

CITY OF WALNUT GROVE
CALLED MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.

Present:
Mayor Lamar Lee
Carol Witcher
Kevin Shultz
Linda Pilgrim
Mark Moore

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order

II. INVOCATION

Carol Witcher did the invocation

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All stood for the pledge of allegiance

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mark Moore made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Linda Pilgrim seconded the motion, opportunity for discussion motion passed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. REVIEW 2018 – 2019 BUDGET

Clerk Katherine A. Glass went over the existing 2018 / 2019 Budget line by line. She confirmed with Mike Malcom the City Attorney that since the City received a substantial amount of money over what was projected it could be added into the budget as long as the budget still balanced in the end. There were several line items that were over budget so Mayor Lee and the City Clerk had made suggestions where additional money could be added and increase these line items. One of the items discussed was fixing the roundabout in Emerald Cove. There was an additional \$15,000 allocated to cover the cost of reworking this roundabout so the school buses could get down in that area. Alan Barton was asked if he had bids from three contractors on this project. He did not so this will be discussed at the June Council Meeting. Carol Witcher made a motion to approve the adjustments as laid out by the City Clerk, Mark Moore seconded the motion, opportunity for discussion, passed by unanimous vote.

b. REVIEW 2019 – 2020 PROPOSED BUDGET

Clerk Katherine A. Glass went over the proposed 2019 / 2020 budget. There were a few changes to the income allowing additional funds to be added to the expense side. There was discussion among the Council Members about where these funds would be added in. In discussing some of the adjustments there was discussion about the salary of the Mayor

and Council members being raised in a previous meeting. The Clerk said she thought it had been voted on, but several councilmembers didn't remember that happening so the Clerk will check on that issue. Councilman Shultz asked about Code Red. The Council discussed whether or not to keep Code Red at a fee of \$1,500.00 per year. The Council decided to keep it in the budget. Another area of discussion was regarding a newsletter that would go out with the quarterly sanitation bills. It was agreed a newsletter would be compiled and sent out with the sanitation bills. The Clerk asked the councilmembers if they had anything, they would like put in the newsletter to get them to her so they would go out with the sanitation bills. Kevin Shultz asked if Monroe or Loganville had a newsletter so we could get their template to use instead of having to reinvent the wheel. Councilwoman Pilgrim asked if the Council wanted to consider giving the Walnut Grove Library more money. It is still at \$50,000. Councilman Shultz asked her what the library had asked for. Councilwoman Pilgrim replied they had asked for an additional \$10,000. She suggested the City give \$3,000 - \$5,000. Councilman Moore said to tell you the truth on that one, having allowing people be able to download a book vs. going there and actually getting a hard copy book it seems like it's a little bit extravagant. Councilwoman Pilgrim – Well the \$10,000 is extravagant. That is excessive. Councilman Moore – and so I'm kind of like if they were asking for books or so forth being able to open for more hours for events, I would be behind it a 100%. Katherine Glass, City Clerk – stated it was for the teacher's retirement for their manager. Councilwoman Witcher – stated she didn't know why they would come and asked us to contribute to the retirement of their manager. Councilwoman Pilgrim – stated the \$10,000 was extravagant. Councilwoman Witcher – stated that money should be coming from the State. Councilman Shultz – stated what concerns me the most is the amount they asked Walton County to contribute in addition to what Walton County.... it is no where near the amount they are asking us with a tax base which is very little that why I asked those questions. How much did you asked for. I think it was \$3,000 more they asked for. I know Walton County puts more money in the other libraries in the county. So, but Walton County has a lot more money to do that with. I would like to match Walton County's. If Walton County give \$3,000 they we should give \$3,000 and if they do \$5,000 we should do \$5,000. But no more than \$5,000. I like the library and I think it is a great thing but to asked us for that amount when they are asking Walton County for half of that. Councilwoman Witcher – and it is basically being used for the retirement of their head person. I find that a little offensive. Like Mark says if they were asking for a new piece of equipment or to purchase new books that is going to benefit the library as a whole to the community, I agree with that. But because somebody wants to have retirement, I'm kind of backing off that. That belongs to the State and to Uncle Remus. Councilman Shultz – Walton County also, the Board of Commissioners and the County itself, they don't pay the electric bill, any maintenance, I mean we do all that, the insurance, all that is in this budget that we have to pay for. I mean the library, Uncle Remus the run it basically but everything else the repairs and maintenance. And That building it is not old but it will start having issues. Councilwoman Pilgrim – that's fine but the reason I brought it up I wanted to have a little bit of discussion on that because last year it was the thing that caused us the most grief. Councilman Shultz – well it is going to cause us the most grief again because they are going to come back and ask.. Councilwoman Pilgrim – but we did some things last year that in hindsight we might not should have done at the time we did it. So, this year we are a little more educated and a little smarter, I think. So, it is worth asking the question because what we said is, it is going to be what it is no matter who comes up here and talks. And that is why I'm asking. Councilman Shultz – Sure.

