



CITY OF WALNUT GROVE

April 11th, 2024 6:00PM
1021 PARK STREET MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- I. **CALL TO ORDER-** Meeting called to order by Mayor Moncrief at 6:02pm
- II. **INVOCATION-** Led by Tony Powell
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** All participated
- IV. **ROLL CALL-** Stephanine Moncrief, Erica Miles, Rachel Davis, Maxine McClanahan, Linda Pilgrim, Tony Powell, Jay Crowley, Kimberly Whitlow
- V. **AGENDA APPROVAL-** Erica Miles made a motion to approve the agenda. Rachel Davis seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.
- VI. **CONSENT AGENDA-** Rachel Davis made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Maxine McClanahan seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0. The consent agenda included approval of: March 14th, 2024 minutes, March 25th, 2024 minutes, March 28th 2024 minutes and the monthly financials.
- VII. **COMMITTEE REPORTS-**
 - School Involvement- No updates
 - DDA- Rachel Davis- No updates
- VIII. **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION- MEGAN RAGAN –** No updates

IX. LIBRARY REPORT- Dana Seger gave an update on the library and the Summary Reading program that is available for the students over the summer.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT- Mark Moore made a public comment about his thoughts on the Sewer Expansion Project. Doug Bowen, a resident on Park Street, voiced his concerns about needing a redlight at Park Street and 81. He also expressed his concern of the cost of Emerald Cove Paving. Kristie Moore expressed her concern of the spending on Emerald Cove and the needs of the other neighborhoods around the city.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Audit 2023** – Kurt Hardison was present to present the audit and answer questions. Rachel Davis made a motion to accept the audit as presented. Maxine McClanahan seconded the motion to accept the audit as presented. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.
2. **Emerald Cove-** Tony Powell was present to discuss the status of Emerald Cove Paving and the options that the City currently has. Council took a vote on which council member were in favor to move forward with LNCO as the engineering company for the Emerald Cove project. Maxine McClanahan, Erica Miles and Rachel Davis voted in favor. Linda Pilgrim opposed.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **GEFA Loan/Sewer Expansion Discussion-** Erica Miles made a motion to move forward with the GEFA loan with the help of Precision Planning. Rachel Davis seconded the motion to move forward with the GEFA loan with the help of Precision Planning. Discussion: Linda Pilgrim brought up her concern that the City was taking on another GEFA loan because it was a lot of debt for

the City. Erica Miles stated that the money generated from the Sewer Expansion would help pay the loan off because the sewer plant will generate a lot of income for the city. Maxine McClanahan stated that the library GEFA loan only has \$100,000 left on it and it will be paid over fairly quickly. Mayor Moncrief stated that we will not have to start paying on the new GEFA loan until the project is complete. By the time the sewer expansion project is complete the library loan will be paid off. Motion passed 3-1. Maxine McClanahan, Erica Miles, Rachel Davis in favor. Linda Pilgrim Opposed.

2. **Obligate ARPA Fund to Wastewater Expansion Project-** Maxine McClanahan made a motion to obligate funds to the wastewater expansion and to start the loan process. Rachel Davis seconded the motion to obligate funds to the wastewater expansion and to start the loan process. Maxine McClanahan, Erica Miles, Rachel Davis all in favor. Linda Pilgrim is opposed. Motion passed 3-1.
3. **GA CITIES Week Resolution-** Erica Miles made a motion to accept the resolution for GA Cities Week. Rachel Davis seconded the motion to accept the resolution for GA Cities Week. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

XIII. REPORTS

1. **Public Works** – Brian Pilgrim not present.
2. **City Clerk-** General Fund \$671,031.85, SPLOST \$839,788.27, Sewer Operating \$17018.51, Money Market \$739457.38, Money Market Sewer Operating Account \$1,175,277.73
3. **Mayor-** The Mayor reminded everyone of the groundbreaking for the new park would be on April 19th at 11am. The City is working on the budget diligently.

XIV. OPEN FORUM DISCUSSION- Not on record

- XV. COUNCIL COMMENTS-** Maxine McClanahan and Erica Miles mentioned that the City has little control over what red lights are installed within the City. Erica Miles let the citizens know where they could go to learn more about SPLOST. Erica Miles mentioned that she is excited to finally get Emerald Cove Paving addressed. Rachel Davis is also excited about the Emerald Cove issue getting addressed.
- XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION-** Council went into executive session about Personnel, litigation, real estate at 7:00pm. Council returned from executive session at 7:05pm.
- XVII. ADJOURN -** Erica Miles made a motion to adjourn. Rachel Davis seconded the motion to adjourn. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.