

Walnut Grove City Council
Work Session - Budget
Via teleconference
Thursday, May 7, 2020
4:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Mark Moore, Linda Pilgrim, and Stephanie Moncrief

Also Present: City Clerk Tangee Puckett, City Attorney Mike Malcom & Jessie Couch

I. INVOCATION

Attorney Mike Malcom gave the invocation.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Mark Moore at 4:30 p.m.

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Linda Pilgrim made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Stephanie Moncrief seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. BUDGET DISCUSSION

Councilmember Stephanie Moncrief suggested updating the Cities software for garbage collection to be able to pay online. She would like to make sure during our regular council meeting a police officer be present at these meetings. Under the elections line item there is no funds listed and with the recent resignation of a council member we should have funds there. She asked who pays the franchise fees to the City. City Clerk, Tangee Puckett- it comes directly from the company. Look at the LOST funds, with COVID-19 in the income may be affected.

Mayor Mark Moore noted there were a few new line items, Real Estate Transfer Tax, Intangible Tax and TAVT.

Mayor Mark Moore suggested adding \$10,000 under personal service/employee benefits for employee insurance. Need to research group rates and bring back before the council to make sure we want to do this.

Councilmember Stephanie Moncrief asked if all the money paid to professional service - accounting was for just the auditor. Mayor Mark Moore- no the former clerk has a CPA helping.

She suggested raising the budget to \$25,000. She also asked if we advertise outside our local newspaper, have we considered those fees in the budget.

Mayor Mark Moore noted he changed the education budget to cover \$2500 per council and employees. This will cover all training; travel allowance and hotel stay. Councilmember Stephanie Moncrief suggested increases the budget for travel executive to \$1500 to cover the expenses.

Councilmember Stephanie Moncrief requested getting copies of all bank statements, Bonds, CD's for the City of Walnut Grove.

V. Adjourn

Motion made by Councilmember Linda Pilgrim to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. Councilmember Stephanie Moncrief seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Approved by Mayor and Council this _____day of May 2020.

Mayor Steven Mark Moore

Tangee B. Puckett, City Clerk