



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

City of Walnut Grove  
**COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

Thursday, September 9, 2021 7:00 P.M  
Municipal Building -1021 Park St. and via Microsoft Teams

- I. INVOCATION** – Tony Powell
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – All participated
- III. CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Mark Moore
- IV. AGENDA APPROVAL** – Mayor Moore made motion to amend the agenda and add item utility truck. Council member Jon Dial made motion. Council member Linda Pilgrim seconded. Passed unanimous.
- V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA** – Council member Mary Hall made motion. Council member Linda Pilgrim seconded. Passed unanimous.
  - 1. Minute's Approval**
    - a. August 12, 2021 Minutes
    - b. August 26, 2021 Minutes
  - 2. Financials**
    - a. Financial Report
    - b. Budget Summary
- VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - 1. Community Involvement Committee**— Council Member Linda Pilgrim  
Council member Linda Pilgrim reported the city park market was close to being over for the season. She also spoke about the upcoming Christmas tree lighting and movie at the park events.
  - 2. Downtown Development Authority**—Council Member Mary Hall  
Council member Mary Hall reported about having the first DDA meeting and voting in officers and choosing future meeting dates.
  - 3. Parks and Recreation/Public Works Committee** — Council Member Jon Dial  
Council member Jon Dial reported holding a meeting in August. He also spoke about the lights working at the ball field and concession stand. He commented about the ballfield being treated for fire ants in preparation for movie at the park.
- VII. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION** — Don Cannon, Chair  
Don reported having a public hearing for a variance at the last meeting. He also spoke about working on bylaws to the committee and a report the committee received from the zoning officer about a future rezoning application for the corn dawgs property.
- VIII. REPORTS**
  - 1. Code Enforcement/Zoning Administrator Report** – Craig Ellington reported the notice of violations for the month. He also spoke about the upcoming request for a rezone of the corn dawgs property and the preparation of a public hearing.
  - 2. Public Works Report** – Brian Pilgrim reported on updates to the concession stand and public works building hvac and electrical work being completed. He stated after some cosmetic finishes he expected to start moving into the new building next month.
  - 3. Clerk's Report** – The city clerk reported the balances of the city bank accounts and the number of citations and permits issued for the month.

**IX. PUBLIC FORUM**

**1. Public Comments** – Jake Yarborough commented he would like to know how his tax dollars are being spent. Mayor Moore stated the city website has a budget breakdown on how funds are being spent.

**X. OLD BUSINESS - None**

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Emerald Cove Storm Sewer Rehabilitation Bids**

Mayor Moore informed the council the bidding quotes and the lowest bidder for the project that was sent out for bids. Council member Jon Dial made motion to approve. No second motion. There was discussion about getting more information about the project from Jimmy Parker during the next work session and Council member Stephanie Moncrief ask to table the item until then. Council member Jon Dial amended his motion to table the item for further discussion. Council member Mary Hall seconded. Passed unanimous.

**2. Park Street StreamBank Stabilization Bids**

Mayor Moore informed the council the bidding quotes and the lowest bidder for the project. Council member Linda Pilgrim made motion to approve Anderson Grading's bid. Council member Jon Dial seconded. Council member Stephanie Moncrief asked if Walton County had an obligation to help pay for the project. Tony Powell answered the road is the responsibility of the city. Passed 3-1 with council member Stephanie Moncrief voting no.

**3. DDA Funding**

Mayor Moore informed the council of the balance in the DDA bank account. He stated the requirements of the DDA showing the election of it's officers before the transfer can be made.

**4. Variance Application**

Keith Thompson addressed the council and gave an estimate on the cost to build a pump station to supply his project. Mayor Moore asked if he agreed with stipulation the homes have a minimum of 3000 heated square feet and 5 acre lots. Mr. Thompson agreed. Council member Mary Hall made motion to approve. Council member Stephanie Moncrief seconded. Passed unanimous.

**5. Utility Truck**

Mayor Moore informed the council the recently purchased utility truck has a blown motor. He stated the seller was willing to return the full purchase price or pay half of the engine replacement cost. Mayor Moore also suggested getting the refund and buying another used truck or a new truck. There was discussion of the pros and cons of each option. Council member Stephanie Moncrief made motion to table until the next work session. No second motion. Council member Mary Hall made motion to repair the truck. Council member Jon Dial seconded. Passed 3-1 with council member Stephanie Moncrief voting no.

**XII. TOWN HALL DISCUSSION - None**

**XIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS** – Mayor Moore discussed the replacement of the fuse panel and wiring in the new public works building. He also informed the council on replacing the lighting at the park concession stands with LED lighting and power being restored to the ballfield to accommodate movies in the park. Mayor Moore discussed the need for an addition worker for public works and how to address tree issues in the city and how to fund those as topics for the next work session.

**Council Member** Jon Dial thanked everyone for attending and the Mayor for the good newspaper article written about the city.

**Council Member** Mary Hall thanked everyone for attending and that the city work retreat was scheduled for the weekend.

**Council Member** Linda Pilgrim wanted to take a moment to remember a long time citizen Janet Byrd who recently passed.

**Council Member** Stephanie Moncrief thanked Brian Pilgrim and Craig Ellington for attending and giving their reports to the council.

**XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Council member Mary Hall made motion. Council member Linda Pilgrim seconded. Passed unanimous. Council member Stephanie Moncrief made motion to return from executive session. Council member Mary Hall seconded. Passed unanimous.

1. Litigation
2. Employee

**XV. ADJOURN** – Council member Stephanie made motion. Council member Mary Hall seconded. Passed unanimous.