



CITY OF WALNUT GROVE

May 12, 2022

7:00 PM

1021 PARK STREET MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Mayor Mark Moore
Jon Dial
Linda Pilgrim
Stephanie Moncrief
Tony Powell
Keegan Ramsey

Mayor and Council Minutes

- I. **CALL TO ORDER-** Mayor Mark Moore
- II. **INVOCATION-** Tony Powell
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** All participated
- IV. **AGENDA APPROVAL-** Mayor Moore amended the agenda to include invoices over \$5000 on the consent agenda, remove employee handbook from old business and garbage services from new business. Also, to add paving of Emerald Cove under new business and property potential litigation under executive session. Council member Stephanie Moncrief made motion to approve. Council member Linda pilgrim seconded. Passed unanimously.
- V. **CONSENT AGENDA-** Council member Linda Pilgrim motioned to approve. Council member Jon Dial seconded. Council member Stephanie Moncrief objected invoice over \$5000. Moved to new business. Consent agenda passed unanimous.
 1. April 14th Meeting Minutes
 2. Financials
 3. Invoices over \$5000
- VI. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 1. **Community Involvement Committee** – Council member Linda Pilgrim reported on the upcoming city park market. She commented that vendors will have arts and crafts as well as a bounce house and pictures with Disney princess Belle for children.
 2. **Parks and Recreation/Public Works** – Council member Jon Dial reported working to get everyone together for Parks and Recreation since there have been some scheduling conflicts.
 3. **Education Involvement Committee** – Council member Stephanie Moncrief reported the school year is winding down and teachers are excited. Council member Moncrief also reported on the Green and White game scheduled to be played and graduation is coming soon.
- VII. **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION** – Chairman Don Cannon reported the Planning and Zoning Committee taking a moment to recognize the contributions of Craig Ellington over the past year. Chairman Cannon also reported the need to address rezoning some properties that the actual use conflicts with the zoning. Council member Stephanie Moncrief asked if the committee was considering rezones while the moratorium is in place. Chairman Cannon responded no they are just looking at potential solutions at the moment.
- VIII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS-** None
- IX. **OLD BUSINESS-** None

X. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Auditor-** Mayor Moore discussed a letter of intent from the current city auditor who changed firms and the CPA Samuel Lattimer recommended following him to the new company. Mayor Moore commented the last audit was not submitted on time due to staff issues with the current firm and he recommends a change be made to avoid this in the future. Council member Moncrief expressed she would like more time to review everything before a decision was made. Council member Stephanie Moncrief motioned to table the item until the next work session. Council member Linda Pilgrim seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 2. PAVING EMERALD COVE-** Mayor Moore suggested this item be tabled until the next work session. Mayor Moore asked if any public questions on the item. Bill McMullen of 2130 Emerald drive asked if the roundabout section off Emerald Dive would also be patched and repaired. Mayor Moore explained the stages of the paving process and commented since the roundabout is on private property the city could not pave that area. Mr. McMullen requested a meeting with the Mayor to discuss the issue further. Gina Cowart the Emerald Cove HOA president stated she believed some of the neighborhoods without active HOAs have received help with grass maintenance in the past and asked if it would be possible for the city to help with filling the potholes on the entrance to the roundabout area. Mayor Moore stated without an agreement with the HOA and the city the area is private property and cannot be repaired by the city. Tony Powell comment it is a matter of law that the city cannot repair or improve anything on private property.

XI. REPORTS

- 1. Public Works Report-** Brian pilgrim reported that the first spray to control weeds at the sewer plant was complete. He also reported getting ready for Memorial Day and new flags have been ordered as well as installing no parking signs on Industrial Parkway.
- 2. Code Enforcement Report-** Keegan Ramsey read the number of violations for the previous month.
- 3. Clerk's Report-** Keegan Ramsey read the balances of the city's bank accounts. Mayor Moore added that Keegan applied for an LMIG grant of \$18,000 that was obtained to help pave Emerald Cove.
- 4. Mayor's Report-** Mayor Moore reported the new code enforcement officer Jeff Childs is doing a great job and the appearance of the city is improving. Mayor Moore commented that the downtown district would now be called the downtown center under recommendations. Mayor Moore explained that a spring was found on one of the properties and the city is working with Precision Planning and Bureau Veritas to come up with the best solution to the problem.

XII. TOWN HALL DISCUSSION- Council member Jon Dial asked who would pay for any work that needs to be done to control the spring. Mayor Moore responded that he believes the city might pay for the dam but he believes developers will pay for construction. Erica Miles asked will the beautification of the pond fall on the DDA or the city. Mayor Moore responded that the city is working with Bureau Veritas and the EPA to get more information on what needs to be done and he will forward any information he receives to the DDA and city council.

XIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS- Council member Jon Dial thanked everyone for attending and said he was excited about the new county park. Council member Linda Pilgrim also expressed excitement for the new county park and thanked everyone for attending. Council member Stephanie Moncrief didn't have anything to add.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION- Council member Stephanie Moncrief motioned to go to executive session. Council member Linda Pilgrim seconded. Passed unanimously. Council member

Stephanie Moncrief motioned to return from executive session. Council member Linda Pilgrim seconded. Passed unanimously.

XV. ADJOURN- Council member Stephanie Moncrief motioned to adjourn. Council member Linda Pilgrim seconded. Passed unanimously