

**City of Walnut Grove
City Council Meeting
Thursday, December 13, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

**Present:
Mayor Lamar Lee
Carol Witcher
Linda Pilgrim
Mark Moore
Kevin Shultz**

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 Pledge of Allegiance

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mark Moore City Councilman ask to amend the agenda to add a part two section under new business Library Funding, motion made by Mark Moore and seconded by Kevin Shultz, motion carried. Kevin Shultz City Councilman asked to amend the agenda to add a part three section under new business to Street Paving Project in Cambridge Subdivision. Motion made by Kevin Shultz and seconded by Mark Moore, motion carried.

Mark Moor City Councilman made a motion to add under Discussion Items the paving of Valley Dr., Kevin Shultz seconded the motion and it passed. Kevin Shultz made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, Mark Moore seconded the motion and it carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM November 8th and Work Session November 1st, 2018.

Kevin Shultz made a Motion to Approve the minutes, Mark Moore seconded the motion, Motion carried.

VII PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Alan Barton – Public Works Director - Everything is going pretty smooth, we are just keeping the drains cleaned out of leaves and pine straw. The lawnmower has been repaired. There are 2200 hours on the other one, so we are going to need a new one. I've been looking around to get the best deal. Everything is taken care of and ready to go.

VIII FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion made by Mark Moore to approve financials, seconded by Kevin Shultz, motion carried.

IX CLERK' S REPORT

Given by Kathy Glass- Clerk

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

X CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Code Enforcement Officer not here.

XI MAYOR'S REPORT

City Hall will be closed on Monday the 23rd – Wednesday the 26th For Christmas.

XII OLD BUSINESS

Second reading of The Amendment to increase the Code Enforcement Officers hours from 5 Hours to up to 20 hours by City Attorney Jesse Couch. After the second reading there was some Discussion on this and a motion was made by Councilman Kevin Shultz and seconded by Councilwoman Linda Pilgrim, to table this matter until a later date, motion carried.

XIII NEW BUSINESS

A. Work Sessions on the First Thursday of each month

After some discussion Kevin Shultz made a motion to stop the first Thursday work session Carol Witcher seconded the motion. There was a vote and Mark Moore and Linda Pilgrim Opposed. Mayor Lee broke the tie and voted against the two meetings a month, motion Carried.

B. Discussion of Library Funding

Mark Moore- Because this library is a jewel to our City, I want to make a motion to increase the budget funding by \$4,900.00 to a total of \$49,500.00. Kevin Shultz ask the question; do you mean in the next budget or effectively immediately? Mark Moore answered immediately. Kevin Schultz made the comment, that goes back to the budget. Mark Moore answered that there were quite a few budgetary items below the projected amounts and with the taxes he thinks we can afford to do this for the library. Kevin Shultz - Not opposed to that at all but, we need to table it to another time. Carol Witcher stated that she would like to give them a flat \$50,000 come spring.

Mark Moore made an amendment to his motion to change the budget allotment to \$50,000. Linda Pilgrim seconded the motion. There was a tie and after more discussion was held and Mayor Lamar Lee then voted no and that we would table it until next year.

C. CAMBRIDGE SUBDIVISION STREET PAVING PROJECT

Jimmy Parker- Thank you Mayor and Council, as y'all all know E.R. Snell came and patched in Cambridge Chase and that has been completed. After riding around in there with the Mayor and then with Alan it is like riding in a wagon. They could possibly come back in and torch it a and roll it again but I don't think that will work. My recommendation to Council is to eliminate the problem and go ahead and resurface it. I talked to E.R. Snell and they say it will cost between \$85,000 and \$100,000. Kathy can tell you how much you have in your SPLOST Account? Kathy reported, we had about \$277,000 in this account. With Council approving This we will have to either have a recommendation from the City Attorney to have a change

work order or put out for new bid. We could solicit bids in 60 days. Mark Moore suggested that we check on pricing on paving Magnolia Estates. Jimmy Parker let him know that it is second on the list and we would be doing the same thing to Magnolia Estates next year. So, we just need to go ahead and get this done. Mark Moore made a motion to go ahead with the resurfacing Cambridge Subdivision, seconded by Kevin Schultz, motion carried.

XIV DISCUSSION ITEM

Mark Moore- I want to bring up fixing the roads on Greenhill Way, Church Way and Valley Drive that we discussed back on the August 9th meeting. Greenhill Way and Church Way have been fixed but, Valley Drive has not. Jimmy Parker said that he spoke with E.R. Snell and that they had a floating supervisor that day and that they missed it. They came and marked it today and will be fixing it sometime within the next week or two.

XV COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mark Moore- Like I said the Library is a jewel in this city. I think it is an important part and I want to work with this council to get all the money that ya'll need to work with our kids. Secondly, I would like to get more involvement with our citizens and implement some committees that are desperately needed. Like Good Hope, I talked to them at the dinner, and they have 5 Council members and 5 committees and only 289 residents.

Linda Pilgrim- No Comment

Kevin Schultz- Thank everyone for coming out and what Mr. Moore said I agree with that and my name will forever be on that library on the bronze plaque. So that is something that I would like to see, them to continue to grow. I didn't vote for that because I knew it needed to be done the right way. When we have our audit at the end of the year, we need to do things the right way. I just want to wish everybody a Happy Holiday and a Merry Christmas. If you are traveling be safe, hopefully 2019 will be a little better. Maybe a little less rain not a lot less rain, but we have seen droughts and they are just as bad as too much rain. This is what happens to the roads when we have all this rain. Again, Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Carol Witcher- These are the best of times and the worst of times. And council is trying what we can to bring the citizens out with us every month. And I think that is part of the best of times, and then the worst of times is been the weather as Kevin alluded to, and us not having the finances that we would really like to have one day to bring this City to where we hope it will go someday. One day, the majority of us are going to be dead and gone so the legacy that we leave is going to be important. Everybody else that is younger than us will work on and build up and make the City what we want it to be but, first of all it starts with putting people in the seats. And I appreciate so much those of you who have come tonight to be with us and I hope you understand that we are doing all that we can with the finances that we have. And with the personnel that we have to make this a great little place to raise a family and not withstanding even having our own schools a little closer to us. Throughout my lifetime I have received a lot of accolades but the most important to me is having my name on that library over there. Because it means every book that I have picked up and read in my lifetime now anybody not just children can read. If you don't have a computer you can go over there and let Amy help

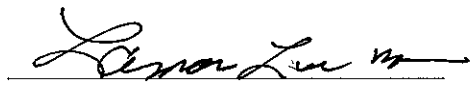
you look for what you need whether it be a new job, or housing for yourself or whatever else you need. Hug a Librarian, thank you City Councilman, Attorneys and the Mayor that keep us on the straight and narrow, I am glad to see you all and have a blessed holiday.

XVI. ADJOURN

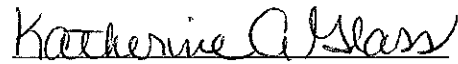
Motion to adjourn by Kevin Schultz, Seconded by Mark Moore, motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Approved by the Mayor and Council this 10 day of January 2019.



Mayor Lamar Lee



Katherine A. Glass, City Clerk