

*The  
Village  
of Walnut Creek*

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The Village of Walnut Creek Council met in Special Session, November 10th, 2020  
7:30pm, at 103 Village Drive.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor – Danny Jackson

Admin/Chief – Robert Parchman

Mayor Pro Tem - Cyndi Dupuy

Councilman – Phillip Moye

Clerk – Peggy C Page

Councilman – John Seegars

Attorney - Phillip Baddour

Councilman – Stoney Sloan

Also, in attendance:

**See attached Sign in Sheet**

Mayor Danny Jackson called the meeting to order and Councilman Moye led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Jackson provided the opening prayer.

**Consent Agenda:**

The financials for September and October 2020 and the minutes for September were presented. Mayor Jackson asked if there were any comments on the September minutes or financials.

There were no questions or comments. Mayor Jackson asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda which was made by Councilmember Seegars. Motion passed unanimously.

**Jerry Ray (J. Ray Investments LLC)**

Mr. Ray requested that the subdivision plan he submitted to the Planning Board be approved by the Council. Mayor Jackson replied “we will hear from the Planning Board later in the meeting and hear their recommendation and make a decision at that time.

**Public Comment Period:**

**Dan Blackshear (104 Point Shore Drive)**

Mr. Blackshear requested the plot plan (Mr. Hinnant transferring eight feet of his property to Mr. Blackshear) be approved so that he (Mr. Blackshear) may begin construction of a retaining between the two properties.

**Pamela Adams (100 Pinehurst Drive)**

Mrs. Adams stated she continues to have issues with the internet. She also voiced concerns about nonresidents (possible construction workers) relieving themselves at the end of the road she lives on, and requests additional police presence in the area. Vehicle description was a white truck with red tailgate.

**Michael Birmingham (523 Walnut Creek Drive)**

Mr. Birmingham stated he was having issues with the internet as well, and requested the Village do "speed tests" because the internet speed is not what Suddenlink advertised.

**Steve Lamb (204 Fox Den)**

Mr. Lamb expressed his displeasure with the internet service also.

**Andy Adams (100 Pinehurst)**

Mr. Adams stated he has problems with the internet service, and he is paying too much for it and not receiving what was promised by Suddenlink.

Mayor Jackson closed the public comment period.

**Council Comments:**

Mayor Jackson asked Clerk Page if the Suddenlink compliant forms were available to the public on the Village website? Clerk Page replied they were and available in hard copy in the office as well.

Mayor Jackson stated there is very little the Village can do to force Suddenlink to correct the problem. He stated that would need to come from the consumer and that is why the forms are important to show a pattern of dissatisfaction with Suddenlink.

**Administrator/Police Chief Reports**

No new information to report concerning FEMA.

Chief Parchman addressed items listed:

1. Requests for Lake Wackena to be lowered for sea wall maintenance.
2. Update the Employee Policy, Mayor Jackson appointed Councilmember John Seegars and Mayor Pro Tem Dupuy to assist with the policy.

3. Council Minutes will be ready for review 10 working days after the Council Meeting.
4. Budget requests from Councilmembers for the 20-21 budget. Major Jackson asked the Council to begin researching items they would like to see implemented and an estimated cost.

Administrator/Chief Parchman presented the monthly police report.

**See Attached.**

**Clerk's Report:**

Clerk Page stated the new radio read water meters were working as expected and the leak detection feature is helping to stop excessive leaks. Mayor Jackson requested Clerk Page to publish in the monthly newsletter, "Lake Lowering Requests, Cable Complaint Forms and the next Council Meeting Date December 2nd."

**Committee Reports:**

**Mayor Pro Tem Dupuy- Planning Board and Police:**

Mayor Pro Tem Dupuy asked Craig Bowen (Head of the Planning Board) to report on the items that were being discussed. Mr. Bowen stated Mr. Hinnant requested the approval of the drainage easement to be moved over eight feet due to the fact he was giving Mr. Blackshear eight feet of his property to install a retaining wall. (The retaining wall plan was approved per Mr. Blackshear's request and the Planning Boards recommendation.) Councilmember Seegars made a motion to approve the transfer of eight feet from the Hinnant property to the Blackshear property. Motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Bowen stated a plan submitted by Mr. Hinnant's builder (Jamie Oakley of Oakley Builders) was discussed and included a request for a variance on Mr. Hinnant's residence. After a brief discussion between Councilmembers and the Village Attorney it was decided the variance be denied because of possible conflicts with the subdivision's restrictive covenants. (Variance request was not approved.)

Chief Parchman requested Mr. Jerry Ray to state for the record, that he would pave the proposed road in the new subdivision so that it would be squared off with lot #37. Mr. Ray stated he did have permission from the Maxwells to do this and it would be done.

