



CITY OF WALNUT GROVE
June 9, 2022 7:00 PM
1021 PARK STREET MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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

Council Meeting Agenda

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Mark Moore
- II. **INVOCATION** – Tony Powell
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – All participated
- IV. **AGENDA APPROVAL** – Council member Linda Pilgrim made motion to approve. Council member Jon Dial seconded. Passed unanimously.
- V. **CONSENT AGENDA** – Council member Stephanie Moncrief made motion to move budget adjustment to new business. Council member Linda Pilgrim seconded. Passed unanimously. Council member Stephanie Moncrief made motion to approve. Council member Jon Dial seconded. Passed unanimously.
 1. May 12th, May 26th, May 31th, June 2nd Meeting Minutes
 2. Financials
 3. Invoices over \$5000
- VI. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 1. **Community Involvement Committee** – Council member Linda Pilgrim reported that Wilco Electric was sponsoring a wildlife petting zoo at the upcoming city park market and encouraged everyone to attend.
 2. **Parks and Recreation/Public Works** – Council member Jon Dial reported a bid on repairing the lights on the baseball field that should be around \$1000. Council member Dial also reported working with company that resurfaces the tennis courts to install pickle ball lines and also public works preparing to fix the tennis net poles.
 3. **Education Involvement Committee** – Council member Stephanie Moncrief reported she was working on a proposal for the council to better support the teachers and staff of the schools. Council member Moncrief also mentioned a golf tournament to raise funds for the high school.
- VII. **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION** – Chairman Don Cannon Chairman Don Cannon reported approving a draft of bylaws that was sent to the city attorney ordinance and section references are correct. Chairman Cannon also reported discussing what type of businesses should be included in the downtown center and how the plans for a county park will affect the downtown center. Lastly Chairman Cannon reported a public hearing for a rezone of an AG zoned parcel along Hwy 81.
- VIII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Kevin Schultz commented what a great job the city council has been doing and on having received a tour of the new public works building and he believes the city is heading in a great direction.
- IX. **OLD BUSINESS**

Employee Handbook - Mayor Moore explained this change will help city employees by letting sick time hours rollover from one year to the next and clear up some unclear areas of the former employee handbook. Council member Jon Dial made motion to approve. Council member Linda Pilgrim seconded. Passed unanimously.

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Installation of Elected Official** - Tony Powell administered the oath of office to Council member Erica Miles.

2. **Budget Adjustment** - Mayor Moore explained the adjustment was to move funds from areas that were under budget to areas that were over budget. Council member Linda Pilgrim made motion to approve the budget adjustment. Council member Jon Dial seconded. passed unanimously.

Public Hearing - Maxine McClanahan of 4081 Habersham Circle made a formal objection to adoption of the budget due to proper notice not being given for budget hearings. Mayor Moore closed the public hearing. City attorney Tony Powell stated he believed the city is in compliance with state law. Council member Jon Dial made motion to approve the budget. Council member Linda Pilgrim seconded. Stephanie Moncrief wanted to discuss the library budget. Mayor Moore explained that he spoke with the library director and she was happy with the amount of money the city is contributing to the library. Mayor Moore also explained that the library staff has a retirement package and the city hall staff does not so he believes it would be appropriate to find a way to address that issue before additional funds were given to the library. Council member Stephanie Moncrief also expressed concern about using funds from the general fund to finish the public works building. Mayor Moore explained with the Hwy 81 roundabout being approved which will eliminate the current sheriff department building the need to move the sheriff's department into the public works building may be needed and that wouldn't be possible in it's current state so the finishing of the building makes sense. Council member Stephanie Moncrief voted no. Motion passed

3. **Emerald Cove Paving** – Mayor Moore discussed the asphalt portion of paving Emerald Cove. Mayor Moore explained the estimated amount of asphalt required was 1140 tons and the estimated cost of \$93,000. Mayor Moore explained that the city engineer suggested including a 10 percent buffer for price increases and Mayor Moore requested to move that number to 20 percent due to the recent material shortages and inflation to a total of \$119,000. Council member Erica Miles made motion to approve. Council member Linda Pilgrim seconded. Passed unanimously.

4. **Comprehensive Plan** - Mayor Moore presented the draft of the Walnut Grove Comprehensive Plan that was prepared by the NEGRC. Mayor Moore explained that this was only a draft for review and copies would be emailed to members of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Downtown Development Authority. Council member Stephanie Moncrief asked if this was something that is done for free and Mayor Moore responded to his knowledge there was no charge but if the bill was over \$5000 he would have to get council approval.



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I. REPORTS

- a. **Public Works Report-** Brian Pilgrim reported that flags have been placed throughout the city for the July 4th weekend. Brian also reported a septic tank issue in the park that has been repaired.
- b. **Clerk's Report** – City Clerk Keegan Ramsey read the balances of the city bank accounts.
- c. **Mayor's Report** – Mayor Moore discussed an offer to maintain the ballfield for a reduction in rate from a local little league team which would free up time for public works to handle more important projects. Mayor Moore reported the city is looking good and the Hwy 81 roundabout has been approved by the GDOT and information is posted on their website along with the city website.

- II. **TOWN HALL DISCUSSION** – Dan Moore asked if there is sewer capacity for future growth. Mayor Moore discussed where the city was in the sewer expansion process and also looking into new technology that could possibly increase future capacity even more. City Librarian Dana commented an upcoming poodle show and signing up over 300 children for the summer reading program.

- III. **COUNCIL COMMENTS** – Council member Jon Dial thanked everyone in attendance and the veterans. Council member Dial congratulated Council member Erica Miles and he looks forward to seeing further plans for the city downtown center. Council member Erica Miles thanked everyone for attending and Dana for the great job she is doing at the library. Council member Linda Pilgrim congratulated council member Erica Miles and thanked Megan Ragan for donating the plaque for the veterans. Council member Stephanie Moncrief welcomed council member Erica Miles and stated she was excited to have a full council and for the future. Mayor Moore welcomed council member Erica Miles and stated the city is fortunate to have a full council and to have city attorney Tony Powell because he brings a great deal of experience to the city.

- IV. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - None

- V. **ADJOURN** – Council member Stephanie Moncrief made motion. Council member Jon Dial seconded. Passed unanimously.