Councilwoman Pilgrim – If we are happy with where it is.. Councilman Moore – Personally I'd like to leave it where it is. I think we give them what they are looking for. I think it keeps the library open. It will motivate them to fund-raise more and get what they need to do as far as that goes. Councilwoman Witcher – I don't know the answer to this but I will ask, does anybody here know if anybody here in the City such as a business or something makes any contribution or contributions made in the names of someone who might pass or something? I have not seen that information. Councilwoman Pilgrim - I don't know. Councilman Moore – I don't know. Mayor Lee – I don't know. Councilwoman Witcher – I would think that would be a good thing too to have a benefactor such as that. Councilwoman Pilgrim – I just wanted to make sure we were clear on that point. That was painful last year. Councilman Moore – Here is my biggest concern. The budget all looks in line with the exception of we have less money in road repairs this year with \$190,000 extra income than we did last year without that income. City Clerk - we still have SPLOST. Councilman Shultz – yes that is separate, they can't.... Councilman Moore – well I know but I'm looking at, some of the training we had, SPLOST is like, should not be considered into our budget. Not saying we shouldn't spend it, but it should be treated as "found money". That it is utilized for things that above and beyond what needs to be done. What, I'm not saying, I'm just concerned that we are not showing enough on this budget for roads and repairs especially when we have things... Councilwoman Witcher – well I fall back on the SPLOST because we are getting a substantial amount of money when it is being issued and if we use and write properly what we want SPLOST to do it really does help our budget without having to go into our budget so deep. Councilman Moore – absolutely, I agree. Councilwoman Witcher – So we need to make sure when we apply for SPLOST next year that we have dotted every i and put the comas where they go so we know exactly what we want to get from them. I'm looking, and this might be a little off the subject, but I'm looking at the basketball courts our recreation we don't have anything but we can get that through SPLOST if we know now, Alan has brought it to our attention.. to do that. What? Maxine McClanahan – We can't use SPLOST for six years now. Councilwoman Witcher - we need to look at that. City Clerk – I meant to bring this up, under Cultural Recreation, line item 6130 we did add basketball courts and put \$10,670 in there because we were talking about the basketball courts needing to be resurfaced. We did put some money in there, but SPLOST is something we voted on. When you vote on it, it states on the ballot when the Mayor said specifically is was for streets, sidewalks and curbs. It can only be used for streets, sidewalks and curb repair and we are tied to that for six years now so, we will be getting that money. Councilwoman Witcher – so when we go back in six years, we can really through up to that six years really plan out a recreational situation for our families in town. And keep adding, do it each year in our minds and when we do write the request for it, we will have it all right there to be able to get SPLOST help in the recreation. City Clerk – yes, it is whatever is put on that ballot and when the people vote if it passes then that is what you use it for. Councilman Moore – This is where I am leaning towards. See if ya'll are in agreement. I'm actually leaning towards the 2019/2020 to match the adjustments we made this year in the 2018/2019. And with the exception, it covers everything that we had to make adjustments for we came under budget, but it also leaves us an extra \$60,000 we can put back into road and repair. Councilwoman Witcher – for what? Councilman Moore – roads and sidewalks. So in other words, keeping our budget \$765,750 continued after next year without anymore of an increase than we have already done. Just kind of hold that. Councilman Shultz – so you are wanting to keep the same budget for street, sidewalk and curbs as last year for this year? Councilman Moore – yea

if we .. Councilman Shultz – or you want the current to date amount? Councilman Moore – if we match this current budget of the 2018 / 2019 we have already made adjustments for under budget amounts then we should be fine. City Clerk – You have to add in the enterprise fund which is under public works on the 2019 / 2020 budget line item 500. You have to add in that \$52,500 we will have to put into the sewer account to fund it. On page 3 last line on the bottom.. Councilman Moore – here is a question I have on that one. If you look at your budget, you are also showing an income of \$55,160. But it's not showing. City Clerk –right above that total it shows the City of Walnut Grove, \$52,500. Councilman Moore – so that's what we are paying? City Clerk – yes. The only income we will have will be under customers and a Walton EMC rebate. Under customers that is only an estimate, based on what their water use has been in the few months we have been billing them. Councilman Moore – So if we do that, let's do some math here, you've got \$821,730 if we held with some minor changes 765,750. City Clerk – what line items are you going to change in the new proposed budget? Where, I mean... Councilman Shultz -that's my question. City Clerk – where are you changing? Councilman Moore – well like I said, if we hold this current year to date this expense with a minor adjustment on \$55,000 that comes up close to what we need to do. City Clerk – what projects are you going to... Maxine McClanahan – you have to add the \$52. Councilman Moore – the \$52, that's what I'm talking about. Maxine McClanahan - that's only a \$4,000 difference in the two years. But the difference is we have \$120,000 in road repair. Councilman Shultz - \$4,000. City Clerk – what kind of projects are you going to do with that kind of money in road repair? We have SPLOST. Councilman Moore – there are things our City needs to address like the roundabout, so we have a speed control problem on Park St. We have got to look at a sewer expansion. City Clerk – the sewer is a separate budget so we don't... and when we get to the point, we need to expand the sewer you will have customers who will be paying sewer tap fees. It is that money that will pay for the sewer expansion. Councilman Moore – Ok, but we are still looking at like I said there are other things we promised the taxpayers we are not showing in our current budgets as far as going to roads and repairs. We've got subdivisions that are cracking. I know we could bring them out of SPLOST. We have Park St. that has a speed control problem that I think we need to revisit. We have subdivisions that have come in here and asked over and over again for speed control issues. Councilwoman Witcher – asking for what? I'm sorry I didn't hear you. Councilman Moore – speed control issues as far as Councilwoman Witcher – in subdivisions? Councilman Moore – yes in subdivisions Councilwoman Witcher – I haven't seen anybody come in for that. Councilman Moore – they did last year, they came several times. They came in... City Clerk – But I thought it was a liability issue. Alan Barton – the County can't do that. Only the State Patrol can the County can't go in there. Councilman Moore – well I'm not talking about police control there's other things we can take a look at that's what we want... City Clerk – But the speed humps we talked about that in the Council, it was a liability issue. Councilman Moore – well here's the .. every, in Loganville in front of their parks they have these speed humps. We can also think about the sign that says this is how fast you are going. There's all things that we can look at to be able to find a way to slow these people down. And our citizens seem to be that that was their number one issue as far as with that tax money. Is finding a way to slow, fix the speeding problems that we have. And not just police, but some sort of speed control. Now if speed humps are not the one then there are other things we can look at. But city upon city upon city are doing these things so they have obviously found a way to incorporate the liability with those type of speed control. Councilwoman Witcher – when we had the dinner Thursday night I got