Attorney Baddour stated the plat Mr. Ray is seeking approval for is a preliminary plat, but the engineering has not been provided on the plat. Attorney Baddour stated therefore the preliminary plat cannot be approved until this information is indicated on the plat. (plat was not approved as presented)

**Councilman Seegars-Lake Committee, Cable and Audit Committee:**

Councilman Seegars stated the Lake Committee discussed the following items.

1. Replacement buoys to mark hazardous areas in the lake.
2. New sign at the boat dock. (deferred to Chief Parchman for the wordage.)
3. Waiting on a response from Fosters Lake Management for possible solutions addressing the midge fly problem.
4. Placing a cable across the boat ramp and notifying the residents due to high lake levels the lake will be closed to boat traffic until the water recedes.

Councilman Seegars stated the recommendation from the engineers that reworked the spillway was the overflow structure was designed for lake maintenance i.e. seawall repair etc. It was not designed for flooding prevention, that is what the spillway was for.

He also stated there were continuing discussions with an alternative cable provider and he asked them to prepare a proposal for the Council to review, expects that proposal to be presented in the December meeting. Mayor Jackson requested a hard copy of the presentation before the council meeting so it could be reviewed. (OPEN)

**Councilman Sloan – Water & Sewer, Insurance, Audit:**

Councilman Sloan reported on the progress Municipal Engineering Services (MES) was making on the two lift stations located on Walnut Creek Drive and Long Leaf Lane. MES has submitted the environmental reports to the state the first of October and are waiting on a response from the state and if any changes are required those will be addressed and resubmitted for approval. If things go well MES estimates early spring 2021 before construction could begin.

Councilman Sloan recommended that the sewer expansion be discussed in further detail during the FY 2022 budget meetings. He will have further discussion with Scott Edwards on this type of system. (OPEN)

Councilman Sloan stated the sewer relining on Lakeshore was complete and appears to be working as intended and the construction on the Country Club Lift Station has started.

The system development fee was still in the process of being determined and he hoped to have that by the December meeting. (OPEN)

Councilman Sloan reported on the status of the water wells, Breezewood site has been capped off and pump removed, well number 4 next to the shop has been reactivated and is in use by the maintenance department.

Councilman Sloan proposed some relief for the Country Club because of the closure due to the Corona Virus. He suggested a one-time \$2000.00 water/sewer credit be given to the Country Club. Councilman Sloan made a motion to approve the credit, after council discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Sloan stated he would meet with the Club management to discuss future water/sewer rates and will report on that discussion in the December meeting.

**Councilman Moyer – Village Owned Property, Village Relations and Trash & Recycling:**

Councilman Moyer stated he has spoken to Chief Parchman concerning a small pond on Dogwood trail that was overgrown with vegetation. The Village is currently seeking alternatives to remedy the problem and will report on that when the information is available.

**Old Business:**

**1. Amendment to Chapter 50**

Councilmember Sloan explained the previous proposal had a few typos that needed correction and after discussion with the staff he has reworded the ordinance to allow the residents additional time to make their bill current before the water severance. After council discussion and a motion by Councilmember Sloan, motion passed unanimously.

**2. Storm Water Muirfield**

To be reviewed after the contractor presents a storm water plan. (OPEN)

Councilmember Sloan requested that the Council to discuss the renaming of the Municipality Building. After a discussion between councilmembers. Councilman Sloan made a motion to change the name of the Municipality Building to Village Hall and the actual physical changing be done at a later date. No vote was taken, motion did not pass.

**New Business:**

1. **Budget Amendment-** Move Powell money into the budget to pay for road repairs and paving. Mayor Pro Tem Dupuy made a motion to approve, Councilman Seegars seconded, Budget Amendment passed unanimously.
2. **Approve American Legal Publishing to Codify Ordinances adopted since last codification.**

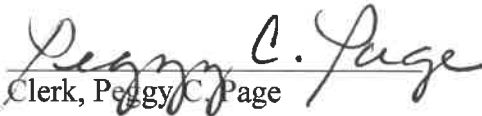
Mayor Pro Tem Cyndi Dupuy made a motion to approve expenditures to fund the codification in the amount of \$2000.00 Discussion between Councilmembers and Attorney Baddour in reference to expediting the codification process. Councilman Seegars seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Announcements & Correspondence:**

Mayor Jackson recommended that all Councilmembers should be using their Walnut Creek email address for all Walnut Creek business.

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Jackson closed the meeting.

  
Clerk, Peggy C. Page

  
Mayor Pro Tem Cyndi Dupuy