

**WALNUT GROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY JUNE 8, 2017  
MINUTES**

Present at Meeting:  
Mayor Lamar Lee  
Wayne Dimsdale  
Kathy Dimsdale  
Carol Witcher  
Katherine Glass, City Clerk  
Lee Abney, City Attorney

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Lamar Lee

**II. INVOCATION**

Invocation given by Councilwoman Carol Witcher

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

**IV. AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**VI. MINUTES APPROVAL: MAY 11, 2017 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**VII. PUBLIC HEARING**

a. 2017-2018 Final Budget Hearing

Mayor Lee turned this portion over to attorney Lee Abney.

Public Hearing opened We will open up the hearing with comments in favor or and against the budget. We will start 10 minutes in favor. Open now for any citizen in favor of the final budget. Hearing none in favor we will open up for any citizen who wants to say anything against the final budget. At this time I will close the public hearing portion and I will turn it back over to the Mayor for the City Council to discuss. Wayne Dimsdale made a motion to accept the budget as presented with the condition that it can be amended at a later date if needed; Carol Witcher seconded the motion, opportunity for discussion, motion passed, unanimous.

**VIII. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Public Work report given by Alan Barton, Public Works Director.

With all the rain we have had the grass has been growing and we are trying our best to keep it all cut. We have been picking up trash and trying to keep everything looking good. Mayor Lee told him they are doing a good job. Carol Witcher asked if they are cutting grass at the Sewer Plant. Alan Barton told her yes and everything there is looking good.

**IX. FINANCIAL REPORT**

City Clerk, Katherine Glass directed the Council Members to the report in their notebooks. Wayne Dimsdale made a motion to approve the financials as submitted. Carol Witcher seconded the motion, opportunity for discussion, motion passed, unanimous.

**X. CLERK'S REPORT**

Activity report given on all business licenses, citations, other permits and park reservations given by Katherine A. Glass. There was discussion about the permits issued.

**XI. CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Given by Craig Ellington, Code Enforcement Officer

I have written ten notices of violations to home owners most of these have been taken care of already. I spoke to a couple of business owners who also cut their grass. We sent a letter out trying to find the owner of a vacant lot that is pretty overgrown. I will follow up on the building permits that have been issued and make sure they are posted as required. Wayne Dimsdale asked Officer Ellington if he knew who owned the property between the Waffle House and Dollar General. He was asked by the Manager at Waffle House and was told if they need to cut the grass they would. Mayor Lee said Dollar General owns all the property between them. Officer Ellington told the Council he would check on it and let them know.

**XII. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The only thing I have to report is they have broke ground on the new fire department and EMS and they are now grading the lot. I also understand the building has already been let to the contractor. I understand it is the same contractor that built the library. There was further discussion about the way the building would look and what DOT plans for the intersection.

**XIII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Resolution #17-001 Approval of the Comprehensive Plan Update as Approved by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs

Carol Witcher made a motion to approve Resolution #17-001; Wayne Dimsdale seconded the motion, opportunity for discussion, motion passed, unanimous.

- b. Contract between Walton County Board of Elections and City of Walnut Grove  
Wayne Dimsdale made a motion to approve the Contract between the City of Walnut Grove and the Walton County Board of Elections for the County to conduct all City Elections; Carol Witcher seconded the motion, opportunity for discussion, motion passed, unanimous.

**XV. DISCUSSION ITEM**

a. Sewer Ordinance

Wayne Dimsdale made a motion to approve the Sewer Ordinance; Carol Witcher didn't want to require citizens to hook on to the sewer system. She was told by Lee Abney citizens would only be required to hook on to the system if their system failed. Carol Witcher then seconded the motion, opportunity for further discussion, motion passed, unanimous.

b. Code Red (paid yearly in August \$2,500.00 per year)

Carol Witcher made a motion we terminate this contract when it comes due in August; Wayne Dimsdale seconded the motion, opportunity for discussion, motion passed, unanimous.

**XVI. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Kathy Dimsdale – none

Wayne Dimsdale – none

Carol Witcher – Told the audience to please come back and to bring others to the Council Meetings. It is your town and ours. We live here by choice so come and be involved.

Wayne Dimsdale made a motion to adjourn; Kathy Dimsdale seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.**

Approved by the Mayor and Council this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

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Mayor Lamar Lee

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Katherine A. Glass, City Clerk