

Mayor Mark Moore
Jon Dial
Mary Hall
Linda Pilgrim
Stephanie Moncrief
Jay Crowley
Keegan Ramsey



City of Walnut Grove
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 12, 2021
7:00 P.M.

Municipal Building -1021 Park St. and via Microsoft Teams

- I. **INVOCATION** – Jay Crowley
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – All participated
- III. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Mark Moore
- IV. **AGENDA AMENDMENT** – Adding two items IGA for sewer billing and Funds Recovery Grant. Council member Stephanie Moncrief motioned. Council member Linda Pilgrim seconded. Passed unanimous.
- V. **AGENDA APPROVAL** – Council member Mary Hall made motion. Council member Jon Dial seconded. Passed unanimous.
- VI. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA** – Council member Mary Hall made motion. Council member Stephanie Moncrief seconded. Passed unanimous.
 1. Minute's Approval
 - a. July 8, 2021 Minutes
 - b. July 29, 2021 Minutes
 2. Financials
 - a. Financial Report
 - b. Budget Summary
- VII. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 1. **Community Involvement Committee** - Council Member Linda Pilgrim reported there was 3 more city park markets for the year. She also reported starting to plan for the upcoming Christmas tree lighting later in the year.
 2. **Downtown Development Authority** - Council Member Mary Hall reported the city retreat will be held on Sept 10th-11th. She also reported she had catering in place for both days of the retreat.
 3. **Parks & Recreation/Public Works** - Council Member Jon Dial reported progress on the public works building. Mayor Moore also commented the fence had been installed and the hvac was installed. He noted minor repairs to outlets needed to be completed before work on the interior could begin.
- VIII. **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION** — Mayor Moore read a report from commission chair Don Cannon. He stated that at the last meeting he received an application for a variance from Highland Homes and a public hearing would be held. He also stated that the Singleton Investment property was rezoned from Agriculture to C2 in 2018 and it appears should have been zoned M1. Depending on the outcome of second meeting with Mayor Moore and Mr. Singleton a recommendation will be made at that time. He also stated emails have been set up for the commission members to conduct planning and zoning functions.

IX. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Resident Joan Griggs commented that some of the flags along hwy 138 looked like they needed to be replaced. Mayor Moore responded that he would have someone take a look and get it taken care of.
2. Resident Cynthia Head asked if it were possible to have a meeting with city hall and GDOT concerning the proposed roundabout. Mayor Moore commented he voiced some concerns with the GDOT and more information was expected at the end of the month.

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Recodifying Ordinances** – Mayor Moore explained the need to move forward with recodification. Council member Stephanie Moncrief made motion. Council member Jon Dial seconded. Passed unanimous.
2. **Sewer Billing IGA** – Mayor Moore explain the agreement was for Walton County Water Dept to do the billing of sewer customers for the city. Council member Mary Hall made motion. Council member Stephanie Moncrief seconded. Passed unanimous.
3. **Funds Recovery Grant** – Mayor Moore explained an application would be filed for a grant to help fund the sewer plant expansion. Council member Jon Dial made motion. Council member Linda Pilgrim seconded. Passed unanimous.

XII. REPORTS

1. **Clerk's Report** – City clerk Keegan Ramsey reported the number of violations and rentals for the previous month. He also reported the balances for the city bank accounts.
2. **Mayor's Report** – Mayor Mark Moore reported a timeline of the end of year to have the plans for the sewer expansion completed. He also discussed the operating budget and sewer ordinances will be discussed at the next work session. Mayor Moore commented that the GMA conference was an informative trip for all who attended.

XIII. TOWN HALL DISCUSSION – A resident asked how many customers were currently attached to the sewer. Mayor Moore answered approximately 50 homes. A follow up question of how long the sewer expansion would take was asked which Mayor Moore answered approximately 18 months. A final question of will property taxes will go down and Mayor Moore answered taxes were rolled back by paying for trash service but the council would have to look at if they could go lower next year.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS – Council member Jon Dial thanked the people that came to the meeting. Council member Mary Hall thanked everyone for attending. She also commented it was her first GMA conference and she was able to network with other city officials and took several classes which she learned a lot. Council member Linda Pilgrim thanked the attendees and also commented on networking at the GMA convention. She also commented on taking classes to build a hometown connection and learned usefully information. Council member Stephanie Moncrief commented her and council member Linda Pilgrim represented the city at the high school pre-planning meeting and also she had plans to go to the Walton county chamber of commerce meetings and representing the city.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

XVI. ADJOURN – Council member Stephanie Moncrief made motion. Council member Linda Pilgrim seconded. Passed unanimous.