



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

PRESENT:

Mayor Danny Jackson	Administrator Sharon Geelen
Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Ricker	Councilman Pete Benton
Councilman Mike Daly	Chief Robert Parchman
Attorney Phil Baddour	Theresa Vine, Office Assistant
Councilwoman Cyndi Dupuy	

ABSENT: None

Also in attendance Pat & Lee Perkins, Steve Lamb, Jeanne Noble, Ralph Smiley, Lois Marshall, Michael Jordan, Larry & Connie Kammler, Mike Vine, Pat Dilberto, and Sgt Hill, Sargent with the Wayne County Sheriff.

Mayor Danny Jackson called the meeting to order and Councilman Pete Benton led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Danny Jackson provided the opening prayer.

The minutes of December 7th, and November and December financial report were presented. The motion passed unanimously.

FY 2015-2016 Annual Audit Report- Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker/ Michael Jordan, CRI, CPA
Michael Jordan provided a financial review and summary of the annual audit report. A copy of the report has already been provided the State Treasurer's Office. Mr. Jordan mentioned the report has reviewed with the Audit Committee in December. Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker motioned the Council adopt the report as presented. After some discussion the report was accepted as presented and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

Lee Perkins mentioned he loves Dogwoods trees, but asked if a tree at the entrance of Walnut Creek Drive could be removed due to the condition of it. The Staff will investigate.

Councilmember Comments:

None

Administrator Report:

Administrator Geelen reported that Ms. Vine has completed her notary certification, as soon as we received her certificate we will get her a stamp and there will be two notaries in the office.

The Family Y will be holding there 5K and half marathon on Saturday February 4th. The pregnancy center has called and asked if they could hold their 5K race on May 13th.

Since the county has started collecting our property taxes a county resource has updated areas that have been annex into the Village which had not been updated previously. With this mapping corrections we should see tax additional revenue.

The clean-up for Hurricane Matthew has started and hopefully they will be finished in three weeks. One of our concerns was the outlet structure where we thought one of the gates was damage it turned, and it turned out it was not damaged but instead, plugged with dirt. Our Maintenance Supervisor will continue to work it to see if he can get it clean out so it will be easier to open and close.

-One of the motors at the main pump station is no longer working and is being replaced.

Police Report:

Chief Robert Parchman talked about the complaints of speeders and informed the Council the county has loan us the radar speed trailer, and how much of a different it has made, Also flyers were handed out (see attached) regarding different type of deterrent for speeding. Postcards, Facebook and emails will be going out informing residents that we will be issuing tickets.

Chief Parchman introduced Sgt. Hill from the Sheriff Office. Sgt. Hill spoke about the Governor's Highway Safety Program. Sgt. Hill explained how we could purchase items from credits by participating in different activity with the Police Department. The Council supports Village Participation in this important program.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker- Water & Sewer, Lake Committee, Audit:

Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker stated the lake rules have been updated for 2017. Boat stickers are also on sale. We will have Foster give us a fish count activity this year.- There's a couple of spot on the main Dam where there's been some dirt erosion and our Village Administrator was asked to have the inspector come back out and look at those areas. Mayor Pro Tem Ricker has asked that we look into a competitive bid with Foster and other vendors for price comparisons. Also, he requested we set up a conference call between himself, the Village Administrator and the Chair of the Lake Committee to discuss these items with the Lake Committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Ricker reminded residents about the requirement of permits before starting any work on their seawalls. This is important and don't get stuck with a stop-work order for not having your permit.

Councilwomen Dupuy- Village Owned Property:

Councilwomen Dupuy stated the Outer strips on the Dam have been painted.

Maintenance is working on cleaning up the walking trails after the storm has knocked down a number of trees.

Cox-Edward is looking at possible road damage on Dogwood Trail and in the Links from the hurricane.

Councilman Daly- Police, Planning Board, Insurance:

Councilman Daly stated most of the items he has have been already been discuss in Chief Parchman's report. Mostly speeding related.

The Planning Board wants to talk about lowing the speed limit Village wide at their next meeting.

No insurance update at this time.

Councilman Benton- Cable TV, Trash & Recycling:

Councilman Benton stated he will be conducting a Cable TV assessment of the village and will also be speaking with residents about how they feel about Suddenlink service.

Old Business: None

New Business:

ECC General Membership Board Annual Appointment, Councilman Pete Benton has been appointment.

Announcements & Correspondence:

None

Administrator, Sharon Geelen

Mayor, Danny Jackson