

City of Walnut Grove Council Meeting  
Thursday, November 13, 2014  
7:00 P.M.

Walnut Grove Community Building  
1021 Park Street  
Loganville, GA 30052

Council Present: Carol Witcher  
Kevin Shultz

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Lamar Lee at 7:05 P.M.

**II. Invocation**

Invocation given by Joe Reitman

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Agenda Approval**

Kevin Shultz made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Carol Witcher. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**V. Public Comment**

None

**VI. Approval of Minutes from October 9, 2014 Council Meeting and Annexation Meeting**

Kevin Shultz made motion to approve minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Carol Witcher. No further discussion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

**VII. Public Works Report**

Mayor Lee relayed that Alan Barton was under the weather due to recent surgery and would not be attending tonight's meeting. Mayor Lee did advise that the Public Works department had been hard at work with all the preparations for the Tree Lighting and daily maintenance of the City.

**VIII. Financial Report**

The October financials for all accounts were presented. Kevin Shultz made motion to accept the financial report as given. Carol Witcher seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**IX. Clerk's Report**

Clerk's report is as follows:

Total of 42 citations were issued, 29 by the Walton Co. Sheriff's office and 13 by the Georgia State Patrol.

1 new business license for Farmer's Insurance

1 electric permit

9 Park Reservations and 10 Ball Park Reservations

**X. Code Enforcement Report**

Brett Davis said things are rolling along and looking good. Making progress on the vacant properties, found out that Harry Arnold is the owner of several of the properties in question. Brett made contact with Mr. Skelton with Arnold Properties and advised him of the infractions on the properties, was assured that they would be addressed within 45 days. Two issues in Magnolia Springs, first being the gentleman running the supposed auto shop is borderline, he is cooperative but walking a tight rope as far as being compliant. The second issue of blight and debris has been addressed and the homeowner had made some progress on cleaning up. Grass in Broken Arrow Subdivision has also been taken care of. Would like to focus on solution oriented projects like blight and garbage issues. Will bring up in the planning session the already existing ordinance the city has on registering vacant properties and charging a fee. Councilwoman Witcher said she has noticed a remarkable change and things are really looking pretty, the citizenry are responding positively to the hard work and the way things are being handled. She applauds the work being done and the folks doing it.

**XI. Mayor's Report**

Would like to remind everyone of the Tree Lighting on November 22 at 6pm. Everyone has worked very hard to get it all ready. The employee Christmas dinner is December 13 at 7 pm.

The Sewer is shaping up, main driveway has been cut, the water line is in as well as the force main. Construction on the pond has begun as well as the pump station. Walton EMC will begin running power to lift station next week.

Reminder of the Municipal Dinner Meeting on November 20, 2014 at 7pm in Monroe at Milo's.

Planning session has been planned for January 17, 2015, more information on that will be coming out soon.

The city was approached by Athens Technical College requesting help in locating a suitable place to hold GED classes. They do have a small amount of money from a grant, but are looking for a donated space if possible. Need to think about this and talk about it more later, possibly at the planning session.

Welcomed the citizens in attendance and hope that they come back again, welcome any time and appreciate them coming out.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A) Holiday Extra Patrol**

Kevin Shultz made a motion to approve the Extra Patrol as outlined (Sun-Wed. Dec 21-24, 2014 and Wed. Dec 31, 2014 from 8pm to 2am at rate of \$25/hr). Carol Witcher seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**B) Employee Holiday Bonuses**

Kevin Shultz made a motion to approve the holiday bonuses for employees, Carol Witcher seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**XIII. OLD BUSINESS**

Sponsorship of WGHS Cheerleaders \$895 for Towels

Kevin Shultz expressed concern about the cost exceeding what we normally give, would like to discuss a “cap” at the planning session, but in this case, would make a suggested donation of \$300.00.

Carol Witcher advised she was totally against \$895.00, but would possibly consider a lower amount. Also pointed out that she just left a basketball game at the high school to come to the meeting and there was low attendance, the expense just not worth the gain. It would also mean more to her and the council if they truly wanted the donation, someone from the faculty, staff or the coaches would come in and make a plea to get the money.

Kevin Shultz made a motion to make a \$300.00 sponsorship; Carol Witcher stated she would accept \$300.00 and second the motion. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

## IX. COUNCIL COMMENTS

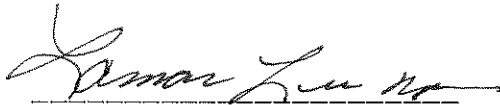
Carol Witcher- Appreciate everyone coming out on such a cold night, where men and women have sacrificed to allow such a meeting as the one we are holding. We must serve with integrity, dignity, honesty and be above reproach, always. Also want to thank the Council and others that aren't here tonight, we get along and hold ourselves to a higher standard. Our attorney always wants us to use our integrity. Proud to be a part of the City Council.

Kevin Shultz-Welcomed everyone in attendance, this council is very approachable and if there is anything we can ever do, please let us know. Encourage neighbors and friends to come out and see the direction we are trying to lead the City. Sewer will help in promoting the city for prospective business; will also keep our current business here and growing. We have a potential for greatness that goes back before he or Carol were here, Jerry Smith, Don Cannon and Wayne were where it all started.

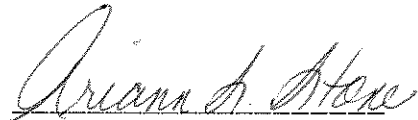
X. ADJOURN

Kevin Shultz made a motion to adjourn at 7:29 pm. Motion seconded by Carol Witcher. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approved by the Mayor and Council this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2014.



Lamar Lee, Mayor



Ariann S. Stone, City Clerk