

**Walnut Grove City Council
Council Meeting**

**Thursday, January 9, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

Acting Mayor Carol Witcher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present of Acting Mayor Carol Witcher, Councilmember Kevin Shultz and Councilmember Linda Pilgrim. Acting Mayor Carol Witcher gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Acting Mayor Carol Witcher spoke on current national events and presented a plaque to honor the service of Councilmember Kevin Shultz.

Acting Mayor Carol Witcher recognized the retirement and resignation of several city employees and thanked them for their service.

Acting Mayor Carol Witcher congratulated the new administration and thanked the citizens of Walnut Grove for their support of the current council, and incoming council.

Councilmember Kevin Shultz made a motion to approve the agenda as posted, Linda Pilgrim seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

The newly elected city officials were then sworn in by Samuel Barth, Judge, Walnut Grove Municipal Court.

Mayor Mark Moore was sworn in and took his place at the dais.

Councilmember Joe Wilchek was sworn in and took his place at the dais.

Councilmember Stephanie Moncrief was sworn in and took her place at the dais.

A quorum was present of Mayor Mark Moore, Councilmember Linda Pilgrim, Councilmember Joe Wilchek and Councilmember Stephanie Moncrief.

Mayor Mark Moore asked Pastor Russ Butcher to come forward, and Pastor Butcher spoke on a Walnut Grove mission project planned by Church at The Grove, Walnut Grove, and prayed for the assembly.

Mayor Mark Moore thanked Carol Witcher and Kevin Shultz for their years of service to the City of Walnut Grove.

The meeting was opened up to public comment.

Former Mayor Don Cannon spoke and congratulated the new council.

A Motion was made by Councilmember Linda Pilgrim to approve the September 12, 2019 Public Hearing minutes and the October 10, 2019 City Council Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Joe Wilchek. Mayor Mark Moore called for discussion, and Councilmember Stephanie Moncrief wanted to postpone the approval to the February meeting to allow the newly installed council more time to review. Councilmember Linda Pilgrim made a motion to postpone the approval of the above-referenced minutes, Councilmember Joe Wilchek seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

There was no public works report.

The council reviewed the financial report as presented in the meeting materials. Councilmember Stephanie Moncrief made a motion to postpone approval of the financial report to the February meeting to allow the newly installed council more time to review. Councilmember Joe Wilchek seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Clerk Sonya Cox gave the Clerk's report.

There was no Code Enforcement Officer report.

Mark Moore gave the Mayor's Report and updated the public on a pending sidewalk project.

There was no old business to discuss.

New business featured the election of a Mayor Pro-Tem.

Councilmember Linda Pilgrim was nominated to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilmember Stephanie Moncrief made the motion that Linda Pilgrim serve as Mayor Pro-Tem for 2020. Councilmember Joe Wilchek seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item of new business was appointments of other offices of the City, including City Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Public Works Director, Code Enforcement Officer, City Attorney, City Engineer, and Municipal Court Judge.

A Motion was made by Councilmember Stephanie Moncrief to separate the office of City Clerk from the other appointments in order to approve and swear in nominee Tangee Puckett. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Joe Wilchek. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Mark More welcomed Tangee Puckett forward. Judge Samuel Barth swore Tangee Puckett into office and she took her place at the dais.

Councilmember Stephanie Moncrief made a motion to postpone the approval of the listed appointments until the February meeting in order to allow the new council time to further review the proposed appointments. Councilmember Linda Pilgrim seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item of new business was appointment of the Board of Trustees at the Walnut Grove Library. Nominees were Kimberly Cliatt, Lauren Gilreath, Stephanie Schrack, Don Cannon and Guy Hall.

Councilmember Linda Pilgrim made a motion to appoint those individuals to the Board of Trustees of the Walnut Grove Library. Councilmember Joe Wilchek seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no discussion items.

For council comments, Councilmember Joe Wilchek, Councilmember Linda Pilgrim, and Councilmember Stephanie Moncrief addressed the room, thanked the citizens and spoke on the importance of citizen input to the council.

Mayor Mark Moore addressed the room and thanked law enforcement, thanked the citizens for electing him to serve as Mayor, asked for citizen input and pledged transparency.

Councilmember Stephanie Moncrief made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Linda Pilgrim seconded. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.

Approved by the Mayor and Council this ___ day of _____, 2020

Mayor Mark Moore

Tangee Puckett, Clerk