there early and made sure that I could just sit and watch people going over those speed humps. Those guys that drive those pick-up trucks could give a rat toenail less. They just go right over it just beyond the speed limit and almost laugh about it. So, it almost becomes laughable and if it becomes a liability to us it will cost us more in the long run. I think if we have in your communities, neighborhood communities if you have commissioner meeting or ownership housing or whatever you might want to approach that with your community and say look, it has to start with us, we live in this community it has to start with us and I guarantee you everybody that comes up and down here lives somewhere in one of those communities. Councilman Moore – And I agree with that assessment especially in the subdivisions. But the things we have to address, is Park St is being utilized as a cut through for people going home to either Conyers or Monroe or whatever and it is out of hand. Councilwoman Witcher – one of the things we could do on Park St is make it a one-way street. And then they have to go up Guthrie and out and down. Mayor Lee – well when they built that high... Councilwoman Witcher – the biggest thing is law enforcement. We need more law enforcement to come down here. I think it would be very advisable to go to Dr. Callahan at the High School and say could you, could we have an assembly and as Council sit down there them or two or three people sit down with the students and say we have had enough of it. We have had enough we know you come out of high school and run like an eagle with no wings. So, we need you to understand we are trying to help you number one save your life, number two keep your vehicle in good order and number three be respectful of people that live here. But that responsibility can be placed on the High School with Dr. Callahan. And I think he would be certainly agreeable to doing something like that having an open forum with their student council. Mayor Lee – well it is my understanding that when they built that high school over there that they would not exit Park St. It would exit Guthrie Cemetery. Councilwoman Witcher – that's right. Councilman Moore – and you know.. Mayor Lee – that was the agreement. Councilman Moore – I agree with that, but you know what I'm seeing not as much as the students, now I'm saying the students go through there, but I'm seeing soccer moms and cut throughs and so forth that are just flying down that street. Councilwoman Pilgrim – I see them cut through Greenhill Way make the circle and come back out. Councilman Moore – Or go down behind the Methodist Church. Councilwoman Pilgrim – that's what I'm saying. Councilman Moore - And I'm saying we have got to find a way. Now whether or not speed humps or a sign that says you are exceeding the speed limit. Which I've seen work in other areas whether or not it is completely going to work. I don't know. But we have got to be able to take a look at that. Especially now that we have a sidewalk going over to our Park and we have people flying through there at 50 mph. Councilwoman Witcher – I still think it falls back to law enforcement. Maybe we as Council need to write a letter to our local Sheriff and say, hey look we feel we are being left out of this and we need you to send somebody down here. I mean it just takes two or three times for an officer sitting out here for people to start shaking. Once they get that ticket in their hand and it's not five dollars. So that perhaps would be another thing is to request that we have more law enforcement presence at this period of time and this period of time. Figure out what the hours are that are so rushed and put them down here. It behooves them to help us. Councilman Moore – well anyway, going back to the budget that's where I am leaning towards if we can hold the figure we have after this adjustment. But that's my opinion. Councilman Shultz – are you wanting to increase the roads the street, sidewalk from where it is now? Councilman Moore – correct. Councilman Shultz – what amount are you wanting to increase that to? Councilman Moore – well if we can hold to

