

MINUTES OF MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE, MISSISSIPPI,
HELD ON JANUARY 4, 2000

BE IT REMEMBERED and it is hereby certified to that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, January 4, 2000, 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
Marcus Ellis, Jr.	Aldermen
Billy V. Gilmer	Aldermen
Rev. Leon Young	Aldermen
Jeff Webb	Attorney
Ada Chamblee	Town Clerk

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

The following resolution for the Bank of Walnut Grove's Time Capsule was adopted and approved on motion made by Aldermen Ellis, seconded by Aldermen Gomillion and an "AYE" vote by all the Aldermen present.

Judge Carolyn Wilcher Thomas resignation was accepted on motion made by Aldermen Ellis, seconded by Aldermen Gilmer and an "AYE" vote by all the Aldermen.

The Board of Aldermen gave authority to Mayor Grady Sims to find a new Judge for the Town of Walnut Grove on motion made by Aldermen Ellis, seconded by Aldermen Gomillion and unanimous approval by the Board of Aldermen.

The Mayor requested approval to advertise on the tank and water well for the Walnut Grove Detention Center. The advertising was approved on motion made by Aldermen Croft, seconded by Aldermen Gilmer, and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

Fire Chief David Dumas present two quotes on air pacs for the new fire truck, Tupelo Fire Equipment 8,162.20, and Sunbelt Fire Apparatus \$6,752.00. After discussion by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen Sunbelt Fire Apparatus bid was selected as the lowest and best bid on motion by Aldermen Ellis, seconded by Aldermen Gomillion and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid on motion by Aldermen Gomillion seconded by Aldermen Ellis 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
MS State tax Commission	State Wh Tax	173.49
Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	914.83
Bank of Walnut Grove	W H Taxes	544.00
Jeff Webb	Legal	484.50
Sistrunk's Texaco	Maintance	42.91
MS EMP. SEC. Comm.	Unemployment Taxes	52.50
The Equitable	Employees Insurance	257.50
Starmark	Employees Insurance	1596.02
Wal Mart	Maintance	165.64
A T & T	Phones	17.61
Bell South	Phones	112.44
Motor Parts & Gear	Maintance	53.73
Dixie Wholesale	Maintance	214.88
Carthage Printing	Office Supplies	63.94
Weatherford Oil Co.	Gas & Oil	579.50
MS One-Call System	Fees & Dues	200.00
Carlton Oil Company	Maintance	50.30
MS Power Company	Power	122.23
Sunflower	Maintance	160.73
Mid South Insurance	Insurance	350.00
General Town	Employees Retirement	2308.26
Municipal Gas Authority	Gas Purchased	3916604
Postmaster	Postage	61.40

The following bills were presented and ordered paid from Water & Sewer Operation Funds:

Ada Chamblee	Office Salary	112.50
Larry Hoye	Certified Operator	450.00
Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	219.93
Central Electric Power	Sewer Lift Power	26.50
Thomas Drilling	Maintance	63.21
Bell South	Phones	85.60
Leake County Co-Op	Maintance	76.99
Industrial Chem Labs	Maintance	458.23
Cenco Inc.	Maintance	1426.18
MS Power Company	Power	496.26
MWPCOA	Fees & Dues	45.00
MS Power Company	Sewer Lift Power	67.01
Kansas City Southern	Pipe Line Priviledge	250.00
Postmaster	Postage	45.00

The following bill was presented and ordered paid from Street Tax Funds:

MS Power Company	Street Lights	424.59
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The following bills were presented and ordered paid from Fire Protection Funds:

Sunbelt Fire Apparatus	Fire Department	698.84
Microflex	Fire Department	80.00
Gall's	Fire Department	227.95

The following bills were presented and ordered paid from

General Town Funds:

Judge Carolyn Thomas	Court costs	300.00
Starmark	Employees Insurance	873.83
The Equitable	Employees Insurance	208.00
Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	1226.83
Bank of Walnut Grove	W H Taxes	626.00
MS State Tax Comm.	State W H Taxes	369.47
Central Electric Power	Power	20.78
The Carthaginian	Publication	102.50
Office of Surplus Property	Law Enforcement	5.50
Frontier Ford	Patrol Car	252.79
Dickerson Petroleum	Patrol Car	106.26
Withers Auto Repair	Patrol Car	143.77
Philadelphia Gun & Pawn	Law Enforcement	60.00
Gall's	Law Enforcement	157.90
Leake County Regional	Jail Cost	1845.00
Dement Printing Company	Detention Center	454.37
Office of Surplus Property	Detention Center	775.00
MS Power Company	Power	115.60
Solid Waste Dept.	Trash Cost	3033.98
IIMC	Dues & Fees	75.00
Mid South Insurance	Insurance	262.50
Bell South	Library Maintance	97.33
Mid MS Regional Library	1/6 Library Budget	2338.00
State Treasurer	Fine Assessments	301.50

Officer's Salaries:

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

The following salaries were also paid:

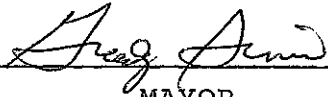
Jerry Millsaps	Maintance Supervisor	2080.00
Mark Trippe	Maintance	1928.16
James Earl Johnson	Maintance - Summer	977.82
Tim Palmer	Marshal	2500.00
Charles Micheal Williams	Deputy	2000.00
Benny Withers	Deputy	1872.00
James Sanderson	Deputy	984.00

Balance on hand, December 31, 1999:

General Town Funds	12,787.41
Street Tax Funds	323.43
Fire Protection Funds	3,465.21
Gas System Revenue Funds	42,444.57
Gas System Operation funds	45,111.19
Gas System Meter Deposits	12,867.42
Water & Sewer Revenue funds	5,409.46
Water & Sewer Operation Funds	1,821.25
Water System Meter Deposits	2,331.63

There being no further business, on motion duly made and seconded. The meeting was RECESSED, until January 14, 2000, at 4:00 P.M., Friday, at which time the Mayor and Board of Aldermen will discuss the hiring of a municipal court judge for the Town of Walnut Grove and to any and all business pertaining to the Town of Walnut Grove.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED:



MAYOR

ATTEST:



TOWN CLERK

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the current Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Walnut Grove, Mississippi have the privilege of serving the Town of Walnut Grove at the beginning of a new and exciting century;

WHEREAS, the Town of Walnut Grove is a beautiful, friendly community of which its residents are proud to call their home;

WHEREAS, at the beginning of this new millennium, the Mayor and Board of Alderman continue their roles of governing the Town with renewed vigor looking toward the future and learning from the past;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion and second duly made and on the unanimous vote of the Board of Alderman as follows:

Alderman W. C. Croft voted "Aye",
Alderman Marcus Ellis voted "Aye",
Alderman Don Gomillion voted "Aye",
Alderman Billy Gilmer voted "Aye", and
Alderman Leon Young voted "Aye",

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mayor and Board of Alderman of The Town of Walnut Grove enter this new century with great expectations for the Town of Walnut Grove, Leake County, the State of Mississippi and the entire United States and other countries, and further express their sincere hope that future leaders of this community will seek to maintain Walnut Grove as a peaceful, friendly community while also striving to improve the quality of life for all residents.

SO RESOLVED, this the 4th day of January, 2000.



