

CITY OF WALNUT GROVE
OCTOBER 10, 2024, 6:00 PM
1021 PARK STREET MUNICIPAL BUILDING
COUNCIL MEETING

- I. **CALL TO ORDER-** Mayor Moncrief called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
- II. **INVOCATION-** Jay Crowley
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** All Stood
- IV. **ROLL CALL-** Stephanie Moncrief, Erica Miles, Linda Pilgrim, Rachel Davis, Maxine McClanahan, Sonya Cox & Jay Crowley.
- V. **AGENDA Approval-** Changes made to the agenda, Erica Miles made a motion to remove September 12th minutes and to add October 3rd minutes. Rachel Davis seconded the motion to the agenda with changes. All in Favor. Motion passed 4-0.
- VI. **CONSENT AGENDA-** Motion made by Maxine McClanahan to approve consent agenda, Erica Miles 2nd the motion. Discussion led to Linda Pilgrim making motion to table financials. Maxine McClanahan seconded the motion. All in favor of tabling. Motion carried 4/0. All voted to approve the consent agenda with financials tabled to the Nov. 7th. Motion carried 4/0.
- VII. **Committee Reports-**Rachel Davis reported that the DDA is waiting to hear from the chair Russ Butcher to see if they are going to have a meeting this month. Also, our newest member Joel Henderson is completing his fall online basic Downtown Development training on the 20th.
- VIII. **Planning and Zoning-** Nothing to report.
- IX. **Library Report-** library Report given by Dana Segars. Library Updates: Fall break starting tomorrow activities every day. Sept was Library card sign up month. We had 47 signs up for library cards. We also on September 30th had Georgia Reads Days and we gave away 55 books to patrons who visited the library that day. College and Career expo was at Meridian on the 1st and I was thrilled to see the turnout. On Halloween night, whoever visits the library dressed in costume will get a free book.

Dana thanked Linda Pilgrim for the donation to the Food Pantry from the Lions Club. One of the new employees will be offering computer classes beginning in Dec. Starting with the basics and building from that.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS- No Public comments

XI. OLD BUSINESS-

1. Request for Design approval Dial Farm Holding, Tax Parcel WG010266.

Rachel Davis made a motion to approve the design. Linda Pilgrim seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

2. Walnut Grove City Park Ballfield Light Replacement w/ Sport LED- Rachel

Davis made a motion to approve the light replacement. Erica Miles seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

XII. NEW BUSINESS-

1. Site Plan Review for 4744 Guthrie Cemetery Rd. Maxine McClanahan made a motion to table to the work session on Nov. 7th. Linda Pilgrim seconded the motion, motion carried 4.0.

2. Add/Amend City Ordinances- Rachel Davis made a motion to table this item to Nov. 7th, Erica Miles seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0.

XIII. REPORTS-

1. Public Works- Septic Tank had to be pumped at the park, we are working on painting the bathrooms and changing out the lights to LED lights. Working on putting in a new partition because there is a toilet with no door. Working hard to keep the levels down at the sewer plant and getting ready to start winterizing. Spraying the fields with the proper chemicals to keep the weeds down and more grass. We also had a problem with our toilet at city hall and had to have that fixed. At City Hall they put up all the fall decorations for everyone to enjoy. They have been working very hard and they are continuing to get ready for the winter. They are beginning to winterize the pavilion, and we have a couple of more rentals for the first week of November and then after that we will be shutting down the bathrooms and closing them for the winter.

2. City Clerk- We have had 2 pavilion rentals for the month of September, we have had 7 ball field rentals. We have 7 tickets from the State Patrol and no tickets from the County. For the financials we have cash in the bank, \$459,453.86, in the Money Market account we have \$739,767.40, in 2019 Splost account we have

1,110,680.30, Sewer operating account \$11,866.30, and the money market sewer account \$1,175,376.26 and the DDA account has \$90,560.33.

3. **Code Enforcement-** The code office has been working very hard. The following were issued during this time. 7 Citations for 2 defendants, one received two and one received five. And those are things being cleaned up they were the only ones who received citations, and these are scheduled to appear in court on October 16, 2024. We also had 29 notices of violations issued with 14 still be open cases. So, 15 have been resolved, that is great. That is more happening in one month than we have had in a long time. Our code enforcement officer has been doing an outstanding job and working with these people.
4. **Mayor-** I have been very busy as has many people on council. I just finished up my certificate in Human Resources administration. It was a six week class every Wednesday for a full day in Rome GA. I just finished that yesterday, I am very thankful to have the knowledge, but I am very thankful that class is over. It was a three-hour drive there and back each day. Also, I am going over to Elementary School in the middle of October to career day. I have also invited our public works manager to come with me and at least have an appearance. We had pictures of him over in the field after it was cut down by the person who came and did it for free and took away the hay and the field looked beautiful. So, I have pictures of that, and I am going to work that in the mayors reading club and highlight Brian and the book because one of the books that GMA had put out is a visit to the sewer plant so it kind of brings it all together. We have a lot going on a lot of things in the works. I can tell you that tentatively the paving for Emerald Cove is scheduled for the week after fall break. We have already had a pre-construction meeting with the head, I have expressed to him on behalf of the council and myself how important it is that this project gets done well and in the right way and he has assured me that it will be along with our engineer staying on top of it.

Town Hall- No Comments

Council Comments- Erica Miles- Stephanie has been very busy and I am thankful for you getting the education that you have gotten. I am excited about the tree lighting coming up and the ball field lights.

Maxine McClanahan- Just glad to see everyone out.

Linda Pilgrim- Well with it be breast cancer awareness month I am a two-time cancer survivor. So go get your mammograms, get all the women in your life to

get their mammograms. Don't leave anything to chance, get all the checks that you need to, listen to your Dr., listen to your body and do what you must do to stay healthy.

Rachel Davis- Go Warriors.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION-Motion Made by Rachel David to go into executive session for Real Estate and/ Personnel litigation, seconded by Erica

Miles. All in favor, motion passed 4/0. Mayor Moncrief asked for a motion to resume the meeting, Rachel Davis made a motion, Erica Miles seconded the motion, motion carried 4/0.

XVI. ADJOURN-Mayor Moncrief asked for a motion to adjourn, Maxine McClanahan made a motion to adjourn, Erica Miles seconded the motion, motion carried 4/0.

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