

CITY OF WALNUT GROVE
July 10, 2025 6:00 PM
1021 PARK STREET MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Council Meeting
Minutes

I. Call to Order - Mayor Stephanie Moncrief called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. Invocation - Given by City Attorney Tony Powell.

III. Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

IV. Roll Call - Present: Mayor Stephanie Moncrief, Mayor Pro Tem Erica Miles, Council Member Maxine McClanahan, Council Member Rachel Davis, Council Member Linda Pilgrim, City Administrator Joe Morris, City Clerk Lynn Heard and City Attorney Tony Powell

V. Agenda Approval - Mayor Moncrief requested a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Rachel Davis motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business Item #3 – *Nuisance Property Abatement*. Mayor Pro Tem Erica Miles seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously**

VI. Consent Agenda - Mayor Pro Tem Erica Miles motioned to approve the Consent Agenda with the condition of removing the minutes for revision. Council Member Maxine McClanahan seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously**

Items Removed (Not Approved):

1. Minutes
 - a. June 12, 2025
 - b. June 26, 2025

Items Approved:

2. Financials
 - a. July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025
3. Invoices Over \$5,000
 - b. Rushton & Company (CPA) – Monthly data processing (Nov. 2024 – Mar. 2025) – \$8,450.00

VII. Committee Reports - DDA: Council Member Rachel Davis – Nothing new to report.

VIII. Planning & Zoning Commission - Presented by City Administrator Joe Morris on behalf of Joe Walter.

IX. Library Report - Presented by Dana Segar.

X. Public Comment

- **Moumier Mamou**, 1910 Hwy. 138, Covington, GA – Seeking business license approval for a deer processing business.
- **Jon Dial**, 874 Forrester Cemetery Rd., Covington, GA – Expressed concerns regarding sewer expansion, culvert, and nearby property conditions.

XI. Old Business

1. **Vote: Extension of Resolution 2025-04** - Extends moratorium on accepting rezoning or building permit applications in the downtown overlay district. Council Member Maxine McClanahan motioned to approve the Extension of Resolution 2025-04. Council Member Rachel Davis seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously**
- (1) **Vote: Public Comment Amendment – Ordinance 2025-02** - Amends Ordinance 2024-01 to revise public comment procedures. Changes include: (1) Removal of the sentence and limiting public comment to 30 minutes (2) Adding an optional 48-hour reservation for public comments and receiving preference in the order of speaking. Council Member Rachel Davis motioned to accept Ordinance 2025-02 to amend Ordinance 2024-01 to revise Public Comment procedures. This includes an optional 48 hour reservation in advance by notifying the City Clerk with their name, address and topic of discussion. They will be recognized by the Mayor before addressing City Council and they will be given preference over others who did not make the 48 hour reservation. Town Hall will also be revised which allows for the Mayor and Council to address comments freely beyond clarifying questions. Any individual wishing to speak must submit their name, address, and topic of discussion to the City Clerk 48 hours in advance and be recognized by the Mayor before addressing the City Council. Such an individual will be allotted 3 minutes to make their comments. Members of the public may not share/donate their time and may only have one turn. Townhall will be allotted no more than 30 minutes or when each citizen who wishes to speak has spoken, whichever is sooner. Mayor Pro Tem Erica Miles seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**
2. **Vote: City Hall Exterior Painting and Repair Project** - Council Member Linda Pilgrim motioned to delay project approval until all Council Members could review the bids. *(No second. Motion dies)* Mayor Pro Tem Erica Miles motioned to award the project to **Vendor #4**. Council Member Rachel Davis seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-1.**

XII. New Business

1. **Discussion: Hay Service Contract** - City Administrator Joe Morris is to enter into a contract with **Diamond P Cattle Company**.
2. **Discussion: Millage Rate** - Mayor Moncrief announced a public hearing will be held on **July 24, 2025 at 6:00 PM at 1021 Park Street** to vote on lowering the millage rate to **4.100**, pending Council approval.


XIII. Reports

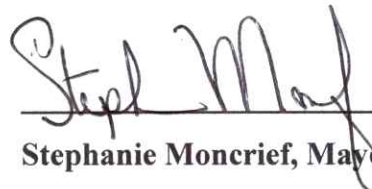
1. **Public Works:** Joe Morris
2. **City Clerk:** Lynn Heard
3. **Code Enforcement:** Joe Morris
4. **Mayor's Report:** Mayor Moncrief

XIV. Town Hall - David Johnson, 876 Forrester Cemetery Rd., Covington, GA – Addressed concerns regarding sewer expansion, culvert conditions, and field sprays.


XV. Council Comments - The Mayor and all Council Members expressed their support and appreciation for the millage rate decrease.

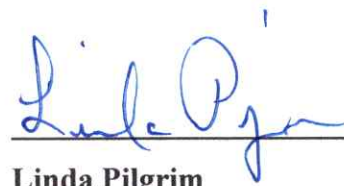
XVI. Adjournment - Mayor Moncrief requested a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Erica Miles motioned to adjourn. Council Member Maxine McClanahan seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously**


 8/14/25
Lynn Heard, City Clerk Date

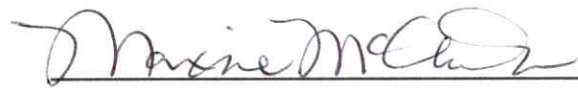
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Stephanie Moncrief, Mayor Date

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

 8/14/25
Erica Miles, Mayor Pro Tem Date

 8-14-25
Linda Pilgrim Date

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Rachel Davis Date

 8/14/25
Maxine McClanahan Date