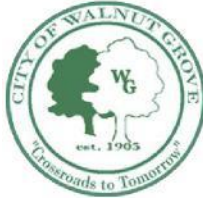


Mayor Mark Moore  
Jon Dial  
Mary Hall  
Linda Pilgrim  
Stephanie Moncrief  
Tony Powell  
Kegan Ramsey



**City of Walnut Grove  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Thursday, April 8, 2021  
7:00 P.M.**

**Municipal Building -1021 Park St. & Via Microsoft Teams**

**I INVOCATION - Tony Powell**

**II PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – All participated**

**III CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Mark Moore**

Motion to amend the consent agenda to remove Precision Planning from the agenda. Council member Stephanie Moncrief made motion. Council member Mary Hall seconded. Passed Unanimous

**IV. AGENDA APPROVAL**

Motion to approve the agenda. Council member Mary Hall made motion. Council member Stephanie Moncrief seconded. Passed unanimous

**1. Minute's Approval**

- a. February 25, 2021 Minutes
- b. March 11, 2021 Minutes
- c. March 25, 2021 Minutes

**2. Financials**

- a. Financial Report
- b. Financial / Budget Summary

**3. Invoices**

- a. Precision Planning (Sewer)
- b. Lakeview Environmental, LLC (Sewer)

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1. Community Involvement Committee – Council Member Linda Pilgrim**

Council member Linda Pilgrim reported about the upcoming City Market and the vendors that would be attending and asked for community input at upcoming community involvement meetings.

**2. Downtown Development Authority – Council Member Stephanie Moncrief**

Council member Stephanie Moncrief reported about searching for members that met the requirements for the DDA and plans to meet with Tony Powell to go over some requirement details.

**3. Parks and Recreation Committee – Council Member Mary Hall**

Council member Mary Hall reported about the upcoming quarterly meeting and developing a newsletter for the citizens.

**4. Public Works Committee – Council Member Jon Dial**

Council Member Jon Dial reported about the new roof that was installed on 1121 Park St and the removal of the fencing and plans to get bids for a HVAC system.

**VI PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION – Don Cannon, Chair**

Don Cannon reported the commission met and had a hearing for a rezone from C1 to C2 for 1651 Hwy 138. Don Cannon also reported recommendations for zoning ordinances and the table of permitted uses the commission wanted to present to the council for consideration. Don also reported on changing the meeting date to the first Thursday of each month to avoid scheduling conflicts.

**VII PUBLIC FORUM**

Lisa Whitehead addressed the council about the need for crosswalks near Walnut Grove High.

**VIII OLD BUSINESS**

None

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Rezone Application:**

**ZONING CHANGE, SAJIM ISMAIL, APPLICANT, 1651 HWY.138 FROM C-1 TO C-2**

Zahir Keshwani addressed the council and stated under the current zoning he would not be allowed to do any updating of his business because of zoning conflicts. He also stated he could not expand the business under the current zoning. Council member Stephanie Moncrief asked were there plans to open a vape store and Mr. Keshwani responded he planned to open a variety store instead with general items. Council member Linda Pilgrim made a motion to rezone. Council member Jon Dial seconded. Passed unanimous.

**2. Mayor spending limit**

Mayor Mark Moore made a request to increase the mayor spending limit from \$1000 to \$5000 with an emergency \$10,000 fund. Council member Linda Pilgrim motioned to table until the next work session. Council member Stephanie Moncrief seconded. Passed unanimous

**3. City of Walnut Grove Park Street Streambank Stabilization – Jimmy Parker**

Jimmy Parker reported plans were prepared to straighten the channel and repair the head wall. He reported receiving bids from 3 companies for the project with the lowest of \$47,403. Council member Stephanie Moncrief asked the amount of the original estimate and Jimmy Parker answered \$32,000. Mayor Mark Moore asked where the bids were submitted and Mr. Parker responded the quotes were submitted to Precision Planning. Council member Stephanie Moncrief motioned to reject the bids and resubmit for more bids. Council member Mary Hall seconded. Passed unanimous.

**4. Precision Planning Design Services Proposal of the Walnut Grove IAS Facility**

Jimmy Parker discussed a proposal for expanding the sewer plant capacity from 50,000 gallons to 100,000 gallons and expanding the current spray fields to accommodate the expansion. He discussed the additional structures that would be needed and a cost of \$98,795 for the designing and plans for the expansion. William Coleman addressed the council in favor of moving forward with the sewer expansion he stated he has made significant development investment in Walnut Grove and feels confident the expansion will lead to more business growth and investment. Council member Stephanie Moncrief made a motion to move forward with the design phase. Council member Linda Pilgrim seconded. Passed unanimous.

**X. REPORTS**

**1. Clerk's Report – Keegan Ramsey**

Keegan Ramsey reported violations for the month and the balances of all city bank accounts.

## **2. Mayor's Report - Mayor Mark Moore**

Mayor Moore reported on the replacement of the high energy lights in city park with lower cost led lights being complete. He also reported on getting bids to replace the electrical panel in the concession stand in order for it to start generating income through rentals. Mayor Moore reported on the new homes that have been moved into and the progress being made in The Enclave.

## **XI TOWN HALL DISCUSSION**

Zahir Keshwani asked what were the qualifications to join the Downtown Development Authority. William Coleman asked if there was a dog tethering policy in the city of Walnut Grove. The Mayor responded he was against dog tethering and perhaps the council could look at creating an ordinance if the future.

## **XII COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council member Jon Dial commented he just completed GMA training and is working on getting fence quotes. Council member Mary Hall thanked everyone for attending and asked for people to come to the next meeting. Council member Linda Pilgrim thanked everyone for attending and interest in the Downton Development. Council member Stephanie Moncrief thanked everyone for being at the meeting.

## **XIII EXECUTIVE SESSION – IAND AGREEMENT**

Council member Mary Hall motioned to go into executive session. Council member Stephanie Moncrief seconded. Passed Unanimous. Council member Stephanie Moncrief motioned to return from executive session. Council member Mary Hall seconded. Passed unanimous.

## **XIV. ADJOURN**

Council member Stephanie Moncrief motioned to adjourn. Council member Mary Hall seconded. Passed unanimous. Adjourned