



The Village of Walnut Creek Council met in Regular Session, July 27, at 7:30 PM, 103 Village Drive.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Ricker  
Councilwoman Cyndi Dupuy  
Attorney Phil Baddour  
Interim Chief Bryan Belden

Councilman Pete Benton  
Councilman Mike Daly  
Officer Robert Parchman

Absent: Mayor Danny Jackson and Administrator Sharon Geelen

Also in attendance: Patricia Hunt (Doubletree Personnel Temporary Office Help), Theresa Vine (WC Volunteer), Residents: Connie & Larry Kammler, Maureen Prys, Linda de Araujo and Steve Lamb

Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker called the meeting to order and Councilwoman Cyndi Dupuy led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Ricker provided the opening prayer. He requested that the minutes of June 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Special meeting minutes of June 29<sup>th</sup>, and the July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting are to be presented on the next council meeting on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Benton moved to approve the June Financial Report only. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

Maureen Prys spoke regarding water line flushing. She asked when the lines were flushed last and how long do the lines retain sediment. Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker acknowledged that he would research an answer for her via a telephone call to Wayne Water District.

**Planning Board**

Craig Bowen indicated that he would like to order two more pieces of equipment for the playground. He also asked permission to expand the playground out 25 feet by 40 feet for now and larger later on down the road. Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker asked the council to please take a look at the proposed expansion and follow up at the August meeting. He also said he would like to discuss the expansion with Maintenance Supervisor, Darren Howerly.

**Administrator Report:**

Absent-no report

**Police Report:**

Sergeant Belden reported everything has been quiet and there was nothing currently to report. Officer Robert Parchman was introduced and made welcome at the meeting.

**Councilmember Comments:** None

**Committee Reports:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Ricker:

Water and Sewer- Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker said he did not have anything to report, but as stated earlier he would find out when the water lines were flushed last.

Lake Committee- The Lake Committee met earlier in July and had a quorum. There were several items of discussion. The Lake Committee agreed we need to paint the parking spaces at the boat ramp to read "Boat Trailer Parking Only". Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker said there is going to be a designated "load/unload" area for boats and jet skis. It is along the seawall where the grass from the boat ramp meets the long part of the dam. It is going to be designated for people to load and unload coolers, people, and other items onto boats and jet skis. It is not going to be an area for swimming. The 2017 Lake Rules will reflect this change. Mr. Ricker stated we will be changing the ordinance for the Lake Committee to amend the number of members from six to seven. He also said there is a pipe that has come loose from the bottom of the lake around the 9<sup>th</sup> green. The Country Club is aware and has a temporary fix in place until the lake is lowered in the winter when they will do a permanent fix. Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker said we have had several requests to lower both lakes for seawall work so we will be lowering the lakes this year. Lastly the Lake Committee discussed Fosters Lake & Pond Management report. Overall the report was good; they did recommend we allow people to harvest 14" and smaller bass. There were more of those than they would like to see. Fosters also recommended putting some smaller fish in the lake and some artificial structures, which the Lake Committee did not want to take any action on at this time and see what things look like in the fall. Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker stated he has had a lot of positive comments on how good the lake looks this year, despite how warm it has been.

Audit Committee- Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker stated Michael Jordan from CRI, will be coming into the office to work with the office staff to gather the required information for the annual audit. In prior years we have gotten draft audits in late September, early October and should be looking for a draft around that time.

Councilwoman Cyndi Dupuy:

Village Owned Property- Councilwoman Dupuy stated with regard to the standing water issue at 907 Mill Road, there has not been an issue and the resident believes it is no longer an issue. She added that Scott from Cox-Edwards had received bids on fixing the drainage issue in front of 907 Mill Road and the bids were much higher than were expected. At this time there is no action that is going to be taken and we will keep an eye on it to see if it becomes a problem again.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker asked Councilwoman Dupuy to keep an eye on the corner of Mill and Walnut Creek Drive where we have just paved. It was holding water before we paved and appears to be doing so again. He asked that she watch it to be sure it isn't washing away the dirt under the road. Mrs. Dupuy agreed to keep an eye on it. He also pointed out a place on Mill

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Road where a drainage pipe had slipped, causing a sink hole. It has been fixed but he asked Councilwoman Dupuy to watch that area as well.

Councilman Mike Daly:

Planning Board- Councilman Daly said he would get in touch with Maintenance Supervisor Darren Howerly and ask him to meet out at the park to discuss any impact on parking or the maintenance staffs ability to access that area with regards to the proposed park expansion.

Police-Councilman Daly welcomed Officer Parchman and said we are glad he has joined our police department.

Insurance- nothing to report.

Councilman Pete Benton:

Cable TV- Councilman Pete Benton announced that WRAL should be coming back to us soon. Councilman Benton has been in touch with AT&T Uverse and they have no interest in covering the Village.

Trash and Recycling- No issues.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker added if anyone had issues with exposed cables, Suddenlink would like a call so they can make sure they are buried.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Announcements & Correspondence:**

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

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Administrator, Sharon Geelen

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Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Ricker