



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.
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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

XVI. Adjourn – Mayor Moncrief called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Rachel Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Erica Miles seconded. Motion carried unanimously.