



CITY OF WALNUT GROVE
July 19, 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 Minutes

- 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 Stephanie Moncrief seconded. Passed unanimously.
- V. **CONSENT AGENDA-** Council member Jon Dial made motion to approve. Council member Linda Pilgrim seconded. Passed unanimously.
 1. June 9th Meeting Minutes
 2. Financials
 3. Invoices over \$5000 - None
- VI. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 1. **Community Involvement Committee** –Council member Linda Pilgrim reported that the touch the truck event was a big success at the previous park market. Council member Pilgrim thanked all the sponsors, vendors, performers and emergency service members that participated.
 2. **Parks and Recreation/Public Works** – Council member Jon Dial reported he was still looking for bids to replace the ballfield lighting.
 3. **DDA Report** – Council member Erica Miles reported the DDA was excited about the comprehensive plan and working on developing a website.
 4. **Education Involvement Committee** – Council member Stephanie Moncrief asked to be added to the next work session to present a proposal for teacher and staff funding.
- VII. **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION – DON CANNON: CHAIR-** None
- VIII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS-** None
- IX. **OLD BUSINESS-** None
- X. **NEW BUSINESS**
 1. **TSPLOST-** Mayor Moore explained if approved the city would receive over one million dollars in transportation income. Council member Linda Pilgrim made motion to approve. Council member Jon Dial seconded. Council member Stephanie Moncrief wanted to discuss specific plans to use the funds if approved. Mayor Moore explained the usage plans wording was left vague to have flexibility to use the funds as needed. Council member Moncrief asked if there was any discussion with Walton County regarding helping within the city. Mayor Moore explained this was only a discussion about division of funds. Passed unanimously.

2. **Comprehensive Plan-** Council member Erica Miles made motion to approve. Council member Linda Pilgrim seconded. Passed unanimously.
3. **Temporary Moratorium on Sign Permits-** Tony Powell explained that the city sign ordinance needs to be looked at to make sure there is no language that could be unconstitutional. Council member Stephanie Moncrief made motion to approve. Council member Erica Miles seconded. Passed unanimously.
4. **GDOT Lighting Agreement-** Mayor Moore explained the agreement is for the city to repair and pay for the electricity for the roundabout lighting and the Georgia DOT will install the lights. Council member Erica Miles asked what type of lightning would be installed. Mayor Moore explained they would be overhead streetlights. Council member Jon Dial made motion to approve. Council member Erica Miles seconded. Council member Stephanie Moncrief asked what time frame the city had to repair the lights before the city is charged. Mayor Moore explained that Walton EMC will take care of the light repairs. Tony Powell commented the DOT would simply be moving the existing lights during construction then replacing them and turning them over to the city. Tony Powell commented the type of light could be negotiated with the DOT for additional cost. Council member Stephanie Moncrief commented she wanted more information on what was going to be happening. Motion passed 3-1 council member Moncrief voted nay.

XI. REPORTS

1. **Public Works Report-** None
2. **Clerk's Report-** Keegan Ramsey read the balances of the city bank accounts.
3. **Library Report-** None
4. **Mayor's Report-** Mayor Moore reported the deep patching should start July 25th and the paving completed by the end of summer. Mayor Moore reported the negotiations for the LOST funds are ongoing. Mayor Moore commented waiting on the permit for the Cornish Creek waste load and after talking to different engineering firms in Savannah there is new technology that can expand the capacity of the sewer plant much more than the current plan. Mayor Moore explained the next work session would be a longer one because of the many topics to discuss including the millage rate, a town Marshall, and a possible extension to the downtown moratorium.

XII. TOWN HALL DISCUSSION- Questions about the capacity of the sewer plant was discussed and Mayor Moore explained that he is working hard to solve the issue.

XIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS- Council member Jon Dial thanked Mayor Moore for his hard work. Council member Erica Miles commented she was excited about information she can relay to the DDA. Council member Linda Pilgrim thanked everyone for supporting the park events and the businesses for their sponsorship. Council member Stephanie Moncrief said she didn't have anything to comment.



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XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION- Council member Stephanie Moncrief made motion to enter executive session. Council member Linda Pilgrim seconded. Passed unanimously. Council member Linda Pilgrim motioned to return from executive session. Council member Stephanie Moncrief seconded. Passed unanimously.

XV. ADJOURN- Council member Erica Miles made motion to adjourn. Council member Linda Pilgrim seconded. Passed unanimously.