

Walnut Grove City Council
Work Session
Via teleconference
Thursday, April 23, 2020
3:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Mark Moore, Linda Pilgrim, and Stephanie Moncrief

Also Present: City Clerk Tangee Puckett, City Attorney Mike Malcom & Jesse Couch

I. INVOCATION

Attorney Mike Malcom gave the invocation.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Mark Moore at 3:00 p.m.

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Linda Pilgrim made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Stephanie Moncrief seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. ZONING DISCUSSION

Mayor Mark Moore noted there was a manufactured home that wanted to be moved in to replace an existing manufactured home located at Woodland Circle. But according to our current zoning ordinance, it is not allowed. Under the current zoning this area is R-1 and needs to be changed to R-3 to fit the lot sizes. I talked to Precision Planning our Engineering firm and they agree.

Councilmember Stephanie Moncrief suggested talking to someone from Precision Planning who was a part of the discussion back in 2016 when the zoning ordinance was amended.

Mayor Moore talked to the health department and someone can replace the existing manufacturer home as long as it fits the current septic system.

Mayor Moore asked the attorney if we could do a variance to accommodate Mr. Hill on his request and then rezone in the future. Attorney Mike Malcom stated yes.

ENGINEERING DISCUSSION

Mayor Mark Moore noted the engineering bills were more then expected and stated that any and all bills exceeding \$1000 would be brought before the Council for approval. Mayor Moore shared an excel spreadsheet and asked Mr. Parker with Precision Planning to give an update.

Mr. Parker discussed the different areas the City was being billed for and gave explanation. Such as the MS4 audit and inspections and explained they are done on annual basis and can become costly.

Councilmember Stephanie Moncrief asked if the inspections were something the City staff could handle. Mr. Parker noted he has met with the Mayor and Public Works Manager Brian Pilgrim and feel certain him, and his crew are capable of doing the inspections themselves in the future, which will save some money.

Mayor Mark Moore noted some of the fees were paid out of general fund and should have been paid out of SPLOST to cover the sidewalk fees, so we will reimburse ourselves for this.

Mayor Mark Moore explained when the storm drains inspections take place our guys can go ahead and correct the storm pipes that are damaged.

Councilmember Linda Pilgrim asked if the City would qualify for GEMA funds for the damaged storm drains?

Mr. Parker explained the age of the pipes are the biggest problem which would not qualify the City for any finds.

V. Adjourn

Motion made by Councilmember Linda Pilgrim to adjourn at 3:46 p.m. Councilmember Stephanie Moncrief seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Approved by Mayor and Council this _____ day of June 2020.

Mayor Steven Mark Moore

Tangee B. Puckett, City Clerk