

City of Walnut Grove City Council Meeting

Thursday, June 11, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Wayne Dimsdale

Kathy Dimsdale

- 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. Budget Hearing announced by Joe Reitman
Wayne Dimsdale asked if anything had changed on the budget since last month's meeting. The Clerk advised him there were no changes. Joe Reitman asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none. The hearing was closed.
- V. Agenda Approval
Motion to approve the Agenda as presented was made by Wayne Dimsdale, seconded by Kathy Dimsdale. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- VI. Public Comment
There were none.
- VII. Approval of Minutes from May 14, 2015 City Council Meeting
Motion to approve Minutes was made by Wayne Dimsdale, seconded by Kathy Dimsdale. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- VIII. Public Works Report
Alan Barton reported the work on the building behind City Hall is done except painting. The tractor was delivered last Thursday. It has already been used to clear dirt from the roadway near Cambridge. The sidewalks in town were edged. On the north side of Hwy 138 toward Monroe there is not much sidewalk just dirt and grass. Alan Barton reported work will begin on City Hall which will include painting and some woodwork. He purchased the supplies for the Old City Hall. Sheriff Joe Chapman provided trustees to do the work. The oxidation pond is $\frac{3}{4}$ dug.

The drilling is being done on the force main. Next they will lay the pipe. Alan Barton brought up an issue with a tree hanging over the road on Park St. Lt 490 is where the tree is. We have to get this taken care of. Wayne Dimsdale said he had talked to the owner and he says he will not do anything about the tree. Wayne Dimsdale said Brett Davis needs to issue a citation. The tree is a Water Oak 8" to 10" in diameter. Alan Barton says he cannot take the limb down without risking injury due to the position of the limb. Alan Barton reported everything else is good. He is waiting to see what the Church on the Parkway is going to do. He will let the crabgrass take over the roundabout and maybe water will be run down the parkway to the Church.

IX. Financial Report

Wayne Dimsdale made a motion the financials be approved, Kathy Dimsdale seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Wayne Dimsdale asked if Walnut Grove was going to get a new Fire Department. The Mayor advised there will be a Fire Department built on Hwy 81.

X. Clerk's Report

- a. Citations Issued: 47 from WCSO and 6 from GSP
- b. Business License – none
- C. Other Permits Issued - none
- D. Ball Park Reservations – 21
- e. Pavilion Reservations – 7
- f. Street Address – 1

XI. Code Enforcement Report

Code Enforcement Officer was not present.

XII. Mayor's Report

Mayor Lee advised Walnut Grove's Fall Festival will be held on October 31st. Ms. Byrd is interested in putting an ice machine on her property. The City Picnic will be held on August 8th. There will be a called meeting on June 22nd to finalize the Budget. After the meeting all the council members will receive their checks for expenses for the GMA Conference. Mayor Lee gave an update on the Old City Hall. The inmates painted all the windows and caulked them too. They finished all the work today. They are scheduled to come back tomorrow and clean up. Wayne Dimsdale asked if Ms. Byrd had come and applied for a permit for an ice machine. The Mayor advised she had not at this time. She was just inquiring.

XIII. Old Business

Request for Bill Board Permit by George Wells

Joe Reitman recommended we contact Mr. Wells and have him come in and reapply for a sign permit for a sign 150 square feet in size. If he meets the size criteria the Mayor can approve it without having a hearing. The criteria involved with a Bill Board were discussed by the council members which involved the distance to the closest sign and he would have to be in a commercial district. Joe Reitman said he would not be able to put up a billboard but can scale

down in size 90 square feet, 9' X 10'. If his lot were .6887 or larger he would qualify for 90 square foot per side and less than that would be 70 square foot. There are no distance restrictions on non-billboard signs.

IX. New Business

Zoning Ordinances

Joe Reitman stated he had already sent a sample in March based on the City of Social Circle's Ordinances. It was decided a Work Session will be scheduled to discuss the City's Zoning Ordinances.

IIIX. Council Comments

Kathy Dimsdale – No Comment

Wayne Dimsdale – No Comment

IIIX. Adjourn

Kathy Dimsdale made a motion we adjourn, Wayne Dimsdale seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked all in favor stand. Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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

Mayor Lamar Lee

Katherine A. Glass, City Clerk