



CITY OF WALNUT GROVE
October 27, 2022 10:00 AM
1021 PARK STREET MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council Work Session Minutes

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor - Mark Moore
Mayor Pro Tem - Jon Dial
Council Members -
Linda Pilgrim
Stephanie Moncrief
Erica Miles

STAFF PRESENT:

Acting City Clerk - Dawn Stubbs
City Attorney - Tony Powell
Assistant Attorney - Jay Crowley
P & Z Chairman - Don Cannon

OTHERS PRESENT: Jessie & Cynthia Gunn

- 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 Erica Dial seconded. Passed unanimously.
- X. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. City Island Properties - Assistant Attorney Jay Crowley stated they have identified 11 island properties. All 11 properties have been notified, next the city will just need to adopt the ordinance then these properties will be brought into the city. They will be added to the tax digest for the next tax year if the tax bills have already gone out. Only properties that are within or touching the Walnut Grove city limits can be annexed into the city limits. Mr. and Mrs. Gunn asked what the benefits to being in the city were. Attorney Tony Powell and Mayor Moore listed advantages. Ms. Gunn also asked about the creek washing away. They were told that would be something that could be looked at with the city engineer.
 - B. Emerald Cove Paving - To be discussed in executive session.
 - C. Variance Request - Planning and Zoning Chairman Don Cannon stated the applicant wants to be heard. Mr. Cannon recommends rescinding the action and send it back to Planning and Zoning so they can have a public hearing. Mayor Moore asked if the applicants were aware they would have to go back through the entire planning process along with paying the fees and Mr. Cannon stated they were aware.
- XI. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Local Option Sales Tax - Mayor Moore gave an update on the negotiations. Council member Stephanie Moncrief wants a report. Mayor Moore stated he would forward emails to all council members.

- B. Public Works Building - Mayor Moore this is the renewing of the front of the building, roof and decking. The Mayor provided the council with two bids. Council member Stephanie Moncrief wants time to look over bids and asked this item to be moved to the next work session. She also wants business license and references. The City Attorney suggested to post this on the internet and advertised in the newspaper as an open opportunity.

- C. Planning and Zoning Bylaws - Attorney Tony Powell explained that the Planning Commission initiated their on set of bylaws and wanted to make sure they were adopting them correctly. He suggested a resolution so the Commission can get authority to approve and amend their own bylaws. He also suggested to review the resolution at the next work session. Mr. Powell explained that the zoning administrator is also the secretary who takes the minutes. Mayor Moore reminded council that the planning commission is in an advisory position to the council. Discussion turned to the Master Plan and the Town Center Plan. Both these plans are a joint effort with the DDA, Planning and Zoning, and the council.

XII. ADJOURN - Council member Linda Pilgrim made motion to adjourn. Council member Jon Dial seconded. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Dawn Stubbs,
Acting City Clerk

Approved

Mark Moore,
Mayor