

MINUTES OF MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE, MISSISSIPPI
HELD ON JANUARY 5, 1999

BE IT REMEMBERED and it is hereby certified to that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, January 5, 1999, at 6:00 P.M., at the City Hall, this being the time and place said meeting. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor, Grady Sims.

There were present:

Grady Sims	Mayor
W. C. Croft, Jr.	Aldermen
Don Gomillion	Aldermen
J. B. Sistrunk	Aldermen
Rev. Leon Young	Aldermen
Billy V. Gilmer	Aldermen
Jeff Webb	Attorney
Ada Chamblee	Town Clerk

After prayer by Aldermen, Leon Young, the following business, was transacted to-wit:

Tiawana Eason and Pete Lewis from East Central Development and Planning met with the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to ask about any grants the Town would like to apply for. No action was taken at this time to apply for a grant.

Mr. Buddy Ellezy met with the Mayor and Board to present the audit report. On motion by Aldermen Gilmer, seconded by Aldermen Sistrunk the audit report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 was accepted on unanimous approval by all the Board of Aldermen.

The clerk requested approval of a transfer of \$3,500.00 from Gas System Revenue into General Town Funds to cover payroll. This transfer of funds was approved on an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen and on motion made by Aldermen Gilmer and seconded by Aldermen Gomillion.

The Mayor was authorized to sign an agreement with the Leake County Correctional Facility on housing Walnut Grove prisoners. With cost being \$18.00 perday on prisoners food and room. This was approved by an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen and on motion made by Aldermen Gomillion, seconded by Aldermen Croft.

The Town of Walnut Grove's Attorney, Jeff Webb was authorized to send a letter of complaint and demand of payment to the owner of the property and the construction company working on the property in Scott County that dug up the Town's natural gas line on August 30, 1997. These actions were authorized on motion made by Aldermen Gomillion, seconded by Aldermen Gilmer and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

The Board of Aldermen authorized Mayor Grady Sims and Fire Chief David Dumas to apply for a grant offered by the State Forestry Commission for fire equipment (two air pacs), on motion made by Aldermen Gomillion, seconded by Aldermen Gilmer and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

Aldermen Gilmer brought up the matter of keeping Deputy Benny Withers on duty 32 hrs per week. After discussion of the matter, motion was made by Aldermen Croft, seconded by Aldermen Gilmer and an "AYE" vote by Aldermen Gomillion, and Aldermen Young, with Aldermen Sistrunk voting "NAY" due to the General Town financial statement (monthly) showing more was spent than was taken in as income.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid on motion by Aldermen Croft, seconded by Aldermen Gilmer and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid from Gas System Operation Funds:

Ada Chamblee	Office Salary	1387.50
The Equitable	Employees Insurance	257.50
Butchart, Ellzey & Assoc.	Audit	1665.00
Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	909.00
Bank of Walnut Grove	W H Taxes	550.00
Starmark	Employees Insurance	1283.26
Mid South Insurance	Insurance	74.96
Consolidated Pipe	Maintance	437.60
MS Power Company	Power	279.45
Sunflower	Maintance	114.66
Thomas Drilling	Maintance	25.08
Joiner Building	Maintance	97.16
MS One Call System	Fees & Dues	200.00
Stamp Fulfillment	Office Supplies	189.20
Wal Mart	Maintance	206.97
Carthage Small Engine	Maintance	47.80
Carlton Oil Co.	Maintance	45.80
Weatherford Oil Co.	Gas & Oil	899.00
WSSI	Miscellaneous	260.00
MS State Tax Comm.	Sale Tax	329.00
Bell South	Phones	99.05
The Fish House	Miscellaneous	779.96
MS State Tax Comm.	State WH Tax	173.49
General Town	Employees Retirement	1104.13
MS Emp. Sec. Comm.	Unemployment Tax	49.08
MS Municipal Gas Authority	Gas Purchased	16000.00
Municipal Gas Authority	Gas Purchased	10000.00
Postmaster	Postage	61.00

The following bills were presented and ordered paid from

Water & Sewer Operation Funds:

Ada Chamblee	Office Salary	112.50
MS Power Company	SEwer Lift Power	232.30
Chemstar Research	Maintance	249.75
MS Power Company	Power	1326.22
A T & T	Phones	17.79
Greer Environmental	Maintance	228.80
Leake County Co-op	Maintance	91.32
Carthage Printing	Office Supplies	37.23
Southern Technical	Sewer Test	112.00
Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	179.43
Central Electric	Sewer Lift Power	63.22
Chemstar Research	Maintance	338.89
Bell South	Phones	85.60
J. F. Associates	Maintance	248.53
Butchart, Ellzey & Assoc.	Audit	1665.00
Postmaster	Postage	45.00

The following bills were presented and ordered paid from

General Town Funds:

Judge Carolyn W. Thomas	Court Cost	250.00
Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	1324.75
Bank of Walnut Grove	W H Taxes	750.00
Sistrunk's Texaco	Patrol Car	44.20
Butchart, Ellzey & Assoc.	Audit	1665.00
Leake Co. Board	Trash Cost	45.00
Gall's	Law Enforcement	164.95
Midstate Tire Service	Patrol Car	213.31
McGivney Tire Service	Garbage Truck Maint.	310.00
Goodyear Tire	Patrol Car	393.28
Starmark	Employees Insurance	1003.14
Thomas Discount	Law Enforcement	31.99
The Carthaginian	Publication	194.03
Leake Co. Regional	Jail Cost	684.00
Central Electric Power	Power	42.60
Bell South	Library Maintance	106.41
Mid South Insurance Agency	Insurance	87.50
The Equitable	Employees Insurance	215.00
MS State Tax Comm	State WH Taxes	832.83
State Treasurer	Fine Assessments	839.50
Moore's Pharmacy	Fine Assessments	100.79

The following bills were presented and ordered paid from

Fire protection Funds:

Gall's	Fire Department	497.91
Tupelo fire Dept.	Fire Department	141.00

The following bill was presented and ordered paid from

Street Tax Funds:

MS Power Company	Street Lights	871.27
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Officer's Salaries:

Grady Sims	Mayor	800.00
W. C. Croft, Jr.	Aldermen	150.00
Don Gomillion	Aldermen	150.00
J. B. Sistrunk	Aldermen	150.00
Leon Young	Aldermen	150.00
Billy V. Gilmer	Aldermen	150.00
Jeff Webb	Attorney	200.00
Ada Chamblee	Town Clerk	100.00

The following salaries were also paid:

Jerry Milsaps	Maintance Supervisor	2080.00
Mark Trippe	Maintance	1872.00
James Earl Johnson	Maintance - Summer	875.50
Tim Palmer	Marshal	2500.00
Milton E. Smith	Deputy #2	2000.00
C. M. Williams	Deputy #3	1872.00
Benny withers	Deputy #4	1269.76

Balance on hand, December 31, 1998:

General Town Funds	781.64
Street Tax Funds	358.89
Fire Protection Funds	2,170.71
Gas System Revenue Funds	5,959.57
Gas System Ope5ation Funds	1,506.19
Gas System Meter Deposits	11,227.42
Water & Sewer Revenue Funds	1,368.62
Water & Sewer Operation Funds	191.61
Water System Meter Deposits	2,115.63

There being no further business, on motion duly made and seconded.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

So ordered in a regular meeting the 5th day of January, 1998.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED.



 MAYOR

ATTEST:



TOWN CLERK