



The Village of Walnut Creek Council met in Regular Session, May 24th, at 7:30pm, 103 Village Drive.

PRESENT:

Mayor Danny Jackson
Councilman Mike Daly
Councilman Pete Benton
Councilwoman Cyndi Dupuy

Mayor Pro- Tem Greg Ricker
Administrator Sharon Geelen
Chief Robert Parchman
Attorney Phil Baddour

ABSENT:

Also in attendance: Steve Lamb, Michael Vine, Andrew Daniels, John Daniels, Stoney Sloan, Larry Kammler and Connie Kammler

Mayor Jackson called the meeting to order and Andrew Daniels led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Jackson provided the opening prayer.

Mayor Jackson asked if there were any comments on the April minutes or finance report. There was no discussion. Councilman Pete Benton moved to approve the minutes and finance report. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Ricker Presentation:

Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker delivered a PowerPoint presentation explaining the village's revenues and expenses. Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker brought up the need for additional revenues for potential disaster related expenses. (attached here to)

Budget Message:

Administrator Sharon Geelen read the fiscal year 2017-18 budget message. Notable items in the budget message include hiring a third full time police officer, addition of a disaster response reserve fund for future storm events, an increase in engineering from \$2,000 to \$32,000 to pay for the engineering of the spillway repair, a nominal tax increase to \$.42 per \$100 valuation, a reduction in the village beautification and no funding for parks and recreation for the year. The complete budget message is available at the town hall.

Public Hearing: Mayor Jackson asked for a motion to open the public hearing for the proposed budget for fiscal year 2017-2018. Mayor Pro-Tem moved to begin the Public Hearing. The motion passed unanimously. Minutes attached here to.

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

Public Comment:

No Comment

Councilmember Comments:

Councilman Mike Daly:

Councilman Mike Daly reiterated if the village spends the money to fix everything there is no guarantee we will never flood again.

Administrator Report:

Administrator Sharon Geelen gave an update on the expenses from Hurricane Matthew which holds at \$185,000, however the bill for the engineering of the spillway repair will be around \$116,000. Mrs. Geelen stated the office and maintenance will be closed for Memorial Day on May 29th. Mrs. Geelen shared she had met with Michael Jordan to prepare for the 2016-17 audit.

Police Chief Report:

Chief Parchman went over the monthly police department activity report. Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker inquired about the types of lake violations they are seeing. Chief Parchman stated the main issues the police are finding are fishing rule violation and lack of a boat sticker. Chief Parchman stated there is a lot of confusion about the new lake rules. Chief Parchman shared the police department will be stepping up its game on animal control. Overall, May was pretty quiet.

Committee Reports:

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker shared he had just received the electroshock fish count results from Fosters and had not had the opportunity to look over them or talk with the Lake Committee chair about them yet. Mr. Ricker stated he met with the Lake Committee chair, Jim Clue, in regards to the feedback the police department is receiving about the lake rules. No statement on water and sewer.

Councilwoman Cyndi Dupuy- Village Owned Property:

Mrs. Cyndi Dupuy stated the village has trimmed trees that were hanging over roads back, spread mulch at the boat launch, and beautified both the front and back entrances. Mrs. Dupuy shared that Darren will be filling in potholes on Walnut Creek Drive.

Councilman Daly-Police, Planning Board, Insurance:

No additional comment on police. Mr. Daly stated the planning board had not met. Mrs. Sharon Geelen interjected that the planning board had ordered three dog waste stations and two bike racks.

Councilman Benton-Cable TV, Trash & Recycling:

Cable TV, Trash & Recycling no report.

Old Business:

Mayor Pro- Tem Greg Ricker went over the resolution to change the water re-connect fee (attached here to). Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker moved to adopt the resolution, the motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Mrs. Geelen presented a budget amendment to sure up some of the line items in the budget (attached here to). There was no discussion. Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker moved to pass the budget amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Jackson presented the council with the letter to contract with Carr, Riggs, and Ingram, CPA for the annual audit of the Village's financials for the fiscal year 2016-2017. Mayor Jackson confirmed the cost of the audit was the same as the previous year.

Announcements & Correspondence:

None

Adjournment:

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

Administrator, Sharon Geelen

Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Ricker