

City of Walnut Grove City Council Meeting
Thursday, December 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 7:01 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 Carol Witcher.
No further discussion. All In Favor. Motion Carried.
- V. **Public Comment**
Merry Christmas from Mary Hall and good to see John Pringle at the meeting.
- VI. **Approval of Minutes from November 13, 2014 City Council Meeting**
Motion made by Kevin Shultz and seconded by Carol Witcher to approve the minutes as published.
No further discussion. All In Favor. Motion Carried.

VII. Public Works Report

Everything seems to be running smoothly. Christmas tree lights have been a bit aggravating, with coming on a little at a time, but are coming on at any rate. The outside security lights at the library were out. Ballast was blown and had to have a commercial electrician come out and repair, also all bulbs have been replaced. The gravel has been put down on the road to the wastewater facility and the container is in. Will start burning trash piles soon. Hopefully will be able to start digging the first pond before Christmas. Jimmy Parker also mentioned to the mayor that the shoulders are too high on Forrester Cemetery; Alan stated he was aware and is waiting for it to dry out a bit to correct it. Will put hay down to keep run off down as well. A pressure test was done on the force main and water line from Forrester Cemetery Road to the facility, with one leak found and repaired. EMC has poles marked to start installation at the facility. Also, at last council meeting it was discussed to construct walls at city hall to close off some of the office space to the public. Figures for a full wall, metal door and ½ inch thick glass with slide through and speaker hole as well as miscellaneous other materials will roughly be \$3165.00. Need to discuss equipment after January. Both tractors are in poor condition, transmission in the F250 not good, it could possibly be corrected with a complete engine service. Lights on top also need repair. That will likely need a new light bar, at a cost of \$500 to \$800. The starter in the green truck was just repaired, but there is other damage to the truck, however, it is still in use and getting by. Roads are looking good; grass is filling in where some repairs were made.

VIII. Financial Report

The City Clerk provided the November financial report for all accounts.

Carol Witcher made the motion to approve and seconded by Kevin Shultz to approve the Financial Report as given and published.

No further discussion. All In Favor. Motion Carried.

IX. Clerk's Report

The clerk reported a total of 105 total citations for the month of November 2014.

WCSO issued 91

GSP issued 14

No business licenses were issued for the month.

One electrical permit, for a residence issued.

One Park reservation and Five Ball Park reservations.

X. Code Enforcement Report

The patrol car was over heating; Alan replaced the thermostat and seems to be doing okay for now. Main focus this month has been on trying to locate and talk to residents about sanitation bills and trying to determine which properties are occupied and which are vacant. In the process of trying to get this information, discovered several blight residences and will be working on those. No citations have been issued, and have given some extensions on already addressed issues. As long as the homeowner is attempting to make an effort, the city will work with them. Overall appearance seems better.

XI. Mayor's Report

Alan gave a good update on the wastewater facility, the contractor putting in the pipe, Leone, is on hold for now until Lanier to finish what they are doing.

Congratulations to the Dimsdales on 2 new grandbabies!!

Christmas dinner will be 7pm on Saturday at the Community Building.

City Hall will be closed on December 24, 25, 26, 31 and January 1st.

XII. New Business

A) Alcohol Beverage License Applications Approval for 2015

1. Walnut Grove Chevron-Beer & Wine
2. Walnut Grove Shoppette-Beer & Wine
3. The Grove Wine & Spirits-Liquor, Beer & Wine

Kevin Shultz made motion to approve the license applications as presented and motion seconded by Wayne Dimsdale.

No further discussion. All In Favor. Motion Carried.

4. Carter's One Stop-General Business License and Beer

Wayne Dimsdale made motion to approve the business license and the beer application. Motion seconded by Kevin Shultz.

No further discussion. All In Favor. Motion Carried.

**B) Approval GMA Worker's Compensation Self-Insurance Fund
2015 Estimated Premium 4,105.00**

Wayne Dimsdale made motion to approve the payment, seconded by Carol Witcher.

No further discussion. All In Favor. Motion Carried.

C) Security Enhancements for City Hall Office (Walls)

Motion made to approve the construction with a limit of \$3500.00 made by Wayne Dimsdale and seconded by Kevin Shultz.

No further discussion. All In Favor. Motion Carried.

D) Sponsorship of Walton County Special Olympics

Motion to sponsor at the Bronze level (\$100) made by Wayne Dimsdale and seconded by Carol Witcher.

No further discussion. All In Favor. Motion Carried.

XIII. Council Comments

Kathy Dimsdale – No Comments

Wayne Dimsdale - Only thing is concern about when a light will be placed at Highway 81 (Leone Ave) and Park Street.

Kevin Shultz - Congratulations to the Dimsdales on the new babies, Merry Christmas wishes to the council and citizens in attendance. Good to see John and Mary.

Carol Witcher – Thank you to the maintenance folks for all they do and for taking the safety of the office personnel so seriously. Congrats to the new grand parents. Brett for coming in and taking care of what needs to be done for the beautification of the City. Joe Reitman for keeping the council legal and informed. It's nice to be known for being congenial and honest. Applaud John Pringle and Mary Hall for keeping the council in the community forefront.

Joe Reitman – Has 9 other municipalities and we are the lowest maintenance. Pleasure to work with this council.

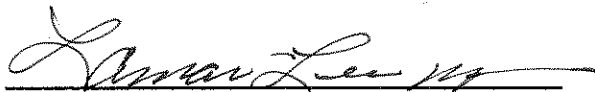
Lamar Lee – Wants to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

XIV. Adjourn

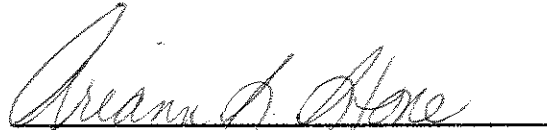
Motion to adjourn made by Kevin Shultz and seconded Wayne Dimsdale.
All In Favor. Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 7:39 PM

Approved by the Mayor and Council this 8th day of January 2015.



Mayor, Lamar Lee



City Clerk, Ariann S. Stone