this budget... Councilman Shultz – our current budget we are operating on? Councilman Moore – correct, after adjustments, which is down to 765 of course increase it by the 55 or 54,000 for the sewer that we need to cover I’m assuming SPLOST covered that in the past? The operating cost of the sewer? City Clerk – no the General Account. We just paid it but now the sewer account cannot be co-mingled with the general account. It has to have its own budget, so we have to take the money and just put it in there and then let all the bills be paid out of the sewer account. Councilman Moore – which by the way the question I have in our general account we have roughly what \$450,000 in our general account? City Clerk – in our general? Councilman Moore – Right. City Clerk – No. We paid the paving at Emerald Cove and we have about, I’m guessing, about \$170,00 in our general account. Councilman Moore – I’m just going by what the City audit shows last year. Because I was looking back at the numbers you gave me. Going back to 2014 and all the way up expenses vs income we have always made extra, we’ve always. I’m just curious where that if we, say for example, we did \$100,00 in expense and we plan for \$100,000 in income but we did \$150,000, where does that \$50,000 go to? Councilwoman Witcher – where does it come from? Councilwoman Pilgrim – we just use it to balance these other lines. Mayor Lee - to balance out these other lines. Mayor Lee – he is asking what we use that for. Councilman Moore – so I’m showing that you know like I said that we have had an increase from the expense and income since 2014 a year because Kathy was nice enough to give me those figures. We showed a positive note all the way through every year. I don’t have them with me, but I can pull them up. But anyway, that’s where, I’m kinda leaning towards making a kind of a whole list money as close as we can that way that we got this money. City Clerk – but when we went through the proposed most of these items that went up were going up because we needed them to cover the expenses in that line item. There wasn’t a lot of fluff in here and when there looks like there might be \$1,000 or \$2,000 dollars more what if next year we get to this point and we need to pull money to cover where we might go over some where and we will need that. Councilman Moore – well right now I’m like I said I’m looking at this 2019 and this looks to me gracious plenty to cover any extra that we may get. I mean look at the numbers. City Clerk - And I’m... Councilman Moore – And that’s including \$113,000. City Clerk – I guess I’m speaking out of turn, but I would like to see proposed expenses on specific things. \$100,000 in a line item if we could know that we were going to spend x number of dollars on speed humps or having spending money to have some company come in and give a quote on something but to park \$100,000 in there and then leave these other items lean when we’ve got SPLOST money. Councilman Moore – It even gives us a \$15,000 equipment but you know like I said I don’t set the budget I just that’s what I’m leaning towards. Whatever ya’ll want to do. City Clerk – And we are not voting on this tonight but we do need to ..I guess we are not voting but maybe if the other council members can answer Councilman Moore as to whether or not you agree because I am really hoping when we leave here tonight that we can all agree on the 19/20 budget so when we come back for a public hearing on June 11th that we will all be on the same so, But I’m just the Clerk, I’m stepping out. Councilman Shultz – as for me the only change that I really wanted to make because I didn’t think we used it was Code Red but what I see here is sufficient for me. The library was brought up and I think we are all in a consensus that what is already there and what they are getting is what they should get for next year and not anymore. That’s really the only two things that I was really, I mean looking over everything else it looks fine to me. I’m not proposing any changes whatsoever in this budget. Councilwoman Witcher – which budget? Councilman Shultz – the new one. I’m not proposing any changes. Councilwoman

Witcher – I have to agree with Kevin. I think it's a well thought out budget, a well-planned budget and it is something we can live with and I'm talking the 2019 / 2020 budget. Councilwoman Pilgrim – and I agree too. It looks like a lot of work into it and a lot of thought. Councilwoman Witcher – I do think that Linda's request to drop the library down makes this budget even more viable for us. Mayor Lee – well if there is no more discussion. City Clerk – if we get to the point where we have the money in that line item for streets, sidewalks and curb we have some project we can pay some out of this budget and some out of SPLOST as long as it lined up with streets, sidewalks and curbs. Councilman Shultz – there's going to be changes to this. I know that. I mean I'm not.. City Clerk – But this is something that we can bring up at our public hearing and everybody be in agreement? Councilman Shultz – yeah if we need to change it because of whatever we need to do then that is what we are going to have to do. We just, this is a basis for us to start in my opinion right now. There's going to be somethings we don't use and we are going to have extra money for and you know half way through the year we can take a look, "hey we are looking pretty good on this we're going to be way under budget on this and but we are looking like we might need to do repairs for this or whatever that and we can move those line items or those expenses later on. Because that is going to happen. We can talk about it now all day long, but we are going to be talking about the same thing again when something happens that we need to adjust the budget whether it be up or down. Of course, it will more than likely go up take away from something that we need. City Clerk – Ok, so are we, are we good for this one then? Councilman Shultz – I don't have any proposed changes on it. I know we aren't voting on it tonight it is good as it is to me. But that's just me. I'm one. Councilwoman Witcher – I agree. Mayor Lee – everybody on the same page then? I guess we will go to the bids for the cutting the hay at the sewer plant.

