

The  
*Village*  
of *Walnut Creek*

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The Village of Walnut Creek Council met in Regular Session, June 22, at 7:30 PM, 103 Village Drive.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Danny Jackson  
Councilwoman Cyndi Dupuy  
Administrator Sharon Geelen  
Attorney Phil Baddour

Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Ricker  
Councilman Pete Benton  
Interim Chief Bryan Belden

Absent: Councilman Mike Daly

Residents in attendance: Mike Vine, Steve Lamb, Larry & Connie Kammler

Mayor Jackson called the meeting to order and Pro-Tem Ricker led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Danny Jackson provided the opening prayer.

**Public Comment:**

Mike Vine spoke regarding parking at the boat ramp. He suggested the Village put signs that designate parking for trailers.

**Administrator Report:**

Mrs. Geelen stated she and Councilwoman Dupuy have been working the E&J Landscaping to give the front entrance facelift. They have planted some new flowers and bushes and will be putting down pine straw. Mrs. Geelen also said we will be getting the compost area cleaned out, town hall painted and pot holes patched.

Mrs. Geelen stated North Carolina Water Resources has come out to inspect our sewer system. The inspector only noted a few minor discrepancies; he noted we need a log book recording when we visually inspect the force main line down Highway 70 and we need an audible & visual alarm on main pump station. He will be sending a full report in the mail.

**Police Report:**

Sergeant Bryan Belden said Wayne Pregnancy Center held a 5K on June 11<sup>th</sup> and the race went well. Sergeant Belden said the next 5K is Pipers Promise and is scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Sergeant Belden reported he stopped a four-wheeler driving down the roads of Walnut Creek and explained to the driver that they cannot ride on our roads. The rider was not a resident of Walnut Creek. He also caught a resident on an ATV riding the walking trails and explained they cannot use vehicles like that on the walking trails in Walnut Creek.

Sergeant Belden said they took a stolen bike report however they had no leads at this time.

**Council Members Comments:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker addressed the concern with parking at the boat ramp. He said the Lake Committee has been talking about labeling the parking spaces and will discuss it at their next meeting in July.

**Committee Reports:**

Councilwoman Dupuy said we have been making some improvements to the front entrance. She also said she has had Darren get some estimates on painting the Town Hall.

Councilwoman Dupuy updated the council on the drainage issue on Mill Road. She said Scott Edwards from Cox-Edwards is working on drawings to help resolve the issue.

Councilwoman Dupuy said she has been contacted by Craig Bowen from the Planning Board, regarding expanding the playground and adding several large pieces of equipment. She told Craig he needed to present his plan and the cost to the council for approval before it could move forward.

Councilman Mike Daly:  
Absent-no report

Councilman Pete Benton said he has been looking into what options residents have besides Suddenlink for their internet/cable provider. He has been in contact with AT&T regarding AT&T Uverse. He has the contact information available for any residents that would like to contact AT&T. Mayor Jackson asked him to find out how many people would make it worth their while to expand AT&T Uverse to the rest of the Village.

Councilman Benton said he had a meeting with the owner of the company that handles our trash and recycling regarding some concerns. The conversation was good and he believes they will be working on the few issues we are having.

Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Ricker stated the flow meter and sump pump have been installed and we should not have any more problems with the meter at the main pumping station.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker said the lake looks good. Fosters has been keeping on top of it and their report was good and the electrofishing report was good as well.

**Old Business:**

Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget Adoption. Attorney Baddour pointed out the tax rate was missing from the budget and needed to be put on the budget. Councilman Benton moved to adopt the budget with the addition of the tax rate. Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker re-capped the budget, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolutions to change the Workers Comp insurance and Property & Liability insurance to the League of Municipalities. Attorney Baddour stated each resolution needs to be voted on individually. Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker moved to adopt the resolution stating the Village will be getting their insurance through the League of Municipalities. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker then moved the council adopt the resolution for the Village to have their Property & Liability insurance through the League of Municipalities. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Danny Jackson asked Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker to please have the Lake Committee to look at the swimming in the lake at their meeting in July.

**New Business:**

Attorney Baddour said it was time to have American Legal Publishing codify the ordinances. Their estimate \$495-\$795. Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker moved to have them codify the ordinances. The motion passed unanimously.

Carr, Riggs, and Ingram have supplied a new contract for them to handle our annual audit. Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker moved to approve the contract. The motion passed unanimously.

**Announcements & Correspondence:**

There is a Special Meeting to pass budget amendment, Wednesday, June 29th, @ 5:00. Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Ricker moved to have meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Benton moved to go into closed session, to discuss a personnel matter.

**Closed Session: Personnel Matter:**

Back in session, Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker moved to take \$1000 from line 101-Clerk and put it in line 136-Salary Adjustments.

There being no further business before the council, the meeting adjourned.

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Administrator, Sharon Geelen

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Mayor Danny Jackson