

City of Walnut Grove City Council

Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2015

I. Call to order

Mayor Lamar Lee called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 7:00 pm on February 12, 2015 at Walnut Grove Community Building, 1021 Park Street, Loganville, GA.

Council Present: Kathy Dimsdale, Wayne Dimsdale, Carol Witcher

II. Invocation

Joe Reitman gave the invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Agenda Approval of Agenda

Wayne Dimsdale made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Kathy Dimsdale. There was no further discussion. All members were in favor. The agenda was approved as presented.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment

VI. Approval of minutes from January 8, 2015 City Council Meeting

Wayne Dimsdale made a motion to approve the January 8, 2015 council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Carol Witcher. There was no further discussion. All members were in favor. The minutes were approved as published.

VII. Public Works Report

Alan Barton reported that things in the city were pretty quiet. They have patched some potholes, trimmed some trees hanging over the road and cleared off the sides of some roads. He is looking to purchase safety signs to use when He and Alan work on the roads. We have a quote from Tran Safe for 2 men at work signs, 2 flagger ahead signs, 4 tripod stands and brackets and 4 flags. Total for this quote is \$585.40. Wayne asked if Alan had gotten any other quotes. Alan replied that he had checked at several places including Home Depot, Lowe's and there is nowhere else that has these signs.

The sewer treatment facility is moving along. Lanier is up to date on their plans but Leon is behind and has hit a snag at the main force line as there is rock on the ground where they are placing the silt fence. There is a meeting at 2:00 tomorrow with Alan,

Leone, Mayor Lee and Precision Planning to discuss the solutions and getting them back on track. Wayne Dimsdale asked how far behind they were and Alan explained that they are about 500 feet behind on the silt fence. The project manager did explain how they plan to fix the situation but haven't actually started yet. They are also having a personnel problem. Carol Witcher asked what was going in across from the liquor store and Alan told her that was where the force main is going to tie into the parkway. Alan asked the council is they had made any decision on the purchase of the tractor and the sale of the surplus items. Kathy Dimsdale reminded all that with the budget amount earlier discussed and selling off surplus, we should be able to finalize purchase of tractor under 7,000 or so of the total 30,000 quote. Mayor Lee said they would go to talk to the tractor companies to get bottom line pricing and council will vote on purchase by next meeting. The trucks will also need to be replaced soon. Wayne asked about cost to replace and Alan said that it depends on what the city is able to spend. It's hard to find a vehicle without knowing what your budget is.

VIII. Financial Report

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

IX. City Clerk Report

The City Clerk reported a total of 21 citations for the month of January 2015. WCSO issued 7 and GSP issued 14.

There were 19 business license renewals issued for the month of January 2015.

1 HVAC permit was issued for January 2015.

There was 1 ball field and 0 pavilion reservations.

X. Code Enforcement Report

Brett Davis reported that he had written his first citation for a citizen that is using his yard to work on cars. There have been numerous complaints by his neighbors of the last several months and he refused to comply. He doesn't like to use a firm hand and the notices have worked well but some are starting to take advantage. The lots on 138 are coming along nicely. The next focus is the lot behind the Sunoco. It is very evasive and tearing up Mrs. Byrd's fence. Church Way is making progress and looking a lot better as well. There are some issues that we are getting calls about that we don't actually have in our ordinances so it makes it hard to enforce with people. Joe suggested Brett take a look at the new ordinances that he sent us as it is much more user friendly.

XI. Mayor's Report

Mayor Lee mentioned the municipal meeting next Thursday (Feb 19) at the Blue Willow Inn. Regarding the sewer update, the Mayor again mentioned the meeting with all participants. The Old Highway 138 road project is still being held up by the weather. He also expressed how impressed he was by the WGHS Senior Class and their

raising of \$12,000 for the bronze statue to go in the roundabout in front of the high school.

XII. New business

- a) Guthrie Cemetery Roundabout
The WGHS Senior Class of 2015 has raised over \$12,000 for a statue of an Indian warrior on a horse for the roundabout. This is a 109” x 43” x 92” bronze statue that is suitable for outdoor use. They will also provide landscaping. The city will only be asked to provide a slab foundation and some LED lighting that should total about \$1,000. Alan Barton and Brett Davis agreed that 2-4 lights at most should be enough. Wayne Dimsdale made the motion to provide the foundation and lighting. This motion was seconded by Kathy Dimsdale. There was no further discussion. All members were in favor. The motion carried.

- b) Vote for Election Fee
Wayne Dimsdale made the motion and it was seconded by Carol Witcher to accept the current qualifying fees set at \$72.00 for Mayor and \$21.60 for each City Council Seat. There was no further discussion. All members were in favor. The motion carried.

- c) Pavilion Fees
Motion was made by Wayne Dimsdale to approve the new rental rates for the Walnut Grove Pavilion of \$100 for city residents, \$150 for non-city residents with a refundable deposit of \$200 for city residents and \$300 for non-city residents. This motion was seconded by Carol Witcher. There was no further discussion. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

XIII. Council Comments

There were no council comments

XIV. Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn made Wayne Dimsdale and seconded by Kathy Dimsdale. All were in favor and the motion carried to dismiss.

Mayor Lamar Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Approved by the Mayor and Council this _____ day of _____, 2015

Mayor, Lamar Lee

City Clerk