

The
Village
of Walnut Creek

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The Village of Walnut Creek Council met in Regular Session, July 24, 2019, 7:30pm, at 103 Village Drive.

PRESENT:

Mayor – Danny Jackson

Mayor Pro-Tem – Greg Ricker

Councilman – John Seegars

Councilman – Pete Benton

Councilwoman - Cyndi Dupuy

Admin/Chief - Robert Parchman

Clerk – Peggy Page

Attorney - Phillip Baddour

Also, in attendance:

See attached Sign in Sheet

Mayor Danny Jackson called the meeting to order and Girl Scout Maryanna Daniels led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Jackson provided the opening prayer.

Consent Agenda:

The minutes and financials for June 2019 were presented Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker presented the finance report. Minutes were revised and corrections made. Due to an error in the Financials, the June financial report will be updated and presented for approval at the next Council meeting. Councilman Benton made a motion with a second by Councilwoman Dupuy the minutes to be accepted as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment Period:

Jimmy Herring from 601 Walnut Creek Drive mentioned the high volume of traffic on the Easement Road and the increased volume that will be coming up with the farmers in the field due to the 90 acres of tobacco in the field surrounding the road. He requested the Council make residents aware of slow-moving trucks and tractors. No other Public comments were made.

Council Comments:

None

Municipal Engineering Presentation/ Mr. Gary Flower:

Copy of presentation attached.

Councilman Benton made a motion to move forward with the application process outlined in the presentation. A resolution to go forward was approved because of the deadline of September 24, 2019 application date.

Administrator/Police Chief Reports

Administrator/Chief Parchman reported FEMA denied funding the Country Club Lift Station repair project. The gear boxes on the Lake structure where we lower water are still under consideration along with the walking bridge in our trails to get it back in place. Mayor Jackson questioned the money due on Hurricane Matthew. Administrator/Police Chief Parchman indicated he had been in touch with State Representatives trying to get the reimbursement in motion.

Administrator/Chief Parchman mentioned he had received several requests for golf carts to be used in the village. Mayor Jackson said the issued had been discussed at previous times. In the previous discussions the police department was not in favor of golf carts on the streets of Walnut Creek. The consensus of the council was golf carts present too big of a hazard/liability on the street with the bike traffic, vehicle traffic, pedestrian traffic and commercial vehicles.

Administrator/Chief Parchman advised he had multiple requests for storage buildings by residents. Per the information from the planning board, any building needs to be permanently attached. Comments were made by various Council members the rules on the books (ordinances) need to be enforced. The Council wanted Administrator/Chief Parchman to discuss this issue with Attorney Baddour as to how to handle this situation as unpermitted buildings have just appeared on properties.

Administrator/Chief Parchman presented the monthly police report. The report is available in the office.

Clerk's Report:

Clerk Page reported utility bill collections were running as normal after bills went out on July 3, 2019. The financial audit for 2018-2019 has begun and will take several months to complete.

Committee Reports:

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker recommended the Village should move forward on the Water & Sewer Application for low interest assistance to help fund our infrastructure upgrade projects.

Councilwoman Dupuy- Village Owned Property and Village Relation:

Councilwoman Dupuy advised the dam would be getting the pavement repairs completed on July 25, 2019. Councilwoman Dupuy wants to have a Village get together to celebrate the establishment on the Village which was June 9, 1975. On June 9, 2020. Also, the Welcome Committee has been re-established and Welcome Packets will be available in August 2019.

Councilman Seegars-Lake Committee, Insurance and Audit Committee:

Councilman Seegars indicated the Lake Committee met last Wednesday, July 17, 2019. The Lake Committee and the Planning Board are still working together to resolve issues regarding structures on the Lake.

Councilman Benton-Cable TV, Trash & Recycling and Planning Board:

Councilman Pete Benton mentioned at this time there were no issues with Suddenlink. The trash and recycle company is doing a good job.

Planning Board:

As Chairman Stoney Sloan was not able to attend the Council meeting, Craig Bowen spoke on behalf of the Planning Board. There will be a briefing at the August 28th, 2019 Council Meeting by the planning board related to the work being done on the ordinances and Covenants. The Planning Board is recommending permits for any projects completed on or around the lake as required by ordinances. Discussions are still ongoing on existing lake structures which appear to not be permitted. The Planning Board is still waiting on feedback regards the noise and sign proposals by the Planning Board from the Council.

Old Business:

Attorney Baddour presented his version of the noise ordinance. He felt July 4, Thanksgiving, Easter and Christmas would be sufficient for days where they would be no noise from construction or any other outside sources. The idea of having civil penalties appealed to the Council, but there were questions as to where the money would go and if the Village would be able to keep any assessed penalty funds. Also, there was a question as to who would enforce the civil penalties, and that would be the Zoning Officer, Administrator/Chief Parchman. The Sign Ordinance discussion will be handled in the Closed Session due to legal considerations. It was mentioned there should be a \$25 flat fee for irrigation permits going forward with no charge for existing unpermitted irrigation systems. Detailed drawings of what would be done must be provided including wiring plan will be required for all new irrigation applications. It was felt that letters needed to be sent

to residents living on the lake who are in violation of existing ordinances requesting them to complete a permit for what they have installed.

New Business:

Ordinance Revision/CRS Recommendations – Attorney Baddour will work on the ordinance.

Announcements & Correspondence:

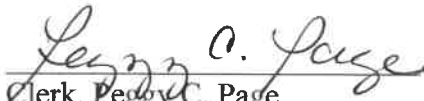
None


Closed Session:

Councilman Benton mad a motion to go into closed session to protect attorney/client privilege. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

There being no further business after the closed session, Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker made a motion to adjourn with a second from Councilman Benton, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.


Clerk, Peggy C. Page


Mayor Danny Jackson