

**WALNUT GROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY MAY 11, 2017  
MINUTES**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Lamar Lee

**II. INVOCATION**

Invocation given

**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 FOR APRIL 13, 2017**

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 Budget**

Sarah Weaver – Asked for a more detailed budget than the one she got off the City’s website. She wanted a breakdown for training and expenses. She also wanted to see certificates to prove council members and employees attended training. She asked to come to City Hall and see copies of certificates. She was told by the City Clerk she would be happy to answer any questions she had on the budget if she would come by the office.

Carol Witcher asked about the Heritage Festival. There is no money budgeted for it this year. Mayor Lee told her the Walnut Grove Lion’s Club was going to take it over this year. Carol Witcher asked if the Council was going to be expected to help out and she was told by Mayor Lee that they would.

Wayne Dimsdale made a motion to close the public hearing; Carol Witcher seconded the motion, opportunity for discussion, motion passed, unanimous.

**VIII. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Public Works Director was not present, no report.

**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

Wayne Dimsdale asked Mayor Lee what was the average speed on Park Street given to him by a Walton County Deputy. Mayor Lee gave a breakdown from the speed detection device which was placed on Park St. The total volume was 6,276 cars, over the speed limit for the time period it was placed there was 5,533, under the limit count was 743. The average speed on Park Street was 31 mph. Mayor Lee said Deputy Savage told him today the average speed on Hwy 81 was 60 mph.

**XI. CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Code Enforcement Officer was not present, no report given.

**XII. MAYOR'S REPORT**

I already gave the stats on Park St.

Sewer Plant is ready if they can get the grass cut. As far as the contract with the County, the contract is still with the attorneys for the City and County. There was discussion about the position of the person who would be hired to work at the sewer plant to collect and read water samples. There was discussion about the plant at the City of Loganville being the same plant as we have. There was discussion about the payments on the note for the sewer plant.

**XIII. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Wayne Dimsdale asked if Mayor Lee and Alan Barton had measured the city streets that needed repair/repaving. Mayor Lee told him he has all the footage. It is about a mile total. Wayne Dimsdale said he would drop by City Hall and see what the measurements were. One other question about that, did we talk to the County about helping us out? Mayor Lee told him they said they will. The only thing they won't do is undercut. They just don't have anyone to do it.

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**XV. DISCUSSION ITEM**

Carol Witcher – I appreciate your talking about the sewer plant and having the ready person to do it. I was under the impression that Alan Barton wanted to do it. But I think after he and the Council found out exactly what all is involved.

**XVI. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Wayne Dimsdale – None

Carol Witcher – I appreciate this couple coming to the Council Meeting and having an interest in what is going on in the City.

Carol Witcher made a motion to adjourn, Wayne Dimsdale seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting adjourned.**

Approved by the Mayor and Council this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

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Mayor Lamar Lee

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Katherine A. Glass, City Clerk