

WALNUT GROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017

7:00 P.M.

Present:

Mayor Lamar Lee
Carol Witcher
Wayne Dimsdale
Kathy Dimsdale

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Lamar Lee

II. INVOCATION

Invocation given by Jimmy Parker

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion made for Agenda to be amended as follows by Wayne Dimsdale under "Old Business" add GEFA Loan refinance and Under "New Business" Item B move it before item VII Public Works Report. Motion seconded by Carol Witcher, opportunity for discussion, motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Stephanie Moncrief - head of the Home Owners Association at Emerald Cove Subdivision She spoke to the Council about excessive speeding in her neighborhood. She suggested additional stop signs and also a painted message on the road way that reads SLOW. There was discussion with Council about possible solutions to help with speeding. Ms. Moncrief also stated she asked a Walton County Deputy to patrol her subdivision and was told they cannot write tickets in her subdivision. Jimmy Parker said, as the City's engineer, he would speak with Chief Deputy Brooks and see if there is a reason why they don't write tickets in subdivisions. He stated it could be as simple as adding these city streets to their radar log so radar could be used there. There was also a request for the City to facilitate a meeting with the homeowners and Walton County Sheriff Joe Chapman so they could ask him questions about solutions to their issues. Mayor Lee offered to call Sheriff Chapman and set up the meeting to be held at the Walnut Grove Municipal Building.

Stacey Carson -- resident in Emerald Cove Subdivision. She stated her pet was killed in the street Wednesday night in their subdivision. She stated she wants something done before something bad happens to a child.

VI. MINUTES APPROVAL: NOVEMBER 9, 2017 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Carol Witcher made a motion the minutes be approved as presented, Wayne Dimsdale seconded the motion, opportunity for discussion, motion passed unanimously.

BID FOR SEWER LINE EXTENSION

Jimmy Parker, Precision Planning, Inc., reported there were nine bids for the Sewer Line Extension turned in on the deadline Tuesday, December 5, 2017. At 2:00 p.m. that day the bids were opened. The low bid on the project was that of Universal Underground Utility Contractors, Inc. of Auburn, Georgia in the amount of THREE HUNDRED EIGHT SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$386,385.00). After reviewing all references Precision Planning recommended awarding the project to Universal Underground Utility Contractors, Inc. be accepted by the City of Walnut Grove. Carol Witcher made a motion the City accept the bid from Universal Underground Utility Contractors, Inc., seconded by Wayne Dimsdale, opportunity for discussion, motion passed.

VII. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Alan Barton, Director of Public Works

Everything is going fine in the City. He was asked about equipment and he responded the City will need a new lawnmower and other equipment. He is currently having the old lawn mower worked on. Mayor Lee said they would look at this issue after the first of the year. Carol Witcher asked about a water leak in the City and asked if it was the City's responsibility. Mr. Barton told her the water is Walton County Water Department's responsibility.

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT

City Clerk, Katherine Glass directed the Council Members to the report in their notebooks. Wayne Dimsdale made a motion the financial report be approved as presented, Carol Witcher, seconded the motion, opportunity for discussion, motion passed unanimously.

IX. CLERK'S REPORT

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

X. CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Grant Satterfield – Three things I focused on my first month were non working cars, non tagged cars and people parking on the grass. I also picked up the weekend signs littering our right of ways. The bed of my truck is about 1/3 full of those signs. I issued 24 written warnings. All but two have either conformed or are trying to conform. I have two that will probably get tickets and have to go before the Judge. Next I will be watching to make sure everyone gets their business licenses renewed and I will learn more about our sign ordinance and make sure they have paid their permit fees.

XI. MAYOR'S REPORT

We have two applications to rezone on the Dial Property, one is for commercial and the other is residential. Also the gentleman is looking at other property Mr. Dial owns. We had

a little excitement this week. They were filming down on the parkway. The movie is "Kevin Saves the World". The City had the Staff/Council Christmas party on Tuesday night.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

A. GEFA Loan Refinance

Mike Malcom, City Attorney, stated he had reviewed the documents sent from GEFA and they appeared to be in order. He stated their office recommends the Mayor and the Clerk attest to this so it can be returned to GEFA on Friday. Everything has been written and modified to include Preston & Malcom as the City's Attorney of record. It just needs to be signed by the Mayor and City Clerk. Wayne Dimsdale made a motion the documents be signed, Carol Witcher seconded the motion, there was opportunity for discussion, motion passed unanimously.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Contract with Southeast Corrections

Mike Malcom explained one of the law partners, Paul Rosenthal has been working on this contract which will include some new State guidelines. This is what is presented in the contract. Other cities in Walton County have approved this contract. Wayne Dimsdale made a motion we accept the new contract before the Council, Carol Witcher seconded the motion, opportunity for discussion, motion passed unanimously.

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEM

None

XV. COUNCIL COMMENTS


Kathy Dimsdale – None

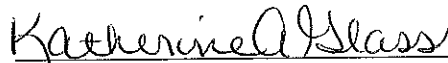
Wayne Dimsdale – Stated he was glad to see everyone there at the meeting. Thanks for bringing up these matters that concern everyone.

Carol Witcher – Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Please make this a priority to attend the Council Meetings. She thanked the attorneys for their work and their interest in Walnut Grove. She also recognized Wayne and Kathy Dimsdale as retiring after the January meeting. Linda Pilgrim and Mark Moore were identified as being the Council Members to take the Dimsdale's place on Council.

Wayne Dimsdale made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Carol Witcher, opportunity for discussion, motion passed unanimously at 8:04 p.m.

Approved by the Mayor and Council this 11th day of January, 2018.


Mayor Lamar Lee


Katherine A. Glass, City Clerk