

City of Walthourville
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2014
Walthourville Police Department: Location
6:00 PM

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Daisy S. Pray

II. Invocation: Given by Mr. Larry Logan

Members Present:

Mayor Daisy S. Pray
Councilwoman Sarah B. Hayes
Councilman Charlie Anderson, Sr.

Mayor Pro-Tem Patricia Green
Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette

Member Absent:

Councilman James Hendry

City Attorney

Mr. Andrew Johnson

III. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda made by Councilwoman Hayes, motion seconded by Councilman Anderson.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes made by Councilwoman Hayes; motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Green.

V. Business:

Old Business: None

New Business:

VI. Special Presentation

Mr. Trent Long

Mr. Trent Long of T.R. Long Engineering Inc., was asked by Public Works Supervisor, Mr. Jimmie Martin to present information on signage and tonnage for roads in Walthourville. Mr. Long presented information on residential roads and subdivisions concerning the city erecting signs for weight limits . Mr. Long further stated if signage was done in one area it must be synchronized across the city, and must be able to prove the road cannot handle the constant heavy travel, and once the weight limit is posted, it must be enforced. Typically, bridges have weight limits, and any weight limits must be determined and set by Department of Transportation (DOT). DOT is authorized to designate weight limits on State Roads. Mr. Long reported a road need to be re-surfaced every 20-25 years. Ms. Lovette had concerns about Wilder Road, she stated it has not been re-surfaced in 20 years. Mr. Nathaniel Pray told the mayor and council the truck that frequently travels Wilder Road is a Clyde's Convenience Store truck, Mr. Long said he has a great rapport with Clyde's management team, and he would make a phone call to deter the truck from traveling on Wilder Road. Overall, Mr. Long did not recommend setting weight limits and tonnage due to massive stipulations.

VII. Council Reports

Roads and Grounds

Mayor Pro-Tem Green

Reported the roads and ground crew were cutting grass, since the weather is getting warmer. They will be fixing ditches and erosion on Barnard Pray.

Police Department

Councilman Anderson

Reported the police department is doing well. Chief McFadden gave departmental statistics. There were no domestic violence reports. (Copy of statistics will be filed with the minutes).

Fire Department

Councilwoman Hayes

Reported the fire department is doing well. Interim Chief Satterfield reported the statistics for the department (Copy will be filed with minutes). Mayor Pray stated she had talked to Mayor Hines of Allenhurst and they will be paying \$500.00-\$1,000.00 monthly to the fire department for services rendered. Interim Chief Satterfield furthered stated he is researching public safety grants, because the department is in need of three external defibrillators, and a commercial washer and dryer.

Parks and Recreation

Councilwoman Lovette

Reported the Liberty Recreation Department is still trying to eliminate the city's little league team. Councilwoman Lovette reported she is sponsoring the team from Walthourville, and the first game is April 21, 2014. The District 12 GMA Meetings were being held, on April 10, 2014 at Garden City-City Hall, and on April 11, 2014 the meeting will be held at Skippers Fish Camp in Darien. Councilwoman Lovette furthered reported the major bills being considered by the Georgia Legislature: Gun Control, which will allow individuals to bring weapons in council meetings. She urged everyone to contact their legislator and voice their concern about this bill becoming a law. Also, GMA is contemplating giving refresher courses to long-term council members.

Water Department

Mayor Pray

Reported the bills are being sent on time, there has been no reported water problems.

VIII. Community News/Correspondence

- Blessing of the Fleet will be held on Saturday April 12 2014 in Darien, Georgia.
- Komen Walk for the Cure will be held on Saturday April 12, 2014 in Savannah, Georgia. Councilwoman Hayes stated she would be volunteering.
- Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Johnnie Frasier Park on Shaw Road on Saturday April 19, 2014 from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, sponsored by Walthourville Senior Citizens.

VIII. Citizen Input

Mr. Larry Logan, Deputy Director of Liberty Emergency Management reported to Mayor and Council that Hurricane Season will begin the end of April. The city needs a Hurricane Preparedness Plan, in the event of a hurricane and an evacuation is needed.

Councilwoman Lovette stated she received a call about the Black Mayor's Conference that was held in Hinesville on April 4th, 5th, & 6th that Walthourville was not represented, she stated she went on behalf of the city.

V. Executive Session (none)

VI. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM, motion made by Councilwoman Hayes, motion seconded by Councilman Anderson.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shana T. Moss