

City of Walnut Grove City Council Meeting

Thursday August 13, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Council Present: Carol Witcher
Kevin Schultz
Mayor Lee

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Mayor Lamar Lee

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 Kevin Schultz, seconded by Carol Witcher. All were in Favor. Motion Carried

V. Public Comment

Mark Moore with the Walnut Grove Lion's Club announced they are having their Charter Dinner on August 31st. He passed out invitations to the Council Members. He also extended an invitation to the Council Members to join the Walnut Grove Lion's Club.

VI. Minutes Approval

Motion to approve minutes for June 11, 2015 and June 22, 2015 was made by Kevin Schultz, seconded by Carol Witcher. All were in Favor. Motion Carried.

VII. Public Works Report

Mayor Lee advised Alan Barton, Director of Public Works would not be at the meeting therefore there will be no report.

VIII. Financial Report

Motion made to approve the Financial Report as submitted by Kevin Schultz, seconded by Carol Witcher. All were in Favor. Motion Carried.

IX. Clerk's Report

- a. Total Citations Issued 35, WCSO 25, GSP 10
- b. Business Licenses were 0
- c. Permits 0
- d. Pavilion Rentals 4
- e. Ball Fields 11

X. Code Enforcement Report

Code Enforcement Officer, Brett Davis is out of town. There is no report.

XI. Mayor's Report

We have a lot going on.

- Dancing Water – It has been brought to my attention some of the council wants to look at this. Two council members want to put it in. They want to pay for it with the DDA money. Carol Witcher asked, why? What is the reason for putting this in? What kind of liability will we have? How much money are we talking about? Lamar replied I'm not asking for a vote. I'm just putting it out there for everyone to think about. I'm just giving the Mayor's Report.
- Septic lines are all in at the Pavilion. We came in \$1,700.00 under budget.
- The project on Old Hwy 138 will begin paving on August 17th. They will pave all the way down to Cambridge. At first we were only going to use LMIG money but we have money for roads and sidewalks so we are paving all the way. Kevin Shultz said, we need to do something about Park Street. There is so much traffic from the school on that road. Lamar said Walnut Grove High School is now the largest high school in the County. They had to hire between 18 and 30 new teachers.
- Jack's Creek Fire Station – Kathy and I had the privilege of attending their ribbon cutting. It is a beautiful facility. Our construction will begin between now and the first of the year. They sent a sign to put up on the location next to Corn Dawgs. The County will realign Guthrie Cemetery into Hwy 138, and then change the drive into Corn Dawgs. We will get 3 acres on the corner close to where the boarded up house is.
- Qualifying for Mayor and two council seats is August 31st through September 4th.
- The Festival this year will be held here at Park St on October 31st from 10:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. We need all the volunteers we can get. Walnut Grove High School will help. The Lion's Club will help. We hope to have a big turnout.
- Walnut Grove City Picnic is August 22nd at noon at the Pavilion.
- Sand has been delivered for the ball field. They began spreading it today.

XII. Old Business

None

XIII. New Business

None

XIV. Discussion

None

XV. Council Comments:

Carol – I am excited about the fire station we will be getting. It is about time we were getting what some of the other places have had. The precinct and fire departments will benefit citizens and improve property values. I was very impressed with how large the Fire Dept. at Jack's Creek is.

Joe –no comment

Kevin – no comment

XVI. Adjourn

Kevin made a motion we adjourn, motion was seconded by Carol. All were in favor, motion passed.

Adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Approved by the Mayor and Council this ____ day of September, 2015.

Mayor Lamar Lee

Katherine A. Glass, City Clerk