro Tem.

**b. Appointments**

- I. City Clerk – Katherine A. Glass
- II. Deputy Clerk – Sonya R. Cox
- III. Public Works Director – Alan D. Barton
- IV. Code Enforcement Office – Grant Satterfield
- V. City Attorney – Mike Malcom
- VI. City Engineer – Precision Planning, Inc.
- VII. Municipal Court Judge – Samuel M. Barth

Motion to accept appointments as presented by Mark Moore, seconded by Linda Pilgrim, opportunity for discussion, Motion passed.

**c. Re-appointment of Board of Trustees at Walnut Grove Library**

- I. Kimberly Cliatt
- II. Stephanie Schrack
- III. Don Cannon
- IV. Guy Hall

Motion to accept appointments as presented by Kevin Shultz, seconded by Linda Pilgrim, opportunity for discussion, Motion Passed.

**d. Walnut Grove School Choice Week Proclamation**

Proclamation was read by Kevin Shultz.

**e. Special Presentation**

Mayor Lee and Walnut Grove City Council recognized Wayne Dimsdale, a former City Council Member, for being inducted into the Atlanta Country Music Hall of Fame on November 24, 2018. He was presented a plaque by the Mayor and Council.

**XIV. DISCUSSION ITEM**

Don Cannon – Thank you for the additional finances for the Library. This will allow us to extend the hours of the library. He also publicly thanked Amy Hicks for 6 ½ years' service as manager of the Walnut Grove Library. She is leaving Walnut Grove Library for the City of Social Circle Library. The Council also thanked Amy for her service.

**XV. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Mark Moore** – Library is a jewel in our City which he is proud of. He stated he is sad to see Amy leave Walnut Grove. He stated he wanted to be more involved with the City as far as committees and so forth. We have change coming and we need your help to make that happen.

**Linda Pilgrim** -She stated she is happy the Library Funding has been restored. She would also like to recognize Andy Byrd. He has been through a lot this last year. Just wanted to ask that everyone remember him.

**Kevin Shultz** – Thanked everyone for coming out. A lot has been said about Amy and the Library and Wayne and his accomplishments. Congratulations to Wayne and his family again. Amy you will be missed.

**Carol Witcher** – Praised Amy and the Walnut Grove Library and the Board at the Library. Applaud the fact we were able to give the additional funds to the library. Thank Kevin for putting my name in nomination for Mayor Pro Temp. Education is very important to me. Education starts in the home and if we don't try to push this City forward, we will fall back. I promise this, I have done the best I can to keep myself educated. Some of that money comes out of my pocket. I have never asked this City to pay for my gasoline or my food. Nor do I intend to. With saying that I promise you that things will be different and changing down the road. We have to education every person we possibly can. I applaud the people that think I am doing a good job. I will never take away from an education fund. This City needs to have educated leadership. Thank you for coming. Thank you to Wayne for being a mentor to me along with Kevin Shultz and Mayor Lee.

**XVI. ADJOURN**

Kevin Shultz made a motion to adjourn, Carol Witcher seconded the motion, Motion Passed.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**

Approved by the Mayor and Council this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February,2019.

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Lamar Lee

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Katherine A. Glass