



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

I. Call to Order

Mayor 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.

- **Motion:** Council Member Rachel Davis motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business #3 Nuisance Property Abatement
- **Second:** Mayor Pro Tem Erica Miles
- **Motion carried unanimously**

VI. Consent Agenda

Mayor Moncrief requested a motion to approve the consent agenda.

- **Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Erica Miles motioned to approve the Consent Agenda with the condition of removing the minutes for revision.
- **Second:** Council Member Maxine McClanahan
- **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

- a. Rushton & Company (CPA) – Monthly data processing Nov. 2024 - March 2025 – \$8,450.00

VII. Committee Reports

- 1. DDA – Rachel Davis - Nothing new to report

VIII. Planning & Zoning Commission

Presented by Joe Morris on behalf of Joe Walter. *Complete report is attached*

IX. Library Report – Dana Segar

X. Public Comment

- **Moumier Mamou**, 1910 Hwy. 138, Covington, GA 30014 – seeking business license approval for his deer processing business.
- **Jon Dial**, 874 Forrester Cemetery Rd., Covington, GA 30014 – Expressed concerns regarding sewer expansion, culvert and nearby property conditions.

XI. Old Business

1. Vote: Extension to Resolution 2025-04

- **Motion:** Council Member Maxine McClanahan motioned to approve Resolution 2025-04 which extends the moratorium on the accepting of applications for rezoning or building permits for properties located in the downtown overlay district.
- **Second:** Council Member Rachel Davis

- **Motion carried unanimously**

2. Vote: Public Comment Amendment – Ordinance 2025-02

Council Member Rachel Davis motioned to approve **Ordinance 2025-02**, an ordinance amending **Ordinance 2024-01** regarding parliamentary procedure and procedures of meetings. The amendment aims to promote orderly public engagement, repeal conflicting ordinances, and address other matters.

The approval is **conditional** upon the following changes:

- In the **Public Comment** section, remove the final sentence: *“Public comment will be allotted no more than thirty minutes or when each citizen who wishes to speak has spoken, whichever is sooner.”* Add the option for individuals who notify 48 hours in advance to the City Clerk, initial speaking privileges at the start of public comment.
- In the **Town Hall** section, remove the final sentence: *“Town Hall will be allotted no more than thirty minutes or when each citizen who wishes to speak has spoken, whichever is sooner.”* And remove the sentence: *“Any individual wishing to speak must submit their, name, address, and topic of discussion to the city clerk forty-eight hours in advance.”*
- **Second:** Mayor Pro Tem Erica Miles
- **Motion carried unanimously**

3. Vote: City Hall Exterior Painting and Repair Project

- **Motion:** Council Member Linda Pilgrim motioned to table project approval until all Council Members can review the proposals. *(No second)*
- **Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Erica Miles motioned to award the project to **Vendor #4**
- **Second:** Council Member Rachel Davis
- **Motion carried 3-1**
Yes: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Miles, Council Member Rachel Davis, Council Member Maxine McClanahan
No: Council Member Linda Pilgrim

XII. New Business

1. Discussion: Hay Service Contract

Council Members agreed that City Administrator Joe Morris can enter into a contract with **Diamond P Cattle Company**.

- City Attorney, Tony Powell, clarified that City Administrator, Joe Morris, can enter into a service contract with Diamond P Cattle Company without a formal vote, due to no monetary value as consideration for services.

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 4.10%, pending Council approval.

3. Discussion: Nuisance Property Abatement

Mayor Moncrief requested a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of item #3 under New Business: *Nuisance Property Abatement*

- **Motion:** Council Member Rachel Davis made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition.
- **Second:** Mayor Pro Tem Erica Miles seconded the motion
- **Motion carried unanimously**

XIII. Reports

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

XIV. Town Hall

- **David Johnson**, 876 Forrester Cemetery Rd., Covington, GA 30014 – Addressed concerns regarding sewer expansion, culvert conditions and field sprays.

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

XVI. Adjourn - Mayor Moncrief asked for a motion to adjourn.

- **Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Erica Miles
- **Second:** Council Member Maxine McClanahan
- **Motion carried unanimously**