

MINUTES OF MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE, MISSISSIPPI,
HELD ON MAY 2, 2000

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BE IT REMEMBERED and it is hereby certified to that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, May 2, 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
Rev. Leon Young	Aldermen
Ada Chamblee	Town Clerk
Jeff Webb	Legal

There was absent:

Billy V. Gilmer	Aldermen (deceased)
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The following business was transacted to-wit, after prayer by Aldermen, Leon Young.

The Water tank contract bid of 318,400.00 by Caldwell Tanks Inc. was accepted as the lowest and best bid by Aldermen Gomillion's motion and seconded by Aldermen Ellis and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen present.

The Madden Clinic of Walnut Grove is to start paying rent on April 1, 2001, after 3 appraisers tell the Town the fair market price for rent. All this was approved by Aldermen Croft's motion, seconded by Aldermen Ellis and an "AYE" vote by all the Aldermen present.

Aldermen Ellis made the motion to sell the following surplus equipment at the next Board meeting in June, LaFranc fire truck, Trencher and Dump truck. This motion was seconded by Aldermen Gomillion and an "AYE" vote by all the Aldermen present, with the funds from the sale to go into fire protection fund for the Walnut Grove Volunteer Fire Department.

The Clerk requested a transfer of \$15,000.00 from Gas System Revenue into General Town Revenue for bill paying, this transfer was unanimously approved by all Aldermen present and on motion made by Aldermen Gomillion and seconded by Aldermen Ellis.

Roger Warren was rehired as certified water operator for the Town of Walnut Grove Water System for \$300.00 per month on motion made by Aldermen Gomillion, seconded by Aldermen Croft and an "AYE" vote by all Aldermen present.

Carl Blocker of TVA met with the Mayor and Board of Aldermen about a 195,000.00 loan for 5 years, the following resolution about the loan was adopted by Aldermen Ellis' motion, that was seconded by Aldermen Croft and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen present.

The following resolution honoring Aldermen Billy V. Gilmer for his services to the Town of Walnut Grove was adopted unanimously by all the Board of Aldermen present, on motion made by Aldermen Ellis and seconded by Aldermen Gomillion.

With the