



The Village of Walnut Creek Council met in Regular Session, September 28th, at 7:30 PM, 103 Village Drive.

PRESENT:

Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Ricker
Councilwoman Cyndi Dupuy
Attorney Phil Baddour

Councilman Pete Benton
Councilman Mike Daly
Chief Robert Parchman

Absent: Mayor Danny Jackson, Administrator Sharon Geelen

Also in attendance: Theresa Vine (WC Volunteer), Residents: Jeanne Noble, Mike Vine and Steve Lamb

Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Ricker called the meeting to order and Councilman Mike Daly led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker provided the opening prayer.

The minutes of August 24th, and August financial report were presented. There was no discussion. Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker moved to approve the minutes and financial report. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

No residents spoke.

Administrator Report:

In the absence of Mrs. Geelen Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker presented the administrator report:

- Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker stated the Website will be down until further notice.
- The Ordinances are available at www.amlegal.com as well as information is being posted on Facebook and sent in emails. Most of the information is available in the office.
- Michael Jordan from CRI, PC LLC has been working with the office staff gathering all the paperwork needed for the audit. We should have a draft in the next couple of weeks. Once reviewed by the audit committee and changes worked out we will bring to council for approval.
- Halloween will be observed the same night as Goldsboro. An email will be sent out to residents as soon as we know the date. As always if you don't want to participate, please turn your outside lights off. The Police Department and volunteers will be out handing out glow necklaces and helping to keep traffic flowing smoothly.

- The fall trash moratorium begins Saturday Oct 1st and runs through Saturday Oct 8th please call the office if you have any questions on items that can be brought.

Police Report:

The Village has been nice and quiet. The Piper's Promise 5K was held on September 17th and went very smoothly. We have also received notice the Seymour Johnson EOD group would like to hold their 5K on October 15th, which was rescheduled due to inclement weather in the spring. We will be prepared and ready. We have the glow necklaces and volunteers and are ready for Halloween.

Councilmember Comments:

None

Committee Reports:

Lake Committee: Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker stated the lake committee has made a recommendation to add a member to the lake committee as we had a resident express interest in serving on the lake committee. The current ordinance states there will be six members. We will address the ordinance change under old business.

The stripes have been painted at the boat ramp to label boat trailer parking. We are seeing much better compliance with cars and trailer parking in their designated areas.

The only item pending is a sign for "no swimming" at the boat ramp for which we will address the actual wording of that sign at the October lake committee meeting. Also at the meeting any suggested changes to the lake rules will be discussed. The meeting in October is open to the public.

Water and Sewer: Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker stated there was a notice sent out last month to all residents regarding a small number of homes that had copper/lead testing that came back outside of state's acceptable levels. To comply with regulatory requirements a letter was provided to all household in the Village. Subsequent testing has continued to come back negative for copper/lead levels outside of state acceptable levels. We tested our water at the source from Wayne Water and it tested acceptable as well. The problems were isolated to a few homes and is not a water production or water distribution system problem.

Village Owned Property: Councilwoman Cyndi Dupuy stated she has received a complete bid from Barnhill for the road repairs and will be moving forward with the repairs. Mrs. Geelen has been instructed to go ahead and schedule the repairs. Resident, Jeanne Noble, inquired about Doral Drive beyond Breezewood. She asked the council to look at the roads because she thought they were in need of repair. Cyndi will investigate as they have not been look at recently.

Police: Councilman Mike Daly congratulated Chief Robert Parchman on being sworn in as Chief. He noted it was a long process and thanked Councilman Benton for helping push the process along.

Planning Board: Councilman Daly said he spoke with Craig Bowen, Chairman of the Planning Board, about the park expansion and told him the council agreed the one piece of equipment that has already been brought can be placed at the playground. Additional equipment will need to go behind it and take out some trees, but not to go any closer to the rip-rap that's down there, as that room will be needed in the event of an emergency. Mr. Daly stated Craig understands completely the distance he can go and that Craig will be going down there to mark off the location. They will discuss further details in the planning board meeting coming up in October.

Cable TV: No report

Trash and Recycling: No report

Old Business

Increase the membership on the lake committee by an additional member.

When the lake committee was put together and the mayor approved the committee in July 2016, one additional name was added to the committee than what the ordinance supported. It is the lake committee's recommendation we move forward with having an additional committee member. In order to do that we need the ordinance to support full committee membership, increasing membership from six to seven. Greg Ricker, as the liaison for the lake committee motion the motion to adopt an ordinance revision, which was provided by the Village Attorney. Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker made the motion to adopt the revised ordinance and it passed unanimously.

New Business:

Budget Amendment:

Last month we agreed to buy a new police vehicle. We will be moving \$20,000 from line 620 – Capital Asset Replacement Plan and \$10,000 out of general fund appropriated fund balance to go directly into line 210-Vehicle/Equipment Purchase. (Attached here to) Councilman Daly motioned to approve the budget amendment recommendation as presented by Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements & Correspondence:

None

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

Administrator, Sharon Geelen

Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Ricker