

# Walnut Grove City Council Meeting

Thursday, August 9, 2018

7:00 P.M.

**Present:**

Mayor Lamar Lee

Carol Witcher

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 Pledge of Allegiance

**IV. AGENDA APPROVAL**

Motion made by Mark Moore to amend Agenda by moving report from Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning next on agenda seconded by Linda Pilgrim, motion passed. Motion made to approve Agenda by Mark Moore, seconded by Linda Pilgrim, motion passed.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

Jimmy Parker with Precision Planning gave an update on the 2018 street patching and repaving program in the City. The job is currently out for bid. We went through and rated the streets at the Mayor's request and the top areas were Cambridge, Magnolia Springs and a couple of areas in and around Greenhill Way. After rating those I spoke with the Mayor and we are going to start on Cambridge Way. All the streets in this subdivision will be patched. Vista Way is probably the worst street in the City. There are about four root spots in Greenhill Way, Valley Drive and Church Way that need to be repaired. That is about \$1,500.00 worth of patching so we added them in. The total cost of the project is going to be \$140,000 to \$150,000. The bids will be received on September. We will review those and then make a recommendation and

present it back to council for reward. Then we will come back next spring and start with Magnolia Springs and then next fall resurface all the streets next fall.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**VII. MINUTES APPROVAL**

1. Public Hearing June 28/18 at 10:00 a.m.
2. Public Hearing June 28/18 at 7:00 p.m.
3. Public Hearing July 12/18 at 7:00 p.m.
4. Council Meeting July 12/18

Motion to approve minutes made by Carol Witcher, seconded by Mark Moore, motion passed.

**VIII. PUBLIC WORKS**

Alan Barton, Public Works Director - Well it has been raining all month. We can't get the concrete poured because I don't want to have it washing down the drain. I did get the materials for the fence and got started on that and hit rock so now I have to wait for a mini excavator. I got the hay cut and fertilized. I shopped around for the fertilizer and saved the city about \$700.00 on the fertilizer. Talked to Chris who is overseeing the sewage plant and we want to get the ponds down before the sewer starts getting over that way and we will have room before we have to start spreading it out. Hopefully we won't have any busted pipes this winter. Just keeping the grass cut and everything picked up.

**IX. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Financial report given by Katherine Glass. A motion was made to approve the financials as read by Mark Moore and seconded by Carol Witcher, motion passed.

**X. CLERK'S REPORT**

Activity report given on all business license, citations and other permits and pavilion and ball field reservations given by Katherine Glass.

**XI. CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Grant Satterfield gave a report on the grass cutting in the city, he has been sending the land lords a copy of what he gave the renters. I have a lot on the side of the gas station on Hwy 138 that I am working on. Working on the signs and making sure they are permitted. On the weekend directional signs, I have been calling and acting like I am interested and then I tell them if I catch them out there again they are going to have to go before my Judge. I'm working on the issue on Guthrie Cemetery Rd.

**XII. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Well I really don't have much, the EMS and Fire Department have got moved in.

**XIII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**XIV. DISCUSSION ITEM**

Carol Witcher brought up the idea of having scheduled work sessions which would be a called meeting. After discussion the council decided to meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m. for a work session. Carol Witcher made a motion to approve the scheduled work sessions on the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m., Mark Moore seconded the motion, motion passed.

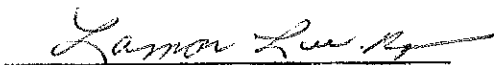
**XV. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None

Motion to adjourn made by Mark Moore, seconded by Linda Pilgrim, motion passed.

Adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Approved this 13 day of September, 2018



Mayor Lamar Lee



Katherine A. Glass, City Clerk

# Walnut Grove City Special Called Meeting

Thursday, September 6, 2018

5:30 P.M.

Present:

Mayor Lamar Lee

Carol Witcher

Linda Pilgrim

Mark Moore

Jesse Couch

**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**

Motion made by Mark Moore to amend Agenda to include Wildcat Striping to finish work on the pedestrian walk way on Park St. and to include bids on the 2018 Street Paving & Maintenance Program, seconded by Carol Witcher, Unanimous vote, motion passed.

Motion was made by Mark Moore to go ahead with the striping of the crosswalk for \$2,300.00 by Wildcat Striping. Councilwoman Linda Pilgrim had a question before a vote was taken on the striping about the water flooding the new sidewalk that had just been finished next to the park on Park St. After discussion Mayor Lee said that they would keep an eye on this concern.

Linda Pilgrim seconded the Motion, unanimous vote, motion passed. Mark Moore made a motion to go ahead with low bid from E.R. Snell paving, Carol Witcher seconded the motion, unanimous vote, Motion passed.

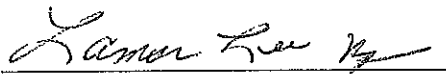
**V. REVIEW OF THE WALNUT GROVE ORDINANCES**

Attorney Jesse Couch was asked to speak on the legal standpoint of the City Ordinances. The easy way to start is just going back to the basics, you as City Council, are to use the City Charter and the State law. So that is sort of the basis on how you start. If you are operating within State Law and Ordinances you as council can pretty much do as you please. He explained that their office would be approached by Council members if they had questions about the way an ordinance is written, then they would look at the ordinance and possible research the way other Cities might have their ordinances written. If there were changes to be made there would have to be two readings and then it would be voted on. He also explained that there is also cost to be considered having Legal Counsel research and rewrite these ordinances.

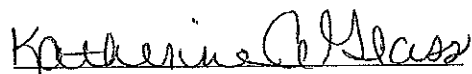
Mark Moore brought up the subject of having chickens on your property. After much discussion on the chickens Attorney Couch explained that the ordinances for the city says that at this point you can have chickens as long as they are 100 feet away from anyone's property.

Mark Moore made a Motion to Adjourn, Linda Pilgrim 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed, and meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Approved this 13 day of September 2018



Mayor Lee



Katherine A. Glass, City Clerk