



CITY OF WALNUT GROVE
May 9th, 2024 6PM
1021 PARK STREET MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES

- I. **CALL TO ORDER-** Mayor Moncrief called the meeting to order at 6:00pm
- II. **INVOCATION-** Linda Pilgrim led the invocation.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** All participated
- IV. **ROLL CALL-** Stephanie Moncrief, Erica Miles, Linda Pilgrim, Rachel Davis, Maxine McClanahan, Jay Crowley, Joe Walter, Kimberly Whitlow
- V. **AGENDA APPROVAL-** Erica Miles made a motion to approve the agenda, Rachel Davis seconded the motion to approve the agenda. All in favor. **Motion passed 4-0.**
- VI. **CONSENT AGENDA –** Erica Miles made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the financials removed. Rachel Davis made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the financials removed. All in favor. **Motion passed 4-0.**
 1. **MINUTES-** April 11th, 2024- **Approved**
 2. **FINANCIALS –** Removed. Will be moved to June 13th, 2024 Council Meeting
 3. **INVOICES OVER \$5000**
 - Precision Planning \$5500 – **Approved**
 - GIRMA \$26467.00- **Approved**
- VII. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - School Involvement – Stephanie Moncrief gave report. There are several high school students going to state for track. The students will also be participating in a “Black and Green” football game. Rachel Davis shared that the elementary school received a \$20,000 grant for shade sales. The shades will be cover for the teachers and for the students. This grant will also help cover some playground equipment purchases. The school also received their STEM Certification.
 - DDA- No report given
- VIII. **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION-** Joe Walter gave report for Planning and Zoning in place of Megan Ragan. Planning Commission has not met this year but

they will have a meeting in June. The City received an application from Benchmark (Bowman was the applicant.) The City has accepted the application and will have a Public Hearing for this on June 13th, 2024.

IX. LIBRARY REPORT- Dana Seger gave report for the library. The library has a lot of activities going on for various age ranges this month. Dana thanked Emily Bovenkerk for donating the “Little Library” to the City. The library has a new volunteer starting at the library and her name is Ella. The library is always looking for volunteers to help at the library. Dana went over all the events the library has going on this month and these activities can be found on the Library Calendar.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT- Jamisa Jameson and Daphne Johnson made council comments. Jamisa Jameson 261 Overlook Drive: She mentioned to council that there are two girls from Walnut Grove Elementary who went to Nationals for archery and she believes we should recognize them at a meeting. Daphne Johnson introduced herself to council and wanted to let them know that she is an artist who is excited to let her work be seen by the citizens of Walnut Grove.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. City of Walnut Grove “little free library” presentation – Girl Scout, Emily Bovenkerk-** Maxine McClanahan made a motion to accept the little library box, Rachel Davis seconded the motion to accept the little library box. All in favor. **Motion passed 4-0.**
- 2. City of Walnut Grove Lions Club birdbath donation to the pollinator garden-** Erica Miles made a motion to not accept the birdbath. Rachel Davis seconded the motion to not accept the bird bath. No discussion. Maxine McClanahan, Rachel Davis, Erica Miles voted in favor. Linda Pilgrim abstained. **Motion passed 3-0.**
- 3. Text Amendment ERU-** Joe Walter gave a brief description of what the council was taking action on. This text amendment changes the usage from 210 a day back to 250 a day. Maxine McClanahan made a motion to approve the text amendment on the ERU to 250. Erica Miles seconded the motion to approve the text amendment on the ERU to 250. Maxine

McClanahan, Rachel Davis, Erica Miles in favor. Linda Pilgrim opposed.
Motion passed 3-1.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Budget 2024-2025-** The proposed 2024/2025 was presented to the council and the citizens. Mayor Moncrief recognized Maxine McClanahan for all of her time spent on preparing this budget and Rachel Davis for her help with getting the documents together.

XIII. REPORTS

1. **Public Works-** Brian Pilgrim gave report. Public Works is working hard to get the grass cut throughout the City. Brian is working on getting quotes for dead trees around the City. There has been no vandalism in the park this month. The spray heads have been replaced at the Sewer Plant this month and there has been some work done on the filter system at the Sewer Plant.
2. **City Clerk-** 15 State Patrol Tickets, 12 County Tickets, 2 Pavilion Rentals, 17 Ballfield rentals. Account balance: General Operating Account: \$627,848.30, Sewer Operating Account: \$16,994.00, 2019 SPLOST: \$872,124.23, Money Market: \$739,518.16, Sewer Money Market: \$1,175,297.05
3. **Mayor-** The Mayor has been spending most of her time working on the budget. The roof on City Hall is in the process of being repaired.

XIV. TOWN HALL- Not on record

XV. COUNCIL COMMENTS- Rachel Davis, Maxine McClanahan and Erica Miles made council comments. Linda Pilgrim had no council comments.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – If necessary – No executive session

XVII. ADJOURN- Motion passed 4-0. Meeting Adjourned.