

The
Village
of *Walnut Creek*

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The Village of Walnut Creek Council met in Regular Session, May 25th, 2016 at 7:30 PM, 103 Village Drive.

PRESENT:

Mayor Danny Jackson
Councilman Pete Benton
Councilwoman Cyndi Dupuy
Attorney Phil Baddour

Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Ricker-absent
Councilman Mike Daly
Administrator Sharon Geelen
Interim Police Chief, Bryan Belden

Others in attendance: Larry & Connie Kammler, Ralph Smiley, Steve Lamb and Mike Vine

Mayor Jackson called the meeting to order and Councilman Benton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Danny Jackson provided the opening prayer.

Mayor Jackson asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Councilman Benton moved to approve the agenda as presented. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously. Councilman Benton moved to approve the April Minutes and Finance Report. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

Mike Vine spoke regarding the Police Chief vacancy and asked how the process was going as far as hiring a new Chief. Councilman Daly responded by letting him know that the Village had advertised on the League of Municipalities webpage and we are collecting resumes to be reviewed. Councilman Daly went on to say that Retired Chief Ken Barrett has offered to be part of the hiring process.

Connie Kammler commented on the fact that people have been swimming at the boat ramp and the lake rules only allow swimming within 100 feet of a person's property.

Public Hearing: Mayor Jackson moved to begin the public hearing for the proposed budget for fiscal year 2016-2017. The motion passed unanimously. Minutes attached here to.

Councilman Daly moved to go back into regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator Report:

Mrs. Geelen announced the Town Hall and Maintenance will be closed for Memorial Day on May 30th.

Mrs. Geelen briefed the council on outstanding property taxes.

Mrs. Geelen said she had advertised in the League of Municipalities webpage for a clerk and is in the process of receiving applications for the position.

Mrs. Geelen said she will be out of the office most of the day on June 6th to attend a webinar on the new "Over-time Rules" taking effect December 1st 2016.

Mrs. Geelen said the Village picnic was a success. The Village staff did a great job putting the picnic on for the residents and their efforts are appreciated.

Mrs. Geelen said that the new flow meter for the main pump station is scheduled to be installed on Tuesday and Wednesday the 31st of May and 1st of June. Darren will be installing the sump pump at that time as well.

Police Chief Report: Interim Chief Bryan Belden briefed the council on the upcoming 5K run for the Wayne Pregnancy Center. They will hold the race on June 11th.

Sergeant Belden stated the May Crime Watch meeting had very few attendees. Those in attendance asked the Village to order the glow necklaces for Halloween out of the remaining crime watch money in this year's budget. They will take the months of June, July & August off and resume meetings in September. Crime Watch is still looking for someone to Chair the committee.

Sergeant Belden said he and Officer Barfield are continuing to monitor the lakes to ensure everyone that is fishing has the proper documentation, all water craft have Village boat stickers and everyone is being safe.

Council Members Comments: Councilman Daly said he has had several comments regarding boats on the lake without Walnut Creek boat stickers.

Mayor Jackson address Mrs. Kammler's comment during the public comment period and stated the lake committee is aware of the swimming and are taking that under consideration for a possible change to the lake rules.

Councilman Benton complimented Administrator Geelen and the rest of the Village staff for their efforts in hosting the Village picnic.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker: Water & Sewer, Lake Committee, Audit: No report

Councilwoman Dupuy: Village Owned Property

Mrs. Dupuy briefed the council on a few projects that are happening around the Village. She and Mrs. Geelen have been in contact with E&J Landscaping regarding sprucing up

the front entrance. We will be purchasing some flowers, rose bushes and pine straw in order to make the entrance look more appealing.

Mrs. Dupuy said Darren has gotten several estimates on pressure washing and painting the Town Hall building. The lowest estimate was \$2595.00. Mrs. Dupuy recommended the council approve the use of General Contingency funds to pay to have the work done. The council agreed and directed Mrs. Geelen to get it set up.

Councilman Daly: Police, Planning Board, Insurance

Councilman Daly discussed switching the Village insurance to the League of Municipality Pool. There are two resolutions the council will have to pass at the next meeting. Councilman Daly moved that the council instruct Mrs. Geelen to move forward with the process to switch insurance effective July 1st 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Benton- Pete Benton: Cable TV, Trash & Recycling

Councilman Benton said he has been in contact several times with the VP of Operations at Suddenlink regarding the deletion of WRAL. He has been told the reason for Suddenlink no longer carrying WRAL is because there was a duplication of network affiliates. He went on to say that Walnut Creek is the farthest west their service goes and we are also the smallest area they service. Councilman Benton explained it was a financial decision for Suddenlink and it did not look like we would be getting WRAL back in our area. He went on to say that he is going to explore AT& T Uverse for the part of the Village that does not have it.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements & Correspondence: None

Closed Session:

The council came out of closed session.

After the closed session, the council had one piece of business. Mayor Jackson announced the Village closed on the purchase of the lot next to the water tank lot.

Adjournment:

With no further business to bring before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

Administrator, Sharon Geelen

Mayor Danny Jackson