

CITY OF WALNUT GROVE
February 12, 2026 6:00 PM
1021 PARK STREET MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Council Meeting
Agenda

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Invocation**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Roll Call**
- V. Agenda Approval**
- VI. Consent Agenda**
 1. Minutes
 - a. January 15, 2026
 - b. January 28, 2026
 2. Financials
 - a. July 1, 2025 – January 31, 2026
 3. Invoices Over \$5,000
 - a. CivicPlus: Sanitation Billing \$ 7,500.00
 - b. Southern Sanitation Jan 2026 \$11,104.50
 - c. Southern Sanitation Feb 2026 \$11,104.50
- VII. Committee Reports**
 1. DDA – Rachel Davis
- VIII. Planning & Zoning Commission – Joe Walter**
- IX. Library Report – Dana Segar**
- X. Public Comment**

XI. Old Business

1. Vote: Ordinance 2026-01: Hometown Heroes Program
2. Vote: Resolution 2026-01: Resolution in Support of Community Youth Protections Against Obscene or Inappropriate Material

XII. New Business

XIII. Reports

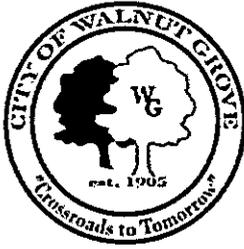
1. Public Works
2. City Clerk
3. Code Enforcement
4. Mayor

XIV. Town Hall

XV. Council Comments

XVI. Executive Session: Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate, or Cyber Security

XVII. Adjourn



CITY OF WALNUT GROVE
January 15, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
1021 PARK STREET MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Council Meeting and Public Hearing
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 was said by all in attendance
- IV. Roll Call** - Present: Mayor Stephanie Moncrief, City Administrator Joe Morris, City Clerk Lynn Heard, Mayor Pro Tem Rachel Davis, Council Member Erica Miles, Council Member Maxine McClanahan, Council Member Linda Pilgrim, City Attorney Tony Powell, City Engineer Joe Walter
- V. Agenda Approval** - Council Member Erica Miles motioned to approve the agenda. Council Member Maxine McClanahan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- VI. Appointments**
 1. Municipal Court Clerk/Deputy Clerk – Sonya Cox
 2. City Clerk – Lynn Heard
 3. City Administrator – Joe Morris
 4. City Attorney – Powell & Crowley, LLC, Tony Powell
 5. Municipal Court Judge – Honorable Sam Barth, Alternate Taylor Newberry, Alternate John Toney
 6. Mayor Pro Tem – Rachel Davis
- VII. Public Hearing**
 1. Discussion: Conditional Use for 2610 Leone Ave. – Proposed use of place of worship, Chapel Woods Presbyterian Church – Rebecca Payton, 4918 Snook Thompson Rd. Oxford, GA, spoke in favor of the church. Pastor Robert Thomas spoke in favor of the Church. Virgil Bower, 920 Park Street, Loganville GA spoke in opposition of the church.
Time stamp of recording 4:28

VIII. Consent Agenda – Mayor Pro Tem Rachel Davis motioned to approve the agenda. Mayor Council Member Erica Miles seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Minutes

a. December 30, 2025

2. Financials

a. July 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

3. Invoices Over \$5,000

a. Southern Sanitation – Dec. 2025	\$10,768.00
b. McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks & Co. – Dec. 2025	\$15,000.00

IX. Public Comment - None

X. Old Business

1. Vote: Conditional Use for 2610 Leone Ave. – Proposed use of place of worship, Chapel Woods Presbyterian Church – Council Member Maxine McClanahan made a motion to approve the conditional use based on including Planning and Zoning recommendations. The condition specified that the approval apply to the church only and that the 81 side driveway be gated from regular use. The motion did not receive a second and therefore failed. Mayor Pro Tem Rachel Davis made a motion to deny the conditional use. The motion was seconded by Council Member Erica Miles. Council Members Davis, Miles, and Pilgrim voted in favor of the motion. Council Member McClanahan voted against the motion. The motion carried 3–1.

