

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019
MINUTES

Present:

Mayor Lamar Lee
Carol Witcher
Kevin Shultz
Linda Pilgrim
Mark Moore

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
Meeting called to order by Mayor Lamar Lee

- II. INVOCATION**
Invocation given by Carol Witcher

- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
All stood for the pledge of allegiance

- IV. AGENDA APPROVAL**
Kevin Shultz made a motion to approve the agenda, Mark Moore seconded the motion, opportunity for discussion, motion passed.

- V. PUBLIC COMMENT**
None

- VI. MINUTES APPROVAL: MARCH 14, 2019 CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 14, 2019 WORK SESSION**
Mark Moore made a motion to accept the minutes from both meetings as presented, Linda Pilgrim seconded the motion, opportunity for discussion, motion passed.

- VII. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**
No report given. Alan Barton Director of Public Works was not present.

- VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT**
Linda Pilgrim made a motion be financials be approved as presented, Kevin Shultz seconded the motion, opportunity for discussion, motion passed.

- IX. CLERKS REPORT**
The City Clerk gave a report of all activity during the month of March. Councilman Shultz asked the City Clerk to include a more detailed report of what the Code Enforcement Officer does in her report. The City Clerk agreed she would add this to her report.

Councilman Moore asked if this report could define what code violation and/or building violations were used. The City Clerk said she would ask the Officer Satterfield for the information.

X. CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

No report given. Grant Satterfield, Code Enforcement Officer not present.

XI. MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Lee asked everyone to remember Alan Barton's mother, Patsy Barton, in their prayers as she is sick and in the hospital. This past month we lost Andy Byrd who used to be on the City Council here. He reported the cities and Walton County are finalizing the SDS (Service Delivery Strategy) agreement and it will be complete in May.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Repair/Pour New Sidewalks in the City

The Council members discussed the location of where new sidewalks might be poured and repaired. Kevin Shultz made a motion repairs and patching be made to the sidewalks along Hwy 138 W - 94' long X 4' wide and Hwy 138E – 231' long and 4' wide and new sidewalks poured on Hwy 138W – Dollar General to side walk at Day Care at Old Hwy 138 – 591' long X 4' wide, Hwy 81N from the Baptist Church to the Walnut Grove Parkway – 611' long X 4' wide, and East on Walnut Grove Parkway from Hwy 81 to the Walnut Grove Library – 200' long X 4' wide. Mark Moore seconded the motion, opportunity for discussion, motion passed.

B. New John Deer Lawn Mower

Carol Witcher made a motion to ratify the purchase of the John Deere Lawn Mower, Kevin Shultz seconded the motion, opportunity for discussion, motion passed.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Pre-emergent on Spray Field at the Sewer Plant

Jimmy Park with Precision Planning recommended we apply the pre-emergent to the spray field to maintain the viability and health of the Bermuda grass. Mark Moore made a motion to approve the application of the pre-emergent on the spray field, Linda Pilgrim seconded the motion, opportunity for discussion, motion passed.

B. Cut Spray Field at the Sewer Plant

Mayor Lee asked the Council if they would like to put this out for bid. There was discussion about if the City could cut the fields and it was decided they do not have the proper equipment. They also discussed taking bids for cutting the spray field. Mark Moore made a motion to put out for bid the job to cut the hay off the spray fields, Kevin Shultz seconded the motion, opportunity for discussion, motion passed.

C. Solicitation on Public Streets (Councilman Moore)

Councilman Moore is concerned about the collection of donations at Hwy 138 and Hwy 81. He made a motion it be illegal to be in any of our streets bucketing or collecting monies. Councilman Shultz said it is already a State law but enforcing this law is the problem. He described who is collecting donations are the Lions Club, the fireman and Shriners. There was further discussion about the enforcement of this law and liability to the City of Walnut Grove. Councilman Moore will contact Sheriff Chapman or someone at the Walton County Sheriff's Office and discuss this with them. Councilman Moore asked this matter to be tabled until he gets further information.

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEM

None

XV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mark Moore – Thanked everyone for coming. He asked if anyone needed anything or had any questions just call him. He stated Andy Byrd was a good friend of his and Ms. Barton was his children's school bus driver.

Linda Pilgrim – We are so sorry about Andy. We have known him since the 70's and he will be missed. We are still trying to get the citizen's involvement committee going. If you have any interest in that just talk to Mark or me and it will be greatly appreciated.

Kevin Shultz – Echo thanks for coming out and my thoughts and prayers for Ms. Patsy Barton and Alan, the entire family. Also, thoughts and prayers for the loss of Andy Byrd and his family.

Carol Witcher – I echo the sentiments of the rest of Council in the loss of citizens of this town, founding families.

XVI. ADJOURN

Kevin Shultz made a motion to adjourn, Linda Pilgrim seconded the motion, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Approved by the Mayor and Council this 9th day of May 2019.

Mayor Lamar Lee

Katherine A. Glass, City Clerk