c. BIDS FOR CUTTING THE SPRAY FIELD AT THE SEWER PLANT

Mike Malcom – Mr. Mayor I have the bids. There are two bids that came in. The first bid was Alan Barton and I will read what it says then I will pass it down. Mr. Malcom opened the sealed envelope. The bid for the City of Walnut Grove is to cut, bale and remove the hay from the spray field at the Walnut Grove Waste Water Plant for the sum of \$3,975.00 for each time the hay needs cutting. Then it's got thanks Alan Barton and his phone number. While I'm passing that down the second bid was from a company named Premier Maintenance, Inc. with a business card from Jake Gower. And he has submitted an estimate to cut the hay field at the treatment plant approximately 20 acres, cut around all spray heads, approximately 160, trim around heads included does not include trim around any trim or mowing around ponds roadsides. It says hay field only cut and remove hay billed upon completion of each cutting based up approximately total \$7,150.00. Councilwoman Witcher – Whoa. Councilwoman Pilgrim – for each cut? Councilman Moore – for each cutting? Or for a year? Mike Malcom – well I'll let you read this. It says billed upon each cutting based upon approximately three cuts per year. Councilwoman Witcher – what do we know about this person or his business? Councilman Shultz – that still doesn't tell me if that is per cut or if that is a price for all the cuts. I don't understand. It doesn't.. Mayor Lee – I don't either. Councilman Shultz- I don't know if that is for all three cuts or per cut. Councilwoman Pilgrim – the one problem that I see with Mr. Barton's bid is the money may be fair it may be right on the head, but you are an employee of the City. You already work for Walnut Grove. Alan Barton – And? Councilwoman Pilgrim –

And contracting a job. Alan Barton – that is a side job. That’s what that is. Councilwoman Pilgrim – You are still an employee of the City. Councilman Moore – is there a legal, ethical dilemma to this? Councilwoman Pilgrim – It’s at least ethical. Mike Malcom – If he is um, if you are doing this on the weekends and what have you, so I mean its not it’s not like he is working during the work week. Mayor Lee – the workweek. Councilwoman Witcher – it is not a conflict of interest. Mike Malcom – That’s ... Councilwoman Pilgrim – but he is already an employee of the City. Mike Malcom – Well where is the conflict? Councilwoman Pilgrim – he already works for the City. Mike Malcom – Ok. Councilwoman Pilgrim – and he is entering into a contract with the City. Mike Malcom – But it’s just, I’m not arguing with you. I’m just trying to understand. Councilwoman Pilgrim – Does what I’m saying make any sense? Mike Malcom – His job is for maintenance of the City lands or whatever but that doesn’t include hay cutting does it? I don’t. City Clerk – he was doing it before and getting paid by getting the hay. So he was doing it before. Now, Now the City keeps the hay. And the City pays the person for cutting and we don’t have the equipment. Councilman Shultz – we keep the hay? What are we doing with the hay? City Clerk – we will have to try to sell it to a landscaper. Mayor Lee – Um hum. Councilman Shultz – And if we can’t sell it? City Clerk – then we will have a bunch of hay. Mayor Lee – It will be sitting over there in the field. Mike Malcom – what do those bids say about removal of the hay. City Clerk – just to remove them off the hayfield. It belongs to the City. Mike Malcom – If it is not a conflict with his job title and his job what his job entails then I wouldn’t see a conflict if he is not doing it on company time and he is not doing a job it is something he is already supposed to be doing. Councilman Moore – Here is something Councilwoman Pilgrim – it is the same as if Lamar put in a bid to do it. Councilman Moore – right. Councilwoman Pilgrim – he’s already, he already works for the City. Or if you put in a bid to do it. Mike Malcom – to do the hayfields? Councilwoman Pilgrim – Yeah, You say it will be fine. I’ll just do it on the weekends. It is still a conflict because you already work for the City. City Clerk – It would be different if the City had the equipment and could do it then we could use City employees to use City equipment and do it. But our City employees can’t do it because we don’t have the equipment. Councilman Moore – Ok, first of all I think I’ve already made it clear I don’t care whether Alan cuts the grass and takes it out and keeps it or whatever, I’ve already said that last year. The only thing I worry about the only thing is that I know by State law I can’t bid and cut with a company and collect that hay and charge the City as being an official with this City. Does that relate back to an employee? That is the question I’ve got. Councilman Shultz – You, being an official it’s a lot different actually. Mayor Lee – It’s a lot different. Councilman Moore – I just want to make sure we are covered legally. Mike Malcom – And you know, I don’t see a problem with it if he is using his own personal equipment. I mean that’s a good point that you brought up and it is on his own personal time. But City officials is a different category. And is treated as such under the law. But if he is using city equipment and he is doing it while he is supposed to be, well that would be a problem. Mayor Lee – we don’t have any City equipment for him to use. Alan Barton – go buy 175,000 worth of equipment and I’ll cut it then. Mayor Lee – let the City cut it. Councilman Moore – I don’t want to do that. Alan how many cuts a year do you normally do? Alan Barton – well usually Its three cuttings but now you will be spraying that sewer on it so you will be irrigating more. Before you just done it by rain. But now that you will be irrigating with sewer on it it will grow faster so its possible you could cut it four times. Councilman Moore, Ok, silly question, um can we not utilize a city employee to cut it every three weeks with a standard cutting. Alan Barton – the EPD requires it to be baled and got off the field. Mayor Lee – And got off ...

