



CITY OF WALNUT GROVE
November 10, 2022 7:00 PM
1021 PARK STREET MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council Meeting Minutes

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

City Clerk - Dawn Lummus
Deputy Clerk - Sonya Cox
City Attorney - Tony Powell
Assistant Attorney - Jay Crowley
P & Z Chairman - Don Cannon
Public Works - Brian Pilgrim

OTHERS PRESENT: Dana Seger, Kim Moore

I. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Mark Moore

II. INVOCATION – Tony Powell

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – All Participated

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL - Mayor Moore stated there were two amendments to the agenda. One is the appointment of City Clerk Dawn Lummus in section V and the second is the sign moratorium extension in section X under old business. Council member Linda Pilgrim made motion to approve amendments. Council member Stephanie Moncrief seconded. Passed unanimously. The Mayor also wants to add roll call on agendas under section IV.

V. CITY CLERK APPOINTMENT – Mayor Moore recommended to install Dawn Lummus as the new City Clerk. Council member Linda Pilgrim made a motion. Council member Jon Dial seconded. Passed unanimously. City attorney Tony Powell administered the oath.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA - Council member Stephanie Moncrief made motion to approve. Council member Linda Pilgrim seconded. Passed unanimously.

1. Minutes

- A. October 27, 2022, Council Work Session Minutes
- B. October 27, 2022, Council Called Meeting Minutes

2. Financials

3. Invoices over \$5000

A. Southern Sanitation

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Involvement Committee – Council member Linda Pilgrim reported they closed out the City Market with the Faith in Blue, on October 28th they partnered with the library and had the first Movie in the Park. A group of moms from Walnut Grove held a Little Miss Walnut Grove pageant in the City Park. Ms. Pilgrim was the judge and had a great time. The winner Little Miss Kalani will be riding in the Loganville Christmas parade. The Walnut Grove city tree lighting will be coming up on the 19 of November. We've had a lot of help from the community in donations totally about \$900.

Parks and Recreation/Public Works – Council member Jon Dial stated they are still working on information for a dog park. He wants to get all of it put together and bring it before the council. Council member Stephanie Moncrief asked about insurance and Mr. Dial stated he believe the city insurance could cover it. He also talked about putting some benches in the park and they could get sponsors and put their names on them.

DDA Report – Erica Miles Council member Erica Miles was not in attendance.

Education Involvement Committee – Council member Stephanie Moncrief reported that the cheerleaders were competing in Macon in the state playoffs and there is a big game tomorrow, Friday night. Mayor Moore reported that council member Erica Miles was not in attendance because her daughter is in the state tryouts, which is awesome.

VIII. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION – Chairman Don Cannon stated that planning and zoning will be discussing several things concerning the master plan at their meeting this next week. They will be compiling a list of potential planners, developing an RFP, setting a tentative timeline, and develop a mechanism to keep all stakeholders informed during the planning process. They will be focusing on a stakeholder meeting probably in early January. He may have recommendations next week from the zoning administrator for potential changes to R3 zoning. The applicants who applied for a variance for the property at Guthrie Cemetery Rd and Industrial Way have been notified that state law prohibits them from reapplying until March 8th of next year. They will also be discussing the special use permit to allow fifth wheel living while their home is being built.

IX. LIBRARY REPORT - Librarian Dana Seger thanked everyone for coming out to help celebrate the library's tenth year and she thanked Don Cannon for the beautiful commemorative coins he had made and gave out. She said that the library would be open the night of the tree lighting, books can be checked out and there will be crafts for the kids. She thanked Mrs. Moore for the story time of the week. Their 3rd home school meet and greet will be coming up this month. There are about 100 families that want to join and participate. The library will be closed Nov. 11 for

Veterans Day and Ms. Seger thanked all the veterans for their service. Mayor Moore extended his appreciation to Ms. Seger for all she does.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

XI. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Variance Request** - Tabled until the next meeting.
- 2. Sign Moratorium Extension** - The moratorium was signed in June. Council member Linda made motion to extend the moratorium until March 2023. Seconded by Council member Jon Dial. Passed unanimously.

XII. NEW BUSINESS – None

XIII. REPORTS

- 1. Public Works Report** - Public Works Director Brian Pilgrim reported they had a new public works employee, Craig Murphy. They have winterized the park restrooms and all the equipment, mowed the grass at the sewer plant and are working on the decorations for the tree lighting. Also, the streetlight at the library has been repaired.
- 2. Clerk 's Report** - City Clerk Dawn Lummus stated that Municipal Court Clerk Sonya Cox reported there were 12 tickets from the Georgia State Patrol and 5 from Walton County. There were 2 pavilion rentals and no ball field. She also wanted to thank the Mayor and council for accepting her as City Clerk.
- 3. Mayor's Report** - Mayor Mark Moore wanted to thank all the employees, council members and Dana Seger for all the work put in the first Movie at the Park. We had about 35 people show up, but it was a good dress rehearsal for next time. Council member Linda Pilgrim stated we need to work on advertising more. LOST negotiations are continuing. There was some false information given at the last meeting. He also mentioned the tree lighting that is going to be bigger than last year. The Community Involvement Committee and City Hall have worked at putting this event together. Sewer expansion is still being talked about. The next thing is to go see how a working package plant expansion operates. It will extend our plant by 1 million gallons. He is working with Planning Chairman Don Cannon on the downtown concept, and they will get the DDA and the community involved.

XIV. TOWN HALL - Dana Seger commented that the library will be glad to help with marketing and advertising. They just need the information two weeks prior to the event. Mayor Moore added that Mr. Jimmy Parker was out of town, and he would try to get him scheduled for the next council meeting concerning the paving at Emerald Cove. There will be no work session in November since it falls on Thanksgiving. Don Cannon bragged on the library and thanked Dana Seger for all her dedication.

XV. COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Council member Jon Dial suggested looking into an electronic sign. He was disappointed that T-Splost did not passing.

Council member Linda Pilgrim said to just remember the Christmas Tree Lighting.

Council member Stephanie Moncrief just wanted to ask if the tree lighting banner was going to be put up and the Mayor told her yes it was. She also asked about having someone come in and explain the sewer expansion. Mayor Moore told her yes, they would.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION if needed

XVII. ADJOURN – Council member Linda Pilgrim made motion to adjourn. Council member Jon Dial seconded. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Lummus,
City Clerk

Approved,

Mark Moore,
Mayor