XI. New Business – No New Business

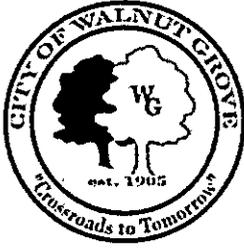
XII. Reports

1. Public Works – Tobie Cartledge
2. City Clerk – Lynn Heard
3. Code Enforcement – Greg Chapel
4. City Administrator – Joe Morris
5. Mayor – Stephanie Moncrief –

XIII. Town Hall - None

XIV. Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate, or Cyber Security

XV. Council Comments



CITY OF WALNUT GROVE
January 28, 2026 10:00 AM
1021 PARK STREET MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Called Council Work Session
Summary Minutes

- I. **Call to Order** - Mayor Moncrief called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.
- II. **Invocation**– Given by Mayor Pro Tem Rachel Davis.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance** – The pledge was said by all in attendance.
- IV. **Roll Call** - Present: Mayor Stephanie Moncrief, City Administrator Joe Morris, City Clerk Lynn Heard, Mayor Pro Tem Rachel Davis, Council Member Erica Miles, Council Member Maxine McClanahan, Council Member Linda Pilgrim, City Attorney Nathan Powell.
- V. **Agenda Approval** – Mayor Pro Tem Rachel Davis motioned to approve the agenda. Council Member Maxine McClanahan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **Old Business** – No Old Business
- VII. **New Business**
 1. Discussion: Ordinance Proposal - Regulating display of age restricted psychoactive Products – Mayor Pro Tem Rachel Davis raised concerns about the psychoactive products that are readily available to minors at gas stations and vape shops around the city. **Time stamp of recording 2:00:** Mayor Pro Tem Rachel Davis, City Administrator Joe Morris and the City Attorney will work on getting a Resolution in place by the next council meeting, February 12, 2026. An Ordinance will be discussed at the next work session, February 26, 2026 and then brought back to the council meeting on March 12, 2026 for a vote.
 2. Discussion: Ordinance Proposal – Hometown Heroes – An ordinance to establish a Hometown Heroes program and a Hometown Heroes Committee. This program is intended to honor those for their service as a member of the United States military and first responders. The Hometown Heroes Program will proudly recognize each approved honoree on banners throughout the City of Walnut Grove. **Time stamp of recording 26:30.** An Ordinance will be signed at the next council meeting, February 12, 2026.
 3. Discussion: Retirement Benefits – Discussion about The Georgia Municipal Association 401 (a) and 457 (B) Retirement Benefit plans. **Time stamp of recording 39:56.**
- VIII. **Executive Session:** Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate, or Cyber Security – No Executive Session