GRADY SIMS, MAYOR


W.C. CROFT, ALDERMAN


MARCUS ELLIS, ALDERMAN


DON GOMILLION, ALDERMAN


BILLY GILMER, ALDERMAN


LEON YOUNG, ALDERMAN

ATTEST:


ADA CHAMBLEE,
CLERK

TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE

108 PARK STREET

P. O. BOX 236

WALNUT GROVE, MISSISSIPPI 39189

PHONE: 253-2321
January 14, 2000

Please Publish twice:

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
SALE OF SUPPLIES
TO THE TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Walnut Grove, Mississippi, hereby give notice that bids will be received by them in the Clerk's office in the City Hall of said Town, until 5:00 PM, Tuesday, February 1, 2000, for the sale to the Town of Walnut Grove for the calender year of 2000, the following:

Gasoline, Diesel Fuel, Oil and other petroleum products with tank and pumps furnished by the bidder.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Done by order of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Walnut Grove, Mississippi, this the 14th day of January 2000.

Ada Chamblee
Town Clerk
Town of Walnut Grove

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108 PARK STREET

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WALNUT GROVE, MISSISSIPPI 39189

PHONE: 253-2321

January 14, 2000

Please publish twice:

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
ADVERTISEMENT
FOR MUNICIPAL DEPOSITORY

In accordance with Section 21-39-19, 27-105-301, et. sec. Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, by virtue of the authority vested in me by order of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Walnut Grove, Mississippi, notice is hereby given that the Town of Walnut Grove will receive written sealed bids at the Town Hall, 108 Park Street, Walnut Grove, Mississippi, until 5:00 P.M., February 1, 2000, for the purpose of securing a depository for the funds of the Town of Walnut Grove for the year 2000.

All banks and other bidders desiring to qualify as the municipal depository must certify to the following in the bid to-wit:

1. That the bidder is an equal opportunity employer and lender.
2. That the bidder will furnish documentary materials attesting that it is an equal opportunity employer and lender.
3. The kind of security as authorized by law which the financial institution purposes to give as security for funds.

Published by order of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Walnut Grove, Mississippi, dated the 14th day of January, 2000.

Ada Chamblee
Town Clerk
Town of Walnut Grove

Municipal Compliance Questionnaire

Information

Note: Due to the size of some municipalities, some of the questions may not be applicable. If so, mark N/A in answer blanks. Answers to other questions may require more than yes or no, and as a result, more information on this questionnaire may be required and/or separate work papers may be needed.

1. Name and address of Municipality: Town of Walnut Grove
P. O. Box 236 Walnut Grove, Mississippi 39189
2. List the date and population of the latest official U.S. Census or most recent official census: 1990 - 388
3. Names, addresses and telephone numbers of officials (include elected officials, chief administrative officer, and attorney).
Grady Sims, Mayor P. O. Box 265 Walnut Grove 253-2401
Marcus Ellis Jr., Aldermen Rt. 2 Box 18 Walnut Grove 253-2068
W. C. Croft, Jr., Aldermen P. O. Box 190 Walnut Grove 253-2307
Don Gomillion, Aldermen P. O. Box 21 Walnut Grove 253-2253
Billy V. Gilmer, Aldermen P. O. Box 2 Walnut Grove 253-2071
Rev. Leon Young, Aldermen, P. O. Box 360 Walnut Grove 253-2454
Ada Chamblee, Town Clerk, Rt. 2 Box 326 Walnut Grove 253-2117
Jeff Webb, Attorney, 110 South Pearl, Carthage 267-9762
4. Period of time covered by this questionnaire:
From: October 1, 1998 To: September 30, 1999
5. Expiration date of current elected officials' term.
July 2001

Town of Walnut Grove
(Municipality)

Certification to Municipal Compliance Questionnaire
Year Ended September 30, 1999

We have reviewed all questions and responses as contained in this
Municipal Compliance Questionnaire for the Municipality of Walnut Grove,
and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, all responses are accurate.

ada Chambliss
City Clerk's Signature

Mayor's Signature

January 14, 2000
Date

January 14, 2000
Date

Minute book references:

Book Number _____

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(Clerk is to enter Minute book references when
questionnaire is accepted by Board.)