Alan Barton - You can't just bush hog. It's a requirement of the EPD. Mayor Lee – EPD says you can't leave that on there. Alan Barton – that's why they put Bermuda grass over there. Because it's got to be got off. It uses all the, the grass takes up the ammonia instead of letting it go into the ground and in your drinking water. Councilman Moore – so you got to let it grow high? Alan Barton – Yea, Councilman Moore – you can't keep it like a yard? Mayor Lee – No. Alan Barton – No. Councilman Moore – that's the question I had. Mayor Lee – that's they want it to get, EPD wants it to get plum past the spray heads. Alan Barton – But see... Mike Malcom - what is the height that the EPD wants that grass to be? Mayor Lee – just as high as you can get it before you cut it. Isn't that right Alan? Alan Barton – You got to, well you can't let it get like it is now. It's six foot high some of it is. It should have done been cut. But... Mayor Lee – the spray heads ain't six foot. Alan Barton – but you know it should be cut at no more than three foot. Councilman Moore – well you in that situation baring any so long as it's not ethically illegal for us to do that I make a motion to accept Mr. Barton's bid to keeping that hay field cut. Councilwoman Witcher – I second it. Councilman Shultz – but I want to ask a question before to Mike. The other bid that came it's not clear to me. Is there, would that be considered an incomplete bid? Or are we authorized to get clarification at this point? Mike Malcom – we advertised, is the way we advertised. You can do what you want to do. We can re-advertised it. Councilman Shultz – no, I just. I'm assuming it's \$7,000 per cut. Mike Malcom – our advertising says 20 acres with 160 spray heads to cut around. Hay must be baled and removed from spray field. Must be covered with general liability and workman's comp. Councilman Moore – I'm looking at it and it says on the bottom line.... Councilwoman Pilgrim – it is based on three cuts per year. Councilman Moore- Yeah and it is billed for each cut. Mike Malcom – ok so that total is for ... Councilwoman Pilgrim – a quantity of one. Mike Malcom – so that total is for each cut. Councilman Shultz – so there is a motion and a second. Mayor Lee – all in favor? Councilman Moore - Aye. Mayor Lee – Motion carries. Councilwoman Pilgrim – I'm voting no. Because it is just not the right thing to do. Actually, I'm voting no, and I asked that we rebid the job. Councilman Shultz –We've already.. It's already been approved. The only action from this point forward the Mayor can veto said vote that was approved and confirmed. The Mayor can veto that. And the Council can come back with a majority vote and override his veto. So, it would be on the Mayor. You can ask the Mayor for a veto. That would be your only recourse. Mayor Lee – Well it wouldn't be no need for me to veto it when you would come right back and override it. Am I not right Mike? Mike Malcom – I don't know what... Councilman Moore – that would be true. How long does this last until we decide, I mean is this a yearly bid? Mike Malcom – I think we probably need to bid it out every year. Mayor Lee – Yea. City Clerk – Can you just prepare a contract then? For the city with Alan then? Mike Malcom – Yeah, I think we did one before. Did we not Alan? Alan Barton – yes City Clerk – so we will just do a contract. Mike Malcom – yeah we can tweak what we already have. Councilman Moore – and we look at this every year re bidding it at the fiscal change, fiscal year so City Clerk – We could do it at the budget year that way if his expenses go up he can adjust his fees. Councilman Shultz – Or rather than bid it every year we can do it like our trash collection services and enter into a longer agreement. This one is already done. Mike Malcom – Just a suggestion would be just be real specific in your ad about what you are looking for. Mayor Lee – Right Mike Malcom – Down to give us a price per cut or you know that sort of thing. Councilwoman Pilgrim – And this might not have anything to do with nothing. But there are people, there are companies out there that will bid these jobs. They come in they cut , they rake, they bale they haul out the hay and pay the City per bale for what they take. City Clerk – I wish

they had put in a bid then. Mayor Lee – that’s right. We advertised it. City Clerk – I put it in the paper. Mike Malcom – we advertised it. It’s here. And maybe on the website. That’s kind of going beyond the law. But it is advertised. For all purposes if you know any of those folks just tell them this thing is going to come up for bid again. Mayor Lee – It will come up again next year. Next hay cutting time.

