

CITY OF WALNUT GROVE

JUNE 12, 2023 7:00 PM

1021 Park Street Municipal Building

Mayor and Council

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2023-2024 Budget Hearing

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Elected Officials Present:

Mayor Mark Moore

Mayor Pro-Tem

Council Member- Linda Pilgrim

Council Member- Erica Miles

Staff Present

Deputy Clerk- Sonya Cox

CPA – Sam Latimer

- I. **Call To Order- Mayor Mark Moore**
- II. **Invocation- Linda Pilgrim**
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance- All Participated**
- IV. **Roll Call- All Present**
- V. **Agenda Approval- Motion to approve the agenda Council Member Stephanie Moncrief made a motion, seconded by Council Member Linda Pilgrim motion carried.**
  
- VI. **Budget Hearing- Mayor Moore**-explained that we are not taking any money from the Money Market Account or from the Savings Account of the city. **Mayor Moore**- Called for any comments or questions from Council. Council Member Moncrief- I thought we were adding wastewater and sewer operations, Sam said that was doable and I thought that was happening. **Mayor Moore**- We can ii is not part of the General Budget, But I can send you a break down of the sewer operating cost right now I don't want to

confuse things as far as what the actual budget that we must make State Law is. **Council Member Moncrief**- I have looked at the salaries for our employees, I looked at the City Deputy Clerk, we had discussed \$19.75 for the deputy clerk and last time we talked about bringing the salary up to over \$41,000 and everybody agreed with that. **Mayor Moore**- I thought it was and I don't have a problem with that but, I thought what was broken down was a 10% increase which this is what this is reflecting. **Council Member Moncrief** – No, I have it here hourly \$19.75 which brings it up to \$41,080.00. **Mayor Moore**- What other questions do we have? **Council Member Moncrief**- Under Public Works Salaries all the salaries add up to 110,240.00 but under public works salaries we have 104,000 that is off 6000.00 and that doesn't include social security or anything else it is just base salary. **Mayor Moore**- You must remember that the raise is going to being broken up into intervals. 1.00 now and another 1.00 in 6 months. **Council Member Moncrief**-The council members' salary on here is at the old rate. Do we need to adjust for that in case it does happen? **Mayor Moore**- It is such a minor amount with the increase, and we can adjust the budget when it does happen. **Council Member Erica Miles**, The Mayors increase that is not reflected. **Mayor Moore**- I will have to look at it.

**Council Member Moncrief**- I wanted the council to go from \$100.00 to \$400.00 a month and the mayor from \$300.00 to \$700.00. **Mayor Moore** that would be \$27,600.00 total and that only goes to the two new council members and the new mayor. Other than that, I think we are in play with everything else. In the budget adjustment we are submitting that we are going to change the public works to 110,240.00. **Council Member Moncrief**- Ms. McClanahan brought up the fact that social security and Medicare figures are what they are, and they are not changeable I don't know who created this but the 6% for social security and 1.45 % for Medicare are those accurate are do we need to make changes? **Sam Latimer**- We just used last year's figures we will update those to 6.2 and the 1.45 and we will base that on the 110,000. **Council Member Miles**- Can we add the park to the Capital Improvement plan? **Mayor Moore**- Yes, we can modify that these are projected expenses we may not necessarily do the public works building if we did that is where the money would come from. On the

Industrial Park, Walnut Court and Emerald Cove paving those are estimated but you see they are going to come out of the 2019 SPLOST funds. **Mayor Moore**- This is the most complete budget that I have seen since I was on council, it shows everything including SPLOST Expenditures, general funds and the sewer plant. The proposed budget online has been updated. Any other questions is there a motion to adjourn, **Council Member Moncrief** made a motion to adjourn **Council Member Miles** seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Adjourned**