

Walnut Grove City Council
Work Session
Walnut Grove Municipal Building/Via teleconference
Thursday, September 24, 2020
2:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Mark Moore, Linda Pilgrim, Mary Hall and Stephanie Moncrief

Also Present: City Clerk Tangee Puckett, Code Enforcement Craig Ellington, and City Attorney Jesse Couch

I. INVOCATION

Attorney Linda Pilgrim gave the invocation.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Mark Moore at 2:30 p.m.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGINACE

All participated.

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

The Mayor requested adding an item **7** to include repairs to the sewer plant. Councilmember Stephanie Moncrief made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Linda Pilgrim seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE/CHRISTMAS TREE CELEBRATION

Mayor Moore turned this over to Councilmember Linda Pilgrim. Councilmember Linda Pilgrim explained there are some discrepancy when it comes to C-1 (Residential Commercial) and C-2 (General Commercial) zoning under the Downtown Overlay District and the zoning map. Mayor Moore reviewed the City map and discussed the types of businesses that can and cannot be in the Downtown Overlay District. There was discussion among the Council to get this corrected for the future development of Walnut Grove.

Mayor Moore introduced the Cities Code Enforcement Officer, Craig Ellington and asked if he had anything to add. Mr. Ellington noted that some businesses were given business license without being told they were not in compliance with the Cities zoning regulations and now we are having to let them know when they come in and renew their business license they are out of compliance. When a new business comes in or a business comes in to renew their business license, I go out and verify they are in compliance. There are some businesses, unfortunately that are not in compliance due to the zoning regulations.

VI. SIGNAGE

Mayor Moore explained the City has a sign ordinance and this includes how high a sign can be, the lighting, the size. The City needs to review the sign ordinance to allow a business to be able to put up signs without strict regulations. Section 4 (1-3-11) does not allow for illuminated signs and should be removed from the sign ordinance and this can be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission and brought back before the Council for consideration.

VII. Adjourn

Motion made by Councilmember Stephanie Moncrief to adjourn at 3:45 p.m.
Councilmember Mary Hall seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Approved by Mayor and Council this _____ day of September 2020.

Mayor Steven Mark Moore

Tangee B. Puckett, City Clerk