Town of Walnut Grove
 (Municipality)
 Municipality Compliance Questionnaire

YES NO N/A

PART I - GENERAL

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| 1. Have all ordinances been entered into ordinance book and included in the minutes?(Section 21-13-13) | X | | |
| 2. Do all municipal vehicles have public license plates and side markings?(Section 25-1-87) | X | | |
| 3. Are municipal records open to the public and retained?(Section 21-39-5) | X | | |
| 4. Is there surety bond coverage for all persons receiving or disbursing funds? All elected officials, appointed officials, city clerk and police chief(Section 21-15-1 ET AL) | X | | |
| 5. Do you advertise for bids on the sale or disposal of real property? (Section 21-17-1) | X | | |
| 6. Have the financial records been maintained in accordance with the Chart of Accounts prescribed by the State Auditor?(Section 21-35-11) | X | | |
| 7. Does the city clerk submit to the governing authorities of the municipality a monthly report of expenditures and liabilities incurred against each budget item for the preceding month and fiscal year-to-date, together with the unexpended balance of each budget item? (Section 21-35-13) | X | | |
| 8. Are minutes prepared of Board meetings held, do minutes properly reflect results of such meetings; are minutes signed within 22 days of meeting (Section 21-15-33); is municipal docket (agenda) being maintained? (Section 21-15-19) | X | | |

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PART I - GENERAL (CONTINUED)

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>N/A</u>
9. Has the municipality published a synopsis of the annual audit within (30) thirty days of acceptance? (Section 21-35-31)	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
10. Has the municipality complied with Section 25-1-53 in its employment practices with regard to nepotism?	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
11. Has the municipality adopted and entered on its minutes a budget in the format prescribed by the State Auditor's office in accordance with Sections 21-35-5, 21-35-7, and 21-35-9?	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
12. Has the municipality published its adopted budget in accordance with Section 21-35-5?	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

PART II - CASH

1. Is a claims docket maintained, if required; are all claims paid in the order in which entered in the docket?(Sections 21-39-7 and 21-39-9)	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
2. Are all warrants approved by the Governing Board, signed by the Mayor or a majority of the members of the Board of Aldermen, attested to by the Clerk, and have the Municipal Seal Affixed? (Section 21-39-13)	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
3. Has the municipality designated municipal depositories according to Section 27-105-363?	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
4. Are amounts expended compared to budgeted amounts, noting that expenditures in excess of budgeted amounts, except capital outlays, election expenses, and emergency expenditures, are violations of law? (Sections 21-35-15 and 21-35-17)	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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PART II - CASH (CONTINUED)

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>N/A</u>
5. If revenues are less than estimated and a deficit is anticipated, did the governing authorities revise the budget not later than the regular July meeting? (During an election year, by the regular August meeting) (Section 21-35-25)	X		
6. Has the municipality complied with the publication requirements and for budget amendments of 10% or more? (Section 21-35-25)	X		
7. Did the municipality not spend more than one-fourth of it's yearly budget during the last three months of the official term? (Section 21-35-27)	X		
8. Are appropriations other than appropriations for incompleated improvements in progress of construction, kept open thirty days after the close of the year, making all claims after that time null and void? (Section 21-35-23)	X		
9. Does claims docket identify the specific fund or bank account from which each individual warrant will be issued? (Section 21-39-7)	X		
10. Are all expenditures for donations to organizations (i.e., orchestras, fair associations, etc.) within confines of Sections 21-19-47 through 21-29-59?	X		
11. Did no officers or employees of municipalities have personal interest in any profits from contracts with the municipality during a term or one year after a term? (Section 25-4-105)	X		
12. Are all expenditures for reimbursements of travel, meals, lodging and other necessary expenses within the limitations set by the State Fiscal Management Board? (Section 25-3-41)	X		

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PART II - CASH (CONTINUED)

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>N/A</u>
13. Has the municipality complied with Section 21-33-323 in the investment of surplus funds?	<u>x</u>		

PART III - PURCHASING AND RECEIVING

1. Are there established purchasing procedures? (Section 31-7-13)	<u>X</u>		
2. Has the municipality complied with various purchasing requirements as outlined in Sections 31-7-1 through 31-7-59?	<u>X</u>		
3. Are employees authorized to make purchases, informed that it is unlawful to accept gifts from suppliers? (Section 31-7-23)	<u>X</u>		
4. Are items subject to state bid price purchased at state bid price or bids in accordance with Section 31-7-13?	<u>X</u>		
5. Are two competitive written bids obtained for items purchased costing between \$500 & \$2500? Are these bids awarded by the governing board? (Section 31-7-13)	<u>X</u>		
6. Are assets purchased properly identified and accounted for as to source? (Section 7-7-211)	<u>X</u>		

PART IV - BOND INDENTURES

1. Has the municipality complied with the provisions applicable to bond issues? (Sections 21-33-301 to 21-33-329)	<u>X</u>		
2. Has the municipality levied and collected taxes in a sufficient amount for the retirement of general obligation debt principal and interest? (Section 21-33-87)	<u>X</u>		

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PART IV - BOND INDENTURES (CONTINUED)

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>N/A</u>
3. Did the municipality comply with the percentage of taxable property limitations on bonds issued during year? (Section 21-33-303)			X
4. If there are surplus funds on hand (including escrows, etc.) which have been derived from the sale of bonds, have such funds been invested in accordance with Section 21-33-323?			X

PART V - TAXES - REAL AND PERSONAL

1. Legal requirement: Does the municipality post all transactions to a retained copy of the tax receipt?	X		
2. (a) Has the tax roll been equalized and accepted and recorded in minutes in accordance with Sections 21-33-29 through 21-33-39?	X		
(b) Has the Board approved changes to tax roll in accordance with Section 21-33-43?	X		
3. Are interest and penalties being collected on delinquent taxes? (Section 21-33-53)	X		
4. Has the municipality annually conducted a land sale in accordance with Section 21-33-63?	X		
5. Have the various tax collections been properly deposited to the appropriate funds? (Section 21-33-53)	X		
6. Has the increase in taxes, if any, been limited to amounts allowable by law? (Section 27-39-320 and 321)			X

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PART V - TAXES - REAL AND PERSONAL (CONTINUED)

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>N/A</u>
7. Have funds to which special tax levies were deposited been maintained in accordance with the purpose of the levy?			
Parks			<u>X</u>
Libraries			<u>X</u>
Debt Service	<u>X</u>		
Others			<u>X</u>
8. Has the tax collector complied with Section 21-33-79 for refunds of erroneous-paid taxes?	<u>X</u>		

MINUTES OF RECESSED MEETING OF MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN HELD ON
JANUARY 14, 2000

BE IT REMEMBERED and it is hereby certified to that the Mayor and board of Aldermen met in recess session pursuant to its regular January meeting Friday, January 14, 2000, at 4:00 P.M., in the City Hall, this being the time and place said recess 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
Marcus Ellis, Jr.	Aldermen
Billy V. Gilmer	Aldermen
Rev. Leon Young	Aldermen
Ada Chamblee	Town Clerk

The following business was transacted to-wit:

The Clerk requested permission to advertise for gas & oil supplies and for a municipal depository. this was approved to be advertised on motion by Aldermen Gomillion, seconded by Aldermen Gilmer, and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

The following municipal questionnaire was approved and adopted on motion made by Aldermen Croft, seconded by Aldermen Ellis, and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

The Mayor made known Johnny Pope would take the job as municipal Judge for the Town for \$400.00 per month. Johnny Pope was hired on motion by Aldermen Ellis, seconded by Aldermen Young and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

There being no further business, on motion duly made and seconded. The meeting was ADJOURNED.


So ordered in a recess meeting, the 14th day of January, 2000.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED.



Mayor

attest:



Town Clerk