

Walnut Grove City Council
Thursday September 12, 2019
7:00 P.M.

Present

Mayor Carol Witcher
Linda Pilgrim
Kevin Schultz
Atty: Jesse Couch
Atty: Mike Malcom

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Carol Witcher

- II. AGENDA APPROVAL:** Kevin Shultz made a motion to amend the agenda to change on the May 8th, 2018 minutes from a "Called Meeting" to a "Work Session" Linda Pilgrim, seconded the motion. Motion passed. Linda Pilgrim made a motion to add public comment back to the agenda, Kevin Schultz seconded the motion, motion passed.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

My name is Steven Mark Moore I live at 650 Magnolia Drive. There is an item on the agenda that is concerning to me item, 13C - St. Ives Builders Group Proposal. This is a proposal to buy 100 more sewer taps from the city to build a 100 more homes and in a PUD Construction off 138. Since the current allocation of the residential taps have already been sold this would force the city to expand the sewer system. If this happens it will also max out the future system. This would not allow any other homes, now or in the future, to be tied into the Walnut Grove Sewer System. The sewer system that was built with a promise to be able to tap into the sewer system and not have to replace their aging septic system. The sale of 100 taps would only cover about a half of the cost of the sewer expansion. This will financially affect the city for years to come. With no planning on the impact of our residents or the impact of the future system expansion and the impact of the city financially it would cause the city to increase the taxes and cause the city to enter into a General obligation bond. This bond has legal public notification requirements covered under state law. This decision should not be taken lightly, I feel this proposal should be put off until we have a full council and mayor, and a study of how this will affect the future growth of the City of Walnut Grove.

My name is Renee Temple I reside at 102 Springview Trail. She was concerned her neighbor's temporary business license was not on the agenda under old business. She reported her neighbor has continued giving swim lessons even though her temporary license has expired. She asked the council what could she do? Mayor

Carol Witcher- asked the attorney Mike Malcom what she could do. Mike stated that the next step would be to have the Code Enforcement officer to write her a citation and have her come before the judge in the Municipal Court of Walnut Grove.

Stephanie Moncrief came before council regarding the St. Ives Builders Group. She was concerned about the city & what research that they have done regarding the impact this development would have on the City. She was also concerned about the city having the funds to cover the addition to the sewer plant.

Wayne Dimsdale of 2610 Leone Ave, Loganville, GA spoke about his concerns about the traffic flow on Hwy 81 and Park Street. He addressed the council and ask them to try to do some investigating on what it is going to take to get this problem resolved before someone gets killed.

- IV. **Appointment of Active Mayor:** Kevin Shultz made a motion for Carol Witcher to remain as acting mayor until the end of Mayor Lamar Lee's term, Linda Pilgrim seconded that motion, motion carried.

- V. **MINUTES APPROVAL:**
Kevin Shultz made a motion to approve 5 sets of minutes:
August 8th, 2019 Council Meeting
August 15th, 2019 Called Meeting
August 21, 2019 Called Meeting with Executive Session
August 22, 2019 Called Meeting with Executive Session
and May 8, 2018 Work Session, seconded by Linda Pilgrim, motion passed.

- VI. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Public Works Director not present

- VII. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Motion made by Linda Pilgrim to approve the financial report as presented, seconded by Kevin Shultz, motion passed.

- VIII. **CLERK'S REPORT-** Given by Katherine A. Glass, City Clerk

- IX. **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT :** Code Enforcement Officer not present.

- X. **MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Witcher announced that the Lady Warriors softball team is holding a special event to recognize first responders on Sept. 24. She also let everyone know of the Candidates running for office in November.

- XI. **OLD BUSINESS:**

a. Emerald Cove Subdivision Roundabout

No estimate from Walton County Roads and Bridges yet, Kevin Shultz made a motion to continue this matter until the October council meeting, Linda Pilgrim seconded the motion, motion carried.

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Cost of General Business License

Kevin Shultz made a motion to increase the cost of the General Business License from \$75.00 to \$100.00 Linda Pilgrim seconded the motion, motion passed.

b. Walnut Grove Library Outside Lights

Kevin Shultz made a motion to table the business of the outside lights at the Library until Alan can get with T.H. Mize Electric to get an estimated cost of repairing the problem Linda Pilgrim seconded the motion, motion carried.

b. St. Ives Builders Group Proposal

Vince Taylor President of St. Ives Builders Group gave a power point presentation showing where Phase I is when they plan to be completed. The completion date on Phase I is scheduled to be January 1, 2020. The Commercial Phase DOT Entrance is 40% complete and the grading is scheduled to be completed November 15, 2019. Mr. Taylor pointed out on Walnut Grove's Website it states, "Taps have been sold to help cover the cost of this new phase." On the website the information about the sewer plant very informative. He stated Walnut Grove is on the move and the new development would be a stream of revenue for the City. Phase II of the Enclave at the Dial Farm is scheduled to start in February of 2020. He asked the question, what is the City's plan to move forward with increasing the capacity of the sewer plant. Mr. Taylor presented a proposal from St. Ives Builders to buy 100 residential sewer taps at the price of \$600,000 from the City of Walnut Grove to assist the city in paying for expanding the sewer plant. The amenities in the development were also discussed. Jimmy Parker spoke to the Council about the impact phase two would have on the City of Walnut Grove. Kevin Schultz made a motion to table this item until we have a full council and Mayor seated after the first of the new year, Linda Pilgrim seconded the motion, motion carried.

d. Resolution to close out term of Mayor Lamar Lee- Read by

Jesse Couch - Kevin Schultz made a motion to approve the Resolution, Linda Pilgrim seconded the motion, motion carried.

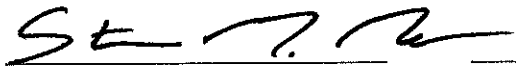
- e. **IT in a Box- Nathan Eisner/ Email Archiving** – Mr. Eisner explained all that IT in a box does for the City in being in compliance with the Laws of the state as far as archiving emails, backing up data Every day in case of a major disaster or for open records requests. Explained that it would cost the city about \$860.00 Per month. At the end of the year we have been pre qualified for a grant so it would come out to about \$7,700.00 a year. Linda Pilgrim made a motion to table this until the next council meeting in October, Kevin Schultz seconded the motion motion carried.

- c. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** None

Kevin Schultz- I make a motion we adjourn, seconded by Linda Pilgrim, motion passed.

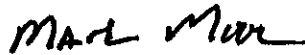
Adjourned at 8:16

Approved by Mayor and Council this 13th February 2020 day of ~~October 2019~~.



Mayor ~~Carol D. Witcher~~

Katherine A. Glass, City Clerk




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