



The Village of Walnut Creek Council met in Regular Session, May 23, 2018, 7:30pm, at 103 Village Drive.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Danny Jackson  
Councilman John Seegars  
Councilman Pete Benton  
Councilwoman Cyndi Dupuy

Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Ricker  
Admin/Chief Robert Parchman  
Attorney Phil Baddour  
Clerk – Peggy Page

Also, in attendance:

Stoney Sloan  
Larry Boyce  
Beth Kannan  
Linda De Araujo  
Michael Vine

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

**Consent Agenda:**

The minutes for April 2018 were presented. Councilman Benton moved the minutes and financials be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

**Budget Message/Presentation of the 2018-2019 Budget:**

Administrator/Chief Parchman read the Budget Message. Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker spoke to the rate change on water and sewer. The rates mirror the rates paid by Wayne Water District Customers. Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker also mentioned the Ad-valorem tax rate would remain the same for the 2018-2019 budget year.

**Public Hearing was held on the budget:**

Russ Prys asked about any short and long term fixes the council might be addressing regarding the sewer system. Mr. Prys felt the council should look and revisit a sewer expansion program. Mr. Prys felt there was not much room to increase rates and feels more sewer customers might ease the issues with the sewer system.

**Public Comment Period:**

Michael Vine spoke concerning the boat stickers and monitoring the lake. Mr. Vine was at the lake two Saturday's prior to this meeting and there were four trailers in the parking lot, two trailers had stickers and two trailers did not. Mr. Vine feels some signs posted might deter people without proper stickers from using the boat ramp area.

Mrs. Beth Kannan spoke representing the Fairways and spoke regarding drainage issues. The area around a main drain is eroding and the residents feel that it's a safety issue. Larry Boyce from the Fairways also spoke concerning cracks in the roads and root intrusion issues.

Stoney Sloan spoke and wanted to thank the council for the Annual Picnic held April 28, 2018. Mr. Sloan had a great time, really enjoyed the presentation with the police dogs. Mr. Sloan felt the picnic was a success but would like to see more residents attend next year.

**Councilmember Comments:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker advised the budget was out for thirty days and would be on the agenda in June for final vote.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker also spoke regarding the sewer issues that were brought up by Mr. Prys. He advised the issues were on the table and the council was looking at all options for increased revenue and decreased operating costs.

Mayor Pro-Tem Riker addressed Mr. Vine's comments regarding signage at the lake and advised the Lake Committee would have to address the concern. Councilmember Seegars will speak with the Lake Committee.

Mayor Danny Jackson spoke regarding the issues on the road and drains in the Fairways. The Mayor wanted to make sure the Village is responsible for the roads in the Fairways. Regarding the intrusion problems, the Village Maintenance Supervisor may need to use the camera to check the lines.

**Administrator/Chief of Police Report:**

Administrator/Chief Parchman gave an update on the spillway. The work is progressing and going well. Mayor Jackson felt moving the playground was the right thing to do. No negative comments about the move have been received. The sign for the park needs to be moved across the road from the park. Attorney Phil Baddour will check the ordinance about adding the new area.

Regarding the Country Club lift/pump station, Cox Edwards still feels the best location for the station is on the Country Club's property per a conversation Mayor Jackson had with the contractor. Currently the Village does not own the necessary land for the recommended upgrade. Questions regarding how to obtain the necessary property were discussed. Attorney Baddour advised the property needed could be condemned at fair market value voluntarily once the amount of property needed is determined. At the current time the lift station at Walnut Creek Country Club is trying to be repaired as 2 pumps are there and one is pump down and the emergency sump pump also failed per Mayor Jackson.

Jeff Daniels, 411 Walnut Creek Drive, had contacted the Village Office regarding water flowing heavily across his property when it rains. Mr. Daniels stated water had been flowing, but since the two houses behind his property were constructed the water flow was increased. Mayor Jackson checked the area and water has been draining from property prior to the homes being built and Mayor Jackson questions if the two new properties made much change about the volume of runoff. There appear to be about a seven-inch fall from one property to another. The catch basin & water easement should be checked. Attorney Baddour said there is no legal obligation to fix the situation if it's a natural flow.

Administrator/Chief Parchman presented the Police Report, reviewing the stats for the month. The report is available in the office for review.

**Clerk's Report:**

Clerk Page reported on the water and sewer status regarding collections. There were only two shut off's due to non-payment for the last billing cycle. Clerk Page advised there would be a new format for the financial statements beginning in June. The Auditing team worked on a new format that will align with the new budget year.

**Committee Reports:**

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker wanted to remind everyone of the water and sewer policy in place for over 5 years. Everyone is encouraged to read that policy. Mayor Pro-Team Ricker asked if a budget amendment would be on the agenda next meeting, and the Clerk confirmed it will be.

**Councilwoman Dupuy- Village Owned Property and Village Relation:**

Councilwoman Dupuy is looking at all the roads and will prioritize work that needs to be done. Councilwoman Dupuy felt a good job was done on the spillway area and the park that was moved. The picnic was a success and she is working on the next activity for the Village.

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

Councilman Benton said he has had more input with Suddenlink regarding service issues. He has recommended a new study for the Village be done with an assessment of the needs. Councilman Benton is going to do his own visual survey. The trash and recycle pickups are going well. The next Planning Board is to be determined.

**Councilman Seegars-Lake Committee, Insurance and Audit Committee**

Councilman Seegars advised the Lake Committee will be meeting in ~~June~~ <sup>July</sup> and he will address the lake rules and signage as mentioned previously by a resident.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Already covered.

**Announcements & Correspondence:**

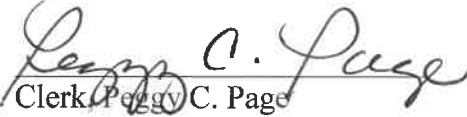
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**Closed Session:**

None

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business before the council, Councilman Benton made a motion the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously.

  
Clerk Peggy C. Page

  
Mayor Danny Jackson