City of Walnut Grove

Budget vs. Actuals: Budget_FY26_P&L - FY26 P&L

July 2025 - January 2026

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Income				
31.1000 General Property Taxes (25)	310,950.83	193,666.69	117,284.14	160.56 %
31.1310 Motor Vehicle (25)	747.54	1,020.81	-273.27	73.23 %
31.1315 Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Fee (TAVT) (25)	28,879.53	33,833.31	-4,953.78	85.36 %
31.1320 Mobile Home Tax (26)		58.31	-58.31	
31.1340 Intangible Tax (Recording) (25)	8,120.95	3,091.69	5,029.26	262.67 %
31.1600 Real Estate Transfer Tax (Intangible)	1,595.03	1,341.69	253.34	118.88 %
31.1700 Franchise Taxes				
31.1710 Franchise Tax - Electric (25)	90,381.18	48,416.69	41,964.49	186.67 %
31.1730 Franchise Tax - Gas (25)	4,247.97	2,391.69	1,856.28	177.61 %
31.1750 Franchise Tax - Cable (25)	4,266.31	5,250.00	-983.69	81.26 %
31.1760 Franchise Tax - Telephone (25)	307.93	379.19	-71.26	81.21 %
Total 31.1700 Franchise Taxes	99,203.39	56,437.57	42,765.82	175.78 %
31.3100 Local Option Sales and Use Taxes (LOST) (25)	155,585.21	154,583.31	1,001.90	100.65 %
31.4200 Beer/Wine Alcoholic Beverage Excise Tax (25)	45,140.33	43,750.00	1,390.33	103.18 %
31.6200 Insurance Premium Taxes (25)	152,679.96	74,083.31	78,596.65	206.09 %
31.9000 Penalties & Interest on Delinquent Taxes (25)	460.28	291.69	168.59	157.80 %
32.1115 Alcohol Licenses - Beer & Wine Licenses (25)	2,000.00	656.25	1,343.75	304.76 %
32.1125 Alcohol Licenses - Wine Retail Sales (25)		656.25	-656.25	
32.1135 Alcohol Licenses - Liquor Retail Sales (25)	-84.00	2,916.69	-3,000.69	-2.88 %
32.1200 General Business License (25)	2,507.00	4,083.31	-1,576.31	61.40 %
32.1220 Insurance License Fees		1,545.81	-1,545.81	
32.2000 Non-Business Licenses and Permits				
32.2200 Permits Building and Signs (25)	300.00		300.00	
Total 32.2000 Non-Business Licenses and Permits	300.00		300.00	
32.2210 Land Disturbance Permit (26)		1,458.31	-1,458.31	
32.2230 Sign Permit (Temporary) (25)	200.00	145.81	54.19	137.16 %
32.2235 Sign Permit (Permanent) (25)		277.06	-277.06	
32.2240 Demolition Permit (26)		87.50	-87.50	
32.2990 Other Permits (25)	655.00		655.00	
32.3100 Building Structures and Equipment (Building Permits)	10,256.36	4,375.00	5,881.36	234.43 %
32.3120 Building Inspection (26)		466.69	-466.69	
32.3130 Plumbing Inspection (26)		175.00	-175.00	
32.3140 Electrical Inspection (26)		175.00	-175.00	
32.3150 Natural Gas Inspection (26)		58.31	-58.31	
32.3160 HVAC Inspection (26)		58.31	-58.31	
32.4000 Late Fees-Permits & License (25)	20.62	233.31	-212.69	8.84 %
33.4000 State Government Grants (25)		26,250.00	-26,250.00	
33.7100 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Revenue (SPLOST)	130,314.26		130,314.26	
34.1910 Election Qualifying Fee	288.00	168.00	120.00	171.43 %



City of Walnut Grove

Budget vs. Actuals: Budget_FY26_P&L - FY26 P&L

July 2025 - January 2026

	ACTUAL	TOTAL		
		BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
34.4110 Refuse Collection Charges		40,950.00	-40,950.00	
34.4255 Sewerage Charges (25)	44,331.50		44,331.50	
34.7000 Cultural & Recreation Income (25)	12,275.50	4,375.00	7,900.50	280.58 %
34.9000 Other Charges for Services	10.08		10.08	
34.9999 Other Charges	9,049.21	1,750.00	7,299.21	517.10 %
35.1000 Fines and Forfeitures (25)	19,821.52	27,766.69	-7,945.17	71.39 %
36.1000 Interest Revenue	789.69	700.00	89.69	112.81 %
38.9000 Other Miscellaneous Revenue (25)	9,370.23	896.56	8,473.67	1,045.13 %
Billable Expense Income	350.00		350.00	
Sales of Product Income	729.10		729.10	
Total Income	\$1,046,547.12	\$682,383.24	\$364,163.88	153.37 %
Cost of Goods Sold				
Cost of Goods Sold	0.00		0.00	
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
GROSS PROFIT	\$1,046,547.12	\$682,383.24	\$364,163.88	153.37 %
Expenses				
51.1100 Regular Employees-Salaries & Wages (25)	185,957.10	184,002.56	1,954.54	101.06 %
51.1110 Council-Salaries & Wages (25)	12,500.00	14,000.00	-1,500.00	89.29 %
51.1200 Temporary Employees - Wages (25)	3,120.00	9,240.00	-6,120.00	33.77 %
51.1300 Overtime- Salaries & Wages (25)		4,375.00	-4,375.00	
51.2000 Personal Services - Employee Benefits		1,020.81	-1,020.81	
51.2110 Medical Benefit - People Keep (25)	10,365.73	14,700.00	-4,334.27	70.52 %
51.2200 Payroll Taxes - Social Security - (FICA) Contributions (25)	16,437.53	12,308.31	4,129.22	133.55 %
51.2300 Payroll Taxes- Medicare (25)		2,887.50	-2,887.50	
51.2400 Retirement Benefits (25)		10,500.00	-10,500.00	
51.2700 Worker's Compensation (25)		5,833.31	-5,833.31	
51.2900 Other Employee Benefits (25)		1,720.81	-1,720.81	
52.1100 Office/Administrative	4,229.00	11,702.81	-7,473.81	36.14 %
52.1210 Municipal Court Judge (25)	6,000.00	8,166.69	-2,166.69	73.47 %
52.1220 Municipal Court Solicitor (25)	4,500.00	5,250.00	-750.00	85.71 %
52.1230 Code Enforcement (25)	11,120.37		11,120.37	
52.1240 Engineering - City (25)		14,583.31	-14,583.31	
52.1242 Engineering - Storm Water (25)		5,833.31	-5,833.31	
52.1245 Zoning Administrator (25)	28,676.74	12,833.31	15,843.43	223.46 %
52.1246 Inspections (25)	10,180.00	3,937.50	6,242.50	258.54 %
52.1260 Accounting - Bookkeeping (25)	14,400.00	10,500.00	3,900.00	137.14 %
52.1265 Accounting - Auditor (25)	26,500.00	14,583.31	11,916.69	181.71 %
52.1270 Legal - City Attorney (25)	13,211.62	14,583.31	-1,371.69	90.59 %
52.1275 Professional & Legal Services - Other (25)	24,245.46	2,333.31	21,912.15	1,039.10 %
52.1280 Security (25)	520.00	2,697.94	-2,177.94	19.27 %



