



CITY OF WALNUT GROVE

March 14th, 2024 6PM
1021 PARK STREET MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**- Meeting called to order by Mayor Stephanie Moncrief at 6:00pm
- II. **INVOCATION**- Invocation led by Tony Powell
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**- All participated
- IV. **ROLL CALL**- Stephanie Moncrief, Erica Miles, Maxine McClanahan, Rachel Davis, Linda Pilgrim, Kimberly Whitlow, Tony Powell
- V. **AGENDA APPROVAL**- Erica Miles made a motion to approve the agenda as is. Rachel Davis seconded the motion to approve the agenda as is. Discussion: Mayor Moncrief made a few changes: Under the Consent Agenda the minutes from March 7th, 2024 were added. The Old Resolutions/Ordinances were also added to the consent agenda. Removed from agenda: Audit 2023, Text Amendment ERU. Maxine McClanahan also made a change: Change the January 24th 2024 minutes on the consent agenda to January 25th, 2024. Erica Miles amended her motion to change January 24th, 2024 minutes to January 25th, 2024 minutes, add minutes from March 7th, 2024. Under the Consent Agenda add #4 Ordinances/Resolutions, under old business remove: #5 Audit 2023 and #6 Text Amendment ERU. Rachel Davis seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.
- VI. **CONSENT AGENDA** – Linda Pilgrim made a motion to remove the financials from the consent agenda until she receives a report she can print and read. Maxine McClanahan seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0. Linda Pilgrim also made a motion to table to financials to the next meeting. Erica Miles seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0. Rachel Davis made a motion to approve the consent agenda minus the Financials that were tabled until the March 28th meeting. Erica Miles seconded. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.
 1. **MINUTES**
 - January 4th 2024 - Approved
 - January 18th 2024 - Approved
 - January 24th 2024 - Approved
 - February 8th 2024 – Approved
 2. **FINANCIALS**- Tabled until the March 28th, 2024 Work Session.

3. INVOICES OVER \$5000 – All approved

- McNair McLemore Middlebrooks -- \$10,000
- Precision Planning- \$6722.16
- GMA- \$8959.00
- Azalea Regional Library System- \$70,000

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- School Involvement – Stephanine Moncrief said that the elementary school staff will be attending the next few meetings to give updates on the school.
- DDA- Rachel Davis- The DDA’s next meeting will be on March 25th, 2024 at 7pm

VIII. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION- Megan Ragan – No Report

IX. LIBRARY REPORT- Dana Seger gave an update on the Library. STEM Night for Walnut Grove Elementary will be next Wednesday. The library is having a career expo at the end of the month as well. They will have activities every day during Spring Break. A total Eclipse is coming up on April 8th and Dana gave out eclipse glasses to council. There are extras at the library while supplies last.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT- Kristy Moore from the Enclave Community spoke to council about her concerns with traffic going through the Enclave. She would like to council to consider getting speed bumps in their community. She also asked that the City posts more updates on the Facebook page to keep the community informed on the building that’s taking place around the city.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Emergency Management- Rachel Davis made a motion that the City move forward with the contract as is. Erica Miles seconded the motion to move forward with the contract as is. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.
2. SPLOST- Maxine McClanahan made a motion to approve the SPLOST agreement. Rachel Davis seconded the motion to approve the SPLOST agreement. Erica Miles, Rachel Davis, and Maxine McClanahan were all in favor. Linda Pilgrim opposed. Motion passed 3-1

3. **Social Media Policy**-Maxine McClanahan made a motion that the City moves forward with the Terms of Use policy. Erica Miles seconded the motion to move forward with the Terms of Use Policy. Discussion: Remove the duplicate wording of “The City of Walnut Grove:” All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.
4. **IT Services**- Erica Miles made a motion to move forward with Selective Solutions. Rachel Davis seconded the motion to move forward with Selective Solutions. Discussion: Maxine McClanahan clarified that this would be a one-year contract and this contract is one year with Selective Solutions. Linda Pilgrim asked if Selective Solutions would also take care of the website and what their upkeep includes. Selective Solutions would host the website within this contract, and it is \$40/month. This is the same price the city was paying previously. The upkeep includes if Ken needs to make changes to the website. Maxine McClanahan, Erica Miles and Rachel Davis are in favor. Linda Pilgrim opposed. Motion passed 3-1.
5. **City Council Meeting Rules of Decorum**- Erica Miles made a motion to approve the resolution to establish rules of decorum in public meetings with each speaker getting 3 minutes to speak during public comment and to remove the last sentence “any violation of the rules of decorum may result in the violator being removed from the premises.” Rachel Davis seconded the motion to approve the resolution to establish rules of decorum in public meetings with each speaker getting 3 minutes to speak during public comment and to remove the last sentence “any violation of the rules of decorum may result in the violator being removed from the premises.” Discussion: Rachel Davis asked Attorney Tony Powell if this resolution would include DDA’s meeting and Tony Powell said it would also pertain to DDA’s meeting. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.
6. **City of Civility**- Erica Miles made a motion to approve a resolution pledging to practice and promote civility in the City of Walnut Grove. Rachel Davis seconded the motion to approve a resolution pledging to practice and promote civility in the City of Walnut Grove. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

XII. REPORTS

1. **Public Works**- Brian reported that the city bathrooms are open for the season. The mowers and tractors are also ready for the season. The

crosswalk signs are installed and are working great. They have cut all the shrubs at the library and City Hall, and they have also repaired several potholes throughout the city. They also will be adding preemergent to the sewer plant spray field to kill the weeds this month. Public Works will be working to prepare their own budget and they will be speaking with the library to know what the city's role is with the upkeep of the library.

2. **City Clerk-** The city had 7 citations, 3 ballfield rentals and no pavilion rentals. General Operating Account- \$742,439.90. Sewer Operating Account- \$830.00. 2019 SPLOST Account- 806,144.25. Money Market- \$739,394.58. Sewer Money Market- 1,175,257.07.
3. **Mayor-** There will be a called meeting March 25th, 2024. It will be a chance for the council to get together and talk about the future of the City. Convention registration is coming up on March 27th, 2024. Selective Solutions is offering 2 hours of work for free to the City.

XIII. TOWN HALL- Not on record

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS- Rachel Davis let council know that there is a webinar they can attend to help them learn how to register for the upcoming convention. She also shared that she and Maxine McClanahan attended a class offered through GMA called Cities Connect. Maxine elaborated a little bit on some of the things they learned at the Cities Connect class. Erica Miles had a question regarding the ballfield lights. Brian with Public Works let council know that the ball field lights are in very bad condition. She also mentioned meeting with Cindy Little and The Bridge and the programs that The Bridge offers. She also mentioned the Fish and all they do for the community. Linda Pilgrim- No comment.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION – No executive session

XVI. ADJOURN- Maxine McClanahan made a motion to adjourn. Rachel Davis seconded the motion to adjourn. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.