d. BIDS FOR CONCRETE FOR REPAIRS AT EMERALD COVE SUBDISION

Mayor Lee – Bids for concrete for repairs at Emerald Cove Subdivision. Alan Barton – we only got one, Kathy said it came in this afternoon. I met with two so far. That’s all I’ve met with. I’ve got four calls out and I’ve met with two of them. Councilman Shultz – what is the bid deadline for that one? Alan Barton – We hadn’t... Councilman Shultz – Has it already passed? Alan Barton – we haven’t run it in the paper or nothing. I called the concrete companies and got some reliable people to give us a bid on... Councilman Shultz – Oh so this is discussion. Alan Barton – Right. Mayor Lee – this right here, what we are talking about right here is you go in Emerald Cove and go all the way to the back, all the way to the back of the subdivision. The school bus can’t turn around back there. Councilwoman Pilgrim – This ain’t a new problem. Mayor Lee – Oh no. Councilwoman Pilgrim – How come it got pulled to the front page today? Mayor Lee – Well, it’s not just pulled to the front page today. I’m just tired of hearing when school starts every year, we get the same thing. Alan Barton – Well, Moncreif, I met with her over there and she brought it up. Mayor Lee – this ain’t nothing new. Alan Barton – she wanted something done about it. Mayor Lee – I’ve been doing this awhile, it ain’t nothing new. It’s every year. They don’t want their kids, and I can’t much blame them, ... Councilwoman Pilgrim – And I don’t either, but Emerald Cove has been there awhile. Mayor Lee – I know it has. Councilwoman Pilgrim – How come we haven’t already fixed it? Councilman Moore – Here’s an interesting thing that this brings up. Is this something that we need to look at doing an ordinance that prohibits parking in a round about during the school season? Mayor Lee – Well, what do you mean? Out on the street, you talking about? Councilman Moore – Yeah parking on the street in a roundabout during school season. Is that something we need to take a look at? Councilman Shultz – Or we can make an ordinance about parking in the street. The issue.. there are a couple of issues with that. The law is very vague there is already state law about parking the streets and when it says you can and can’t do it. And Mike would have to really dig into this I read it one way and someone else reads it another way so that’s typical. It is kinda like the Bible I read it one way and Carol reads, or understands it another way.. The way I understand the law is outside of a residential area, is what it says, you cannot park in the roadway especially if you, like you have a driveway, it is obvious you an park all your vehicles in your drive-way. There are people who do it in Magnolia Springs all the time and it drives me absolutely crazy. They have one car in the driveway, and they have four in the road. Mayor Lee – in the road. Councilman Shultz – But another person says outside of a residential area could mean businesses like around here or wherever else. Like on State routes it is absolutely prohibited, you can’t do it. It is more specifically, so I’m not sure that wording when it says outside a residential area you can’t do this. And it says you can’t park in road. Councilman Moore – I would think a subdivision would fall within that residential area, doesn’t it? Councilman Shultz – Well I don’t think that terminology outside a residential area means outside of a residential.... Councilman Moore – the property? Councilman Shultz – yes Councilman Moore – Ok. Councilwoman Witcher – We are having problems, I drove all the subdivisions last week and we are having, as many times as I went through, and a couple of them I went through twice just to make sure it was just maybe a delivery person putting something out but people are parking on the sidewalks now. Councilman Shultz – Now that’s illegal, against State

law period. Councilwoman Witcher – And I went over in Magnolia, all the neighborhoods, except Habersham, we don't have sidewalks, so but they were parking on the sidewalks and I know that had to be a violation .. Councilman Shultz – It is. Councilwoman Witcher – and I came back and told the Mayor and he approached our Code Man to work on that for us. But that's ridiculous. I went into this one subdivision and they had about five cars in front of one house all parked on the sidewalk. Anybody with a mobility cart, any mama with a little crib, little pusher thing to get her child across, they couldn't have passed. They would have had to walk out in the street. Alan Barton– It's really bad in Magnolia over there right before you get between your house and

Mark. That wrecker that pars in the road, that sun when it is coming up in the morning, I've got where I don't even like to come in there in the mornings that sun is coming up... Councilman Shultz – well if it is in a curb or parked at all, Alan Barton – if you aren't paying attention... Councilman Shultz - the law talks about this, if it is parked in a curbed area where you can't see oncoming traffic you can't do that either. So, it more or less has to be a straight away where you have clear line sight going around those cars. But we can enact an ordinance that prohibits it period from parking in the road. But the problem is trying to get the Sheriff's Office to enforce a City Ordinance. So, I have worked for the Sheriff's Office and I, it's difficult. You are going to have to convince Joe Chapman for his deputies to come write tickets for parking in the road. Now our code enforcement officer can do it but then you start getting in, he's not an armed person. You could start getting into confrontations and I don't want to put him in those situations and dealing with those types of people. Cause people become heated about parking in the road. I've had conversations with people when I was a law enforcement officer about people parking in the roads where they are obstructing, and you can't get around. City Clerk – is it Cambridge where the driveway drops off to the house? Councilman Shultz – um hum. City Clerk – I understand them doing it, to an extent. I just don't understand a builder who built a driveway that goes down to a house that kind of drops. Council woman Witcher – that the place where I saw, was in Cambridge, with the parking on the sidewalks. And I feel bad for those people. Here's the road and their driveway is somewhere down there and you can't even see the car. So logically if they have company or family there is really no place else for them to park. But it is dangerous to have them on the sidewalks. Councilman Shultz – now the sidewalks, that is actually State law that any law enforcement officer can enforce parking on the sidewalk. But the other one is unclear because I have had it interoperating several different ways by several different law enforcement officers. Several different people talking at once... Mike Malcom – wasn't there a citizen here about the parking on the sidewalks? Councilman Shultz – probably Ms. Moncrief. Councilwoman Witcher – Ms. Moncrief. Councilman Moore – She's also the one wanting speed humps in her subdivision. Mike Malcom – Ok. Councilman Shultz – You are not going to make her happy no matter what you do. City Clerk – So we will just put off the bids for the concrete until the June Council Meeting. We should get the bids in by then and we can look at them. Mike Malcom – we need to run the ad. City Clerk – Run an ad advertising that? Mike Malcom – yes City Clerk – ok. This is why the advertising went up and it is continual. Mayor Lee – All right. Councilman Shultz – Does sit have to be put in the newspaper by law? Can it be put on our website? Is that legal, I mean is that what costs us. It will cost little to nothing to do that compared to.... City Clerk – The Tribune is your legal organ and if you, help me Mike. Mike Malcom – and I think there is a dollar amount involved as well from the standpoint of taking bids. I think the safe harbor is putting it in the paper. City Clerk – this bid right here was for \$10,000 with an additional \$3,000 to do some optional work so, it might be \$13,000. Mike Malcom – and the good thing about running an ad is you

