



CITY OF WALNUT GROVE
February 13, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
Municipal Building – 1021 Park Street
Council Meeting & Public Hearing
Minutes

- I. Call to Order** – Mayor Moncrief called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
- II. Invocation** – Given by Jay Crowley
- III. Pledge of Allegiance** – The pledge was said by all in attendance
- IV. Roll Call** – Present: Mayor Stephanie Moncrief, Mayor Pro Tem Erica Miles, Council Member Maxine McClanahan, Council Member Linda Pilgrim, Council Member Rachel Davis, Attorney Jay Crowley, City Clerk Lynn Heard
- V. PUBLIC HEARING:**

- 1) The City of Walnut Grove & HB 581 – Mayor Moncrief asked for a motion on HB 581. Council Member Maxine McClanahan motioned to opt out of HB581. Mayor Per Tem Erica Miles seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

The Mayor and Council of the City of Walnut Grove intends to opt out of the statewide adjusted base year ad valorem exemption for the City of Walnut Grove.

The first Public Hearing was held on January 30, 2025 and the subsequent meetings will be held on February 13, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 pm respectively. All Public Hearings will be held at the City of Walnut Grove Municipal Building, 1021 Park Street, Loganville, GA 30052.

- A) Citizens who would like to speak in favor of the action – Karen Ragan commented she is in favor of opting out.
- B) Citizens who would like to speak against the action – There were no citizens that spoke against the action

Adjourn Hearing – Mayor Moncrief adjourned the hearing at 6:16 pm

REGULAR MEETING

- VI. Agenda Approval** – Council Member Maxine McClanahan motioned to approve the agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Erica Miles seconded. Motion was carried unanimously.

VII. Consent Agenda - Council Member Rachel Davis motioned to approve. Mayor Pro Tem Erica Miles seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

1) Minutes

- A) January 16, 2025 – Signatures by Mayor Moncrief, Mayor Stephanie Moncrief, Mayor Pro Tem Erica Miles, Council Member Maxine McClanahan, Council Member Linda Pilgrim, Council Member Rachel Davis, City Clerk Lynn Heard
- B) January 30, 2025 - Signatures by Mayor Moncrief, Mayor Stephanie Moncrief, Mayor Pro Tem Erica Miles, Council Member Maxine McClanahan, Council Member Linda Pilgrim, Council Member Rachel Davis, City Clerk Lynn Heard

2) Financials

- A) July 1, 2024 – January 31, 2025

3) Invoices Over \$5,000

- A) Georgia Municipal Association Worker’s Compensation self-insurance Fund. 2025 estimated annual premium. - \$8,232.00

VIII. Committee Reports

- 1) DDA – Rachel Davis

IX. Planning & Zoning Commission – Mayor Moncrief read the planning and zoning reports by Joe Walter. Please see attached.

X. Library Report – Dana Segar – Please see attached

XI. Public Comment – There were no comments from the public

XII. Old Business

- 1) Vote: Purchase of Public Works John Deere Z930MZTrak Lawn Mower with Tweel Turf Tires, 60 inch mulch on demand mower deck and fully adjustable suspension seat with armrests (dealer warranty included) Recommendation is to purchase from the John Deere in Conyers, GA with Rep Jesse Roach. – Council Member Maxine McClanahan made a motion to raise the Public Works lawn mower budget from \$13,570.33 to \$14,000. Council Member Rachel Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2) Vote: Magnolia Drive Culvert & Storm Repair – Mayor Moncrief asked for a motion to proceed with culvert and storm repairs. Council Member Maxine McClanahan motioned to approve. Council Member Rachel Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) Vote: Resolution HB 581 – Mayor Moncrief asked for a motion to opt out of HB 581. Council Member Maxine McClanahan motioned to approve. Mayor Pro Tem Erica Miles seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. New Business

- 1) Vote: Readopt Chapter 31 of the CODE OF ORDINANCES (General Offenses) of Walnut Grove, Georgia to amend certain code enforcement provisions; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting ordinance; to provide an effective date and for other purposes. – Mayor Moncrief asked for a motion to readopt Chapter 31 of the CODE OF ORDINANCE. Council Member Rachel Davis motioned to approve. Mayor Pro Tem Erica Miles seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2) Election of Mayor Pro Tem – Mayor Moncrief announced that there would be a vote for Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Pro Tem is a 1 year term, but the same Mayor Pro Tem can be elected again. Council Member Rachel Davis motioned to re-elect Mayor Pro Tem Erica Miles. Council Member Maxine McClanahan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XIV. Reports

- 1) Public Works – Please see attached
- 2) City Clerk- Please see attached
- 3) Mayor – Mayor Moncrief spoke about the success of the Envision Walnut Grove Workshop. Mayor Moncrief and City Clerk, Lynn Heard have been training on the iWorQ program. LMIG has been applied for.

XV. Town Hall – No comments

XVI. Council Comments – Council Member Rachel Davis announced City Hall’s YouTube channel for Envision Walnut Grove: [youtube.com/@walnutgrovegeorgia](https://www.youtube.com/@walnutgrovegeorgia). Council Member Maxine McClanahan challenges the community to double the attendance at next Envision Walnut Grove Workshop. Mayor Pro Tem Erica Miles is enjoying the new lights at the City ball field with family and ball team.

XVII. Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate and/or Cybersecurity

XVIII. Adjourn – Mayor Moncrief asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Rachel Davis motioned to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Erica Miles seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Lynn Heard 3/13/25

Lynn Heard, City Clerk Date

Stephanie Moncrief 3/13/25

Stephanie Moncrief, Mayor Date

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Erica Miles 3/13/25

Erica Miles, Mayor Pro Tem Date

Linda Pilgrim 3-13-25

Linda Pilgrim Date

Rachel Davis 3/13/2025

Rachel Davis Date

Maxine McClanahan 3/13/25

Maxine McClanahan Date