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July 2025 - January 2026

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
52.1310 IT Service (25)	7,319.88	7,437.50	-117.62	98.42 %
52.1315 IT Service - Website (25)	8,074.94	280.00	7,794.94	2,883.91 %
52.1320 Court Software (25)	2,445.00	2,800.00	-355.00	87.32 %
52.1330 Office Software (25)	2,267.00	3,675.00	-1,408.00	61.69 %
52.1340 Other Software (25)	4,600.00	2,683.31	1,916.69	171.43 %
52.1390 IT-Other (25)		291.69	-291.69	
52.2100 Cleaning Services (25)	1,120.50	910.00	210.50	123.13 %
52.2110 Disposal (i.e. Garbage Pickup) (25)	64,608.00	73,500.00	-8,892.00	87.90 %
52.2200 Repairs and Maintenance-NON-Employee Services (25)	5,740.19	14,000.00	-8,259.81	41.00 %
52.2210 Repairs and Maintenance - Vehicles-NON Employee Services (25)	6,528.90	2,187.50	4,341.40	298.46 %
52.2220 Repairs & Maintenance-Streets, Roads & Bridges-NON-Employee Services((25)	2,629.00	291.69	2,337.31	901.30 %
52.2230 New Employee Drug Screening	132.00		132.00	
52.2250 Facility & Grounds Maintenance-NON-Employee Services (25)	10,959.00	6,562.50	4,396.50	166.99 %
52.3100 Insurance, Other than employee benefits (25)		20,708.31	-20,708.31	
52.3200 Communications (25)	7,511.97	10,500.00	-2,988.03	71.54 %
52.3230 Postage (25)	878.71	291.69	587.02	301.25 %
52.3300 Advertising (25)	1,296.50	1,750.00	-453.50	74.09 %
52.3400 Printing & Binding (25)	214.00	700.00	-486.00	30.57 %
52.3500 Travel (25)	700.00	2,916.69	-2,216.69	24.00 %
52.3510 Mileage reimbursement (25)	730.66	1,750.00	-1,019.34	41.75 %
52.3515 Gas Allowance (25)	986.38		986.38	
52.3520 Per Diem or Meals (25)	226.00	1,166.69	-940.69	19.37 %
52.3530 Hotel & Parking (25)	3,846.52	7,583.31	-3,736.79	50.72 %
52.3540 Other Travel (25)		145.81	-145.81	
52.3600 Dues and fees (25)	2,369.00	641.69	1,727.31	369.18 %
52.3610 Bank Charges (25)	718.43	437.50	280.93	164.21 %
52.3620 Membership Dues (25)	10,467.25	875.00	9,592.25	1,196.26 %
52.3700 Training and Education (25)	125.00	2,333.31	-2,208.31	5.36 %
52.3710 Conference Fees (25)	501.50	3,645.81	-3,144.31	13.76 %
52.3850 Contract Labor (25)	763.48	1,020.81	-257.33	74.79 %
53.1105 Cleaning Supplies (25)	189.67	291.69	-102.02	65.02 %
53.1110 Office Supplies (25)	7,161.43	7,000.00	161.43	102.31 %
53.1115 Pavilion Rental Expenses (25)	50.00		50.00	
53.1125 Facility & Grounds Supplies (25)	8,971.09	8,750.00	221.09	102.53 %
53.1130 OTHER - General Supplies (25)	345.58	4,375.00	-4,029.42	7.90 %
53.1135 Employee Uniforms (25)	476.03	583.31	-107.28	81.61 %
53.1140 Community Events (25)	6,496.22	8,750.00	-2,253.78	74.24 %
53.1210 Water/Sewerage - ENERGY (25)	2,336.35	1,166.69	1,169.66	200.25 %



City of Walnut Grove

Budget vs. Actuals: Budget_FY26_P&L - FY26 P&L

July 2025 - January 2026

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
53.1220 Natural Gas - ENERGY (25)	318.17	437.50	-119.33	72.72 %
53.1230 Electricity - ENERGY (25)	33,669.82	32,083.31	1,586.51	104.94 %
53.1240 Bottled Gas	1,105.54		1,105.54	
53.1270 Gasoline - ENERGY (25)	2,899.15	4,433.31	-1,534.16	65.39 %
53.1300 Food (25)	41.72	1,604.19	-1,562.47	2.60 %
53.1600 Small Equipment (25)	1,239.83	1,808.31	-568.48	68.56 %
53.1700 Other Supplies (25)	1,215.88	1,020.81	195.07	119.11 %
53.9999 Miscellaneous Expenditures (25)	176.72	875.00	-698.28	20.20 %
54.2100 Machinery (25)		2,916.69	-2,916.69	
54.2300 Furniture and Fixtures (25)	653.48	758.31	-104.83	86.18 %
54.2400 Computer		1,225.00	-1,225.00	
57.1000 Intergovernmental (25)		291.69	-291.69	
57.1100 Walton County Board of Commissioners (25)		7,714.56	-7,714.56	
57.3100 Library (25)	2,569.75	40,833.31	-38,263.56	6.29 %
57.3300 Peace Officer Annuity/Benefit Fund (25)	742.02	1,881.25	-1,139.23	39.44 %
57.3370 Drug Abuse Treatment and Education (25)	39.19		39.19	
57.3375 County Jail Fund (25)	122.27	641.69	-519.42	19.05 %
57.3385 Local Victim Assist. Fund (25)	266.89	816.69	-549.80	32.68 %
57.3392 Sheriff's Retirement Fund of GA (25)	60.00	247.94	-187.94	24.20 %
57.3393 GSCCCA Payouts (25)	1,291.55	3,281.25	-1,989.70	39.36 %
58.1000 Debt Service - Principal (25)	85,393.53	20,008.31	65,385.22	426.79 %
58.2000 Debt Service - Interest (25)	4,004.93	991.69	3,013.24	403.85 %
Total Expenses	\$681,560.17	\$693,466.41	\$ -11,906.24	98.28 %
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$364,986.95	\$ -11,083.17	\$376,070.12	-3,293.16 %
Other Income				
Fund Balance Transfer		22,750.00	-22,750.00	
Total Other Income	\$0.00	\$22,750.00	\$ -22,750.00	0.00 %
Other Expenses				
11.7950 11.7950 Other Capital Assets	17,610.00	11,666.69	5,943.31	150.94 %
54.1400 Capital outlay - Roads Streets and Bridges	406,004.76		406,004.76	
54.1401 54.1401 Capital outlay - Sewer Expansion Project	836,285.00		836,285.00	
Court Fee Refund	780.00		780.00	
Total Other Expenses	\$1,260,679.76	\$11,666.69	\$1,249,013.07	10,805.80 %
NET OTHER INCOME	\$ -1,260,679.76	\$11,083.31	\$ -1,271,763.07	-11,374.58 %
NET INCOME	\$ -895,692.81	\$0.14	\$ -895,692.95	-
				639,780,578.57 %



Invoice

Updated Remittance Address:
(FOR PAYMENTS ONLY)
CivicPlus LLC
PO Box 737311
Dallas TX 75373-7311

#361257
1/19/2026

Bill To
Lynn Heard
City of Walnut Grove, GA
2581 Leone Avenue
Loganville GA 30052

TOTAL DUE

\$7,500.00
Due Date: 2/18/2026

Terms Net 30 **Customer** City of Walnut Grove, GA **Quote #** Q-106643 **Approving Authority** Joe Morris

Qty	Item	Start Date	End Date
0.5	Sanitation Billing - Subscription License Cost - Unlimited Internal Users, Integration Maintenance	9/19/2025	9/18/2026
0.5	Sanitation Billing - Implementation, Integrations, Migration	9/19/2025	9/18/2026
0.5	Municipal Websites Central : Starter Standard Annual Fee	9/19/2025	9/18/2026
	Year 1 Annual Fee Discount	9/19/2025	9/18/2026
0.5	Municipal Websites Central: Module Based Hosting and Security Annual Fee	9/19/2025	9/18/2026
	Year 1 Annual Fee Discount	9/19/2025	9/18/2026
0.5	Starter Cloudflare Tier 1 WAF/CDN security protection	9/19/2025	9/18/2026
	Year 1 Annual Fee Discount	9/19/2025	9/18/2026
0.5	DNS and Domain Hosting Annual Fee: https://www.cityofwalnutgrove.com/	9/19/2025	9/18/2026
	Year 1 Annual Fee Discount	9/19/2025	9/18/2026
0.5	DNS and Domain Hosting Setup: https://www.cityofwalnutgrove.com/	9/19/2025	9/18/2026
0.5	SSL Management CivicPlus Provided: https://www.cityofwalnutgrove.com/	9/19/2025	9/18/2026
	Year 1 Annual Fee Discount	9/19/2025	9/18/2026

Please submit payment via ACH using the details below. Please send notification of ACH transmission via email to remittance@civicplus.com. That address is not monitored for other inquiries or notifications. For any other invoice questions or information, please contact us at accounting@civicplus.com.

Bank Name	Account Name	Account Number	Routing Number
JPMorgan Chase	CivicPlus LLC	910320636	021000021



Invoice

Updated Remittance Address:
(FOR PAYMENTS ONLY)
CivicPlus LLC
PO Box 737311
Dallas TX 75373-7311

#361257

1/19/2026

Qty	Item	Start Date	End Date
0.5	Central Starter Standard Implementation includes virtual group system training - up to two 3-hour blocks for up to 3 users; migration of up to 150 pages of content the current year plus two previous years of simple meeting agendas and minutes.	9/19/2025	9/18/2026

Total \$7,500.00

Due \$7,500.00

Please submit payment via ACH using the details below. Please send notification of ACH transmission via email to remittance@civicplus.com. That address is not monitored for other inquiries or notifications. For any other invoice questions or information, please contact us at accounting@civicplus.com.

Bank Name	Account Name	Account Number	Routing Number
JPMorgan Chase	CIVICPLUS LLC	910320636	021000021

SOUTHERN SANITATION
P.O. BOX 815
GRAYSON, GA. 30017
770-554-6450

City of Walnut Grove
2581 Leone Avenue
Loganville, Ga. 30052

2-1-26

Residential Monthly Waste Service			
February	2026	673(\$16.50)	\$11,104.50

Total Amount Due

ENTERED

FEB 6 2025

\$11,104.50

Thank you for your business.

SOUTHERN SANITATION
P.O. BOX 815
GRAYSON, GA. 30017
770-554-6450

City of Walnut Grove
2581 Leone Avenue
Loganville, Ga. 30052

1-1-26

Residential Monthly Waste Service

January	2026	673(\$16.50)	\$11,104.50
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Total Amount Due

ENTERED

FEB 6 2025

\$11,104.50

Thank you for your business.

STATE OF GEORGIA

CITY OF WALNUT GROVE

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WALNUT GROVE, GEORGIA, TO ESTABLISH A HOMETOWN HEROS PROGRAM AND THE HOMETOWN HEROS COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the City of Walnut Grove, Georgia is the Mayor and Council thereof; and

WHEREAS, sound governmental operations require the boards and authorities of the City to have rules governing their operations, and administration ; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to acknowledge the service and sacrifices made by residents as military veterans and first responders; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council expressly find that this Ordinance and the regulations outlined below will effectively establish a mechanism to honor community members through an established program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Walnut Grove, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. That the following chapter be added “Chapter 35 Hometown Heros Program” of Code of Ordinances of Walnut Grove, Georgia:

“Article I – In General

Sec. 35-1. Overview

1. The Hometown Heros program is intended to be a mechanism of honoring those in the City of Walnut Grove for their service as a member of the United States military

or as a first responder. This ordinance does not confer any rights, benefits, or compensation of any kind.

Article II – Development of Program

Sec. 35-2. Program Features

- a) The Hometown Heros Program will proudly recognize each approved honoree on banners throughout the City of Walnut Grove.
- b) Each banner will display a specific honoree including his or her name, image, branch of service or type of service, service dates, and any applicable wars or operations.
- c) An aggregate display will be established by the City showing all honorees in one location.
- d) Honorees will be admitted into the program through an annual ceremony coordinated by the city and the Hometown Heros Committee.

Sec. 32-3. Criteria

- a) Candidates for admission into the program must show proof of the following; honorable discharge, current service, proof of wars or operations, and residency or past residency of a sponsored family member if the candidate is deceased.
- b) Candidates may be living or deceased and may be nominated by a family member or others within the community.

Sec. 32-4. Banners

- a) Though no fee will be established for an application to the program, a fee set annually by the City of Walnut Grove will be established for the purchase of banners at the cost of creating the banner.

- b) Banners will be hung from approximately May through November in order to protect the banners from foul weather.
- c) Banners may be sponsored by a family member, individuals, businesses, or organizations. If someone would like to sponsor a banner but does not know an honoree, the committee will pair the donor with a qualified honoree.
- d) Banners in need of repair or replacement will be coordinated with the committee and the fee will be at the cost of repair to the individual or sponsor.

Article III- Hometown Heros Committee

Sec. 35-3. Creation and Purpose

In order to guide and accomplish the goal of this program, the Hometown Heros Committee will be established to coordinate the mandates of this ordinance, verify applications, and coordinate with sponsors and individuals.

Sec. 35-4. Membership

The Hometown Heros Committee shall consist of a three-member panel who shall reside within the city limits of Walnut Grove. Members shall be appointed by the mayor and city council. A minimum of one member must be a military veteran, first responder, or retired first responder. The terms of the members shall be for four (4) years and run concurrent. Members may be appointed for consecutive terms with no limit on the number of terms. Any vacancy in membership shall be filled for the unexpired term by the council who shall also have the authority to remove any member for cause, on written charges, after a public hearing. All members will serve as voluntary members of this committee. Members shall abide by the same ethical standards set forth in the City of Walnut Grove Code of

Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article II, Sec. 4.

Sec. 35.5. Organization; rules

- a) The committee shall elect a chair at the first meeting of the calendar year. The chair shall remain the chair for only the calendar year unless elected by the committee the following year.
- b) The committee shall create its own bylaws that must conform to this ordinance. Bylaws must be formally adopted by City Council through a resolution.
- c) Meetings of the committee shall be open to the public and advertised on the city website and location of the meeting one week in advance.
- d) Meeting minutes must be submitted to the city clerk within 24 hours.
- e) The committee shall have the right to hold executive sessions as permitted by state law.

Sec. 35.6. Staff, Finances

- a) The city administrator may appoint such employees as it may deem necessary for the work of the Hometown Heros Committee.
- b) The expenditures of the committee, exclusive of donations, shall be within the amounts appropriated for the purpose by the mayor and city council.

Sec. 35.7. Powers and Duties.

- a) The committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the city council, and in that capacity shall prepare and recommend for adoption to the council:
 - 1) Nominations of candidates into the program.
 - 2) A plan for execution of the annual ceremony within the appropriated funds from council or donations received.

- 3) A duty to coordinate with all associated vendors for banners, displays, and events.
- b) It shall be the duty of the committee to make such careful and comprehensive reviews of all applications to the program in an effort to maintain public trust and uphold the integrity of the program.
- c) The committee shall not have the power or authority to utilize sponsored funds for an individual honoree for any other purpose than those outlined in this ordinance.
- d) The committee shall have the duty to submit a monthly report of accounts, expenditures, and donations received.”

Section 2. Except as provided otherwise herein, all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. Pursuant to the Section 3.14 of the City Charter, authority is hereby delegated to the City Clerk to cause this Ordinance to be numbered and codified in the City Code of Walnut Grove, Georgia, in such a way as to place this Ordinance in the Code in an organized and orderly sequence to maximize the organization of the Code. The City Clerk is authorized to designate to the City Attorney or to such other Mayor and Council approved contractors to assist in the effort to codify this provision provided the decision of the City Clerk is final as to the placement of this Ordinance within the City Code of Walnut Grove, Georgia. The goal of this authorization is to codify and number this Ordinance in the Code in such a way as to be clear and orderly.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and Council of the City of Walnut Grove, Georgia.

Section 5. It is hereby declared that if any phrase, sentence, or paragraph hereof shall be found or declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining phrases, sentences and paragraphs hereof shall remain in full force and effect as if enacted without the phrase, sentence, or paragraph declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SO ORDAINED this _th day of February 2026.

City of Walnut Grove, Georgia

Stephanie Moncrief, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lynn Heard, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

**John J Crowley, City Attorney
Powell & Crowley, LLP**

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CITY OF WALNUT GROVE

RES 2026-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALNUT GROVE IN SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY YOUTH PRIORITIZATION OF SAFETY, WELFARE, AND PROTECTION.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Walnut Grove wish to keep youth in the city a top priority; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to identify and implement policies that prioritize youth safety, welfare, and protection ; and

WHEREAS, the City of Walnut Grove intends to strategically balance the wishes of the community with the responsibility of creating a safe haven where the city's youth can thrive; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find an urgent need for adoption of regulations to protect youth, creation of programs to promote youth involvement, and implementation of policy to shore up any vulnerabilities facing the youth of Walnut Grove; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALNUT GROVE, GEORGIA, THAT:

First, the City of Walnut Grove, Georgia shall prioritize addressing youth vulnerabilities within the community through regulation of businesses that distribute or promote materials inappropriate for persons under the age of 18.

Second, the City of Walnut Grove, Georgia shall work long term with parents, local non-profits, the WCSD school system, churches, and other community groups to create programs to support youth and their families close the gap in protections when away from home or school.

Third, the City of Walnut Grove, Georgia shall investigate and implement initiatives that directly impact the more immediate vulnerabilities of the city's youth.

Fourth, the City of Walnut Grove, Georgia, shall continue to collaborate with the Walton County Sheriff's Department on community safety and their efforts to make our community safe for our youth.

Fifth, the City of Walnut Grove, Georgia will prioritize factors such as transportation infrastructure and recreation items within the city's annual budget to further promote safety and welfare.

Sixth, the City of Walnut Grove, Georgia shall continue to actively participate in programming provided by the WCSD school system that strengthens the bond between the city and youth partners.

Seventh, the City of Walnut Grove, Georgia shall advocate with state and federal elected officials and agencies to address issues related to youth and safety vulnerabilities.

Eight, the City of Walnut Grove, Georgia, shall communicate with state and federal elected officials to enact legislation to limit exposure to materials that are inappropriate to youth in our city.

SO RESOLVED this 12th day of February, 2026.

City of Walnut Grove, Georgia

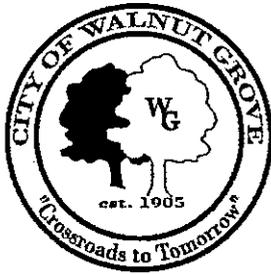
Stephanie Moncrief, Mayor

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CITY CLERK REPORT – January 2026

Citations

Walton County - 4
Georgia State Patrol – 0
Code Enforcement – 0

Rentals

Pavilion - 0
Ballfield – 20

Ballfield Collections: \$ 5,602.50