



CITY OF WALNUT GROVE

April 14, 2022

7:00 PM

1021 PARK STREET MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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

Mayor and Council Council Meeting Minutes

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Mark Moore
- II. **INVOCATION** – Tony Powell
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – All participated
- IV. **AGENDA APPROVAL** – Mayor Moore called for a motion to add code enforcement to new business. Council member Linda Pilgrim made motion. Council Member Jon Dial seconded. Passed unanimously. Council member Stephanie Moncrief made motion to approve the agenda. Council member Jon Dial seconded. Passed unanimously.
- V. **CONSENT AGENDA** – Council member Linda Pilgrim made motion to approve the consent agenda. Council member Stephanie Moncrief seconded. Passed unanimously.
 1. March 10th & 31st Meeting Minutes
 2. Invoice over \$5000
 3. Financials
- VI. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 1. Community Involvement Committee – Council member Linda Pilgrim reported having the first employee appreciation lunch and thanked Subway and Papa Johns for providing food. Council member Pilgrim also announced the high school art department would be painting a mural in the city park on Friday.
 2. Parks and Recreation/Public Works – Council member Jon Dial reported that parks and recreation was working with the Mayor to get pickle ball lines placed on the city park tennis court.
 3. Education Involvement Committee – Council member Stephanie Moncrief reported on the new additions and improvements to the high school gym and weight room. Council member Moncrief also reported on the school board meeting and the impact awards that were presented. Council member Moncrief stated that high school graduation day is May 24.
- VII. **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION – DON CANNON: CHAIR** – Moved to the next meeting
- VIII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None
- IX. **OLD BUSINESS** - None
- X. **NEW BUSINESS – PUBLIC HEARING**
 1. **Ordinances**
 - a. Fence Ordinance – Mayor Moore asked if there were any comments. No comments.
 - b. HOA Approval Addition – Mayor Moore explained the ordinance change would require HOA approval for any new projects that require a city building permit before a permit is issued. Mayor Moore asked for any comments. No comments. Council member Jon Dial made motion to approve the fence ordinance change. Council member Linda Pilgrim seconded. Passed unanimously. Council member Stephanie

Moncrief made motion to approve the HOA approval addition. Council member Jon Dial seconded. Passed unanimously.

2. Employee Manual Update – Mayor Moore explained the desire to add a social media policy to the employee manual and move this item to the next meeting. Council member Stephanie made motion. Council member Linda Pilgrim seconded. Passed unanimously.

3. Code Enforcement – Mayor Moore explained to the council his request to add code enforcement to the scope of work Bureau Veritas performs for the city. Mayor Moore explained the fee would be a \$95 per hour fee charged for their top tier service. Council member Linda Pilgrim asked how many hours the code enforcement would work and Mayor Moore explained they will probably work 15 -17 hours to start then maybe drop down to 10 hours per week but could perhaps be as high as 32 hours at first. Council member Stephanie Moncrief asked if they will work weekends. Mayor Moore responded he hopes so but they have not told him the schedule and that he asked them to vary their hours to address issues that might not be present certain times. Council member Jon Dial asked if they would have more authority or a badge for better safety. Mayor Moore answered no they won't have a weapon but the code enforcement officer has a lot of experience dealing with issues in other cities he has worked with. Council member Stephanie Moncrief expressed concern that there was no cap on the amount of hours that could be worked and the potential amount of the bill. Mayor Moore answered that the city can limit the amount of hours worked. Council member Linda Pilgrim made motion to approve. Council Jon Dial member seconded. Passed 2-1 with Council member Stephanie Moncrief voting against.

XI. REPORTS

1. **Public Works Report** – Mayor Moore reported the bush hogging of the sewer plant is complete and the weed treatment would begin soon. Mayor Moore also reported finding led replacements for the ball field lighting and an electrician will let the city know the condition of the wiring.
2. **Code Enforcement Report** - None
3. **Clerk's Report** – Keegan Ramsey read the balances of the city bank accounts.
4. **Mayor's Report** – Mayor Moore reported Emerald Cove will be soon be marked for paving and the project is being coordinated with Walton County to be paved during the summer. Mayor Moore also reported meeting with the Walton County Park design board and the exciting things that are being planned. Mayor Moore also gave an update on the Downtown Master plan that springs were discovered on one of the properties so changes have to be made to the plan to accommodate.

XII. TOWN HALL DISCUSSION – Dana Seger thanked the council for their support of the library. Mayor Moore acknowledged the two candidates running for city council. Dominic Digrado commented on the trash service not picking up some of the cans. Mayor Moore explained that this was a miscommunication and that the issue should be fixed.

XIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS - None

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

XV. ADJOURN – Council member Stephanie Moncrief made motion to adjourn. Council member Linda Pilgrim seconded. Passed unanimously.