can be very specific and if the bid doesn't comply with what the City asked for then... City Clerk – then I'm going to ask you to help write this ad if you don't mind. Mike Malcom – Ok. But the parking, does that effect that cul de sac back there? Mayor Lee – yes. Councilman Shultz – the buses can't get around because they will hit the cars. Go up on the curb.. Councilwoman Witcher – It's not large enough for the buses to make the turn. Mike Malcom - I get that I just didn't know. Councilman Moore – Well in the round about that I actually see the buses has to make a three-point turn and if she is backing into a.., it makes it a lot more difficult if there is a car parked anywhere in that round about for her to make that three-point turn and come back. She can't make a circle. That's impossible. Mike Malcom – well let's say there are no cars, can she make that turn? Councilman Moore – yes. Mayor Lee – if they get up on the curb. Councilwoman Pilgrim – so, if they don't park there, they can get through it. Councilman Shultz – when we go to re-pave .. Councilman Moore – In this situation in all roundabout situations, even in Cambridge Chase I just say if a car is parked in the street in that round about or turn around it makes it more difficult for that bus driver to keep from hitting that car to make that turn. Is that something that we as a Council can address as an Ordinance that says during the hours of 6 in the morning until 6 at night you cannot park in that roundabout? Councilman Shultz – Yes, you can do that, but the problem is, someone is going to violate it at the time the school bus is trying to get through and she is not going to get down it. We just need to... Mike Malcom – It just becomes an enforcement issue, a total enforcement issue. We can pass an ordinance and I think we do actually have an ordinance which prohibits street parking. I can't remember exactly what it says but it is very specific. But yea we could put signage up. I've seen that in cities where ti says don't park in Savannah on Tuesdays because the street cleaners are coming through on Tuesday night. And people don't park on the street or they get towed. But I think it boils down to an enforcement issue. And if we put signage up and we have that ordinance then we need to be able to enforce it as well. Councilman Moore – And who enforces that? Councilman Shultz – the Sheriff's Office or the State Patrol. Mayor Lee – or the Code man. Councilman Moore – I mean if the Code Man sees a violation would the proper protocol be for him to call the Sheriff's Office and have them come out to address it? Councilman Shultz – he could address it. Councilman Moore – does he call a wrecker? What does he do? Councilman Shultz – He can address it. City Clerk – but he is five hours a week and you are talking about, who is going to be looking all the rest of the time? Councilman Moore – Well the rest of it will just simply be a matter of informing our deputies doing a drive through. I've seen them drive through. And just simply saying look, we have an ordinance that says you can't park in the roundabout. Mike Malcom – are they using that as a parking lot? I mean I don't know Councilman Shultz – No they just park their vehicles there. Mike Malcom – ok. Councilman Moore – It happens everywhere. I've seen .. Councilman Shultz – Just do away with the roundabout. The median in there just needs to be scraped to where you can go straight through there and not have to go around. We just need to do away with the whole thing. Whatever is in that concrete tear all that stuff up and put down some asphalt patching down and patch it. Councilman Moore – Oh I agree. Councilman Shultz – Because what's going to happen is, we are going to end up repaving that someday. When we come to repave, it they are going to go around the roundabout and we are going to spend money. If we just do away with that median and then when they repave it everything will match but in the meantime we will eliminate that median where they can go straight through. And if cars are parked on the side, cars are parked on the side. But the buses are still going to be able to go straight through. Cause there is a roundabout, its over off Stewart Lake Rd., there is a subdivision, I can't think of the name of it. You probably know. You go in

there and they have two of them, they are roundabouts. They are round but there is nothing in the middle and I don't know what the design or if they had it like Emerald Cove and they came back over the years and paved it over so you can drive straight through. Councilman Moore – I like that idea. City Clerk – So when we put this on the agenda in June that is something that you need to have as an option. Councilman Moore We need to get Walton County to come out there and pave it. Councilwoman Pilgrim That's using your head. **Everyone talking at once.** Councilman Shultz – it might be a little more expense but cutting it down it's still... Mike Malcom – but under the Service Delivery Strategy the County would.. Councilman Moore – right, the County would do it. Councilman Shultz – right. Councilman Moore – so we would actually, could possibly come out cheaper. Councilman Shultz – we might have to pay for it to be removed. We might have to pay somebody with a bulldozer whatever equipment to remove. Councilman Moore – We don't have a bulldozer? I know we have a dump truck. Councilman Shultz – Got about \$300,000?

VI. ADJOURN

Councilwoman Witcher made a motion to adjourn, Councilman Moore seconded the motion, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Approved by the Mayor and Council this _____ day of June 2019.

Mayor Lamar Lee

Katherine A. Glass, City Clerk