

WALNUT GROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2017

MINUTES

Present at Meeting:

Joe Reitman

Carol Witcher

Wayne Dimsdale

Kathy Dimsdale

Mayor Lamar Lee

Katherine Glass, City Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to Order by Mayor Lamar Lee

II. INVOCATION

Meeting opened in prayer by Joe Reitman

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

Wayne Dimsdale made a motion to approve Agenda as presented, Carol Witcher seconded the motion, opportunity for discussion, motion passed, unanimous.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

Opened by Joe Reitman- He explained in detail the procedures of a Public Hearing.

1. EARTHWISE INDUSTRIES – Conditional Use Permit

PUBLIC HEARING Opened by Joe Reitman, he provided a summary of request and analysis of the application – he then opened floor for public comment, 10 minutes per side allowed.

Presented by John Fullard of 4766 Guthrie Cemetery Rd., Loganville, GA 30052 and his staff. No further public comments.

Carol Witcher made a motion to approve the Conditional Use allowing the owner to expand existing Biomedical waste handling operations to include a thermal treatment (autoclave) unit to render Biomedical waste non –infectious and suitable for disposal as solid waste in a permitted sanitary landfill, Wayne Dimsdale seconded the motion, opportunity for discussion, motion passed, unanimous.

2. WATERSHED PROTECTION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF WALNUT GROVE –

Presented by Joe Reitman – PUBLIC HEARING Opened by Joe Reitman, he provided a summary of request and analysis of the application – he then opened floor for public comment, 10 minutes per side allowed.

No Discussion – Public hearing closed.

Wayne Dimsdale made a motion to approve the Watershed Protection Plan as presented, Carol Witcher seconded, opportunity for discussion, motion passed, unanimous.

3. **REDBUD LAND INVESTMENTS, LLC** – Rezone Request from A-1 Agricultural to C-2 General Commercial District. PUBLIC HEARING Opened by Joe Reitman, he provided a summary of request and analysis of the application – he then opened floor for public comment, 10 minutes per side allowed.
Presented by David Willett of 5370 Kent Rock Rd., Loganville, GA 30052. No further public comments. Hearing closed.
Wayne Dimsdale made a motion to rezone the 4.12 acres from A-1 Agricultural to C-2 General Commercial District, Kathy Dimsdale seconded the motion, opportunity for discussion, motion passed, unanimous.
4. **REDBUD LAND INVESTMENTS, LLC** – Conditional Use Permit.
PUBLIC HEARING Opened by Joe Reitman, he provided a summary of request and analysis of the application – he then opened floor for public comment, 10 minutes per side allowed.
Request to: Allow owner to develop and construct a Self Storage Facility on the 4.12 acres that will service the immediate populous of the City of Walnut Grove and including its surroundings. No further public comments. Hearing closed.
Wayne Dimsdale made a motion to allow Redbud Land Investments, LLC to develop and construct a Self Storage Facility on the 4.12 acres that will service the immediate populous of the City of Walnut Grove, Carol Witcher seconded the motion, opportunity for discussion, motion passed, unanimous.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VII. MINUTES APPROVAL – DECEMBER 8, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wayne Dimsdale made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented, Kathy Dimsdale seconded the motion, opportunity for discussion, motion passed, unanimous.

VIII. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Given by Public Works Director, Alan Barton

IX. FINANCIAL REPORT

Given by Katherine A. Glass, City Clerk

X. CLERK'S REPORT

Activity report given on all business licenses, citations, other permits and park reservations given by Katherine A. Glass, City Clerk

XI. CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Report given by Code Enforcement Officer Craig Ellington

There was discussion on how to handle abandoned properties in City of Walnut Grove. Joe Reitman will provide the proper procedure to City of Walnut Grove.

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Lee advised the Dollar General is planning to open their business on February 12th, 2017.

He has a meeting with D.O.T. on January 26th to discuss a red light at Park Street and Hwy 81 intersection.

There will be an upcoming Planning Meeting. All Council members are encouraged to attend. The City Clerk will be scheduling the meeting and sending notice to council members.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Installation of Elected Officials – n/a

B. Election of Mayor Pro-Tem

Kathy Dimsdale nominated for position of Mayor Pro-Tem 2017. Motion to accept Kathy Dimsdale as Mayor Pro Tem made by Wayne Dimsdale, seconded by Carol Witcher, opportunity for discussion, motion passed, unanimous.

C. Appointments

- a. City Clerk – Katherine A. Glass
- b. Deputy Clerk – Sonya R. Cox
- c. Public Works Director – Alan D. Barton
- d. Code Enforcement Officer – Randall Craig Ellington
- e. City Attorney – Joe Reitman
- f. City Engineer – Precision Planning, Inc.
- g. Municipal Court Judge – David F. Dickinson

Motion made by Wayne Dimsdale to accept the City Positions as listed above as a blanket motion, Seconded by Carol Witcher, opportunity for discussion, motion passed, unanimous.

D. Re-appointment of Board of Trustees at Walnut Grove Library

- a. Kimberly Cliatt
- b. Lauren Gilreath
- c. Stephanie Schrack
- d. Don Cannon
- e. Guy Hall

Motion to accept and reappoint the above list of Board of Trustees at Walnut Grove Library made by Wayne Dimsdale, Seconded by Carol Witcher, opportunity for discussion, motion passed, unanimous.

XV. DISCUSSION ITEM

Church at The Grove – Stucco on the outside of their building looks good.

XVI. COUNCIL COMMENTS

- a. Kathy Dimsdale – none
- b. Wayne Dimsdale – Fence at the Precinct looks good
- c. Carol Witcher – stated she thinks the City should reappoint a Downtown Development Authority and a Zoning Board

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (If needed)

XVIII. ADJOURN

Wayne Dimsdale made a motion to adjourn, Carol Witcher seconded the motion, opportunity for discussion, motion passed, unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Approved by the Mayor and Council this _____ day of February, 2017.

Mayor Lamar Lee

Katherine A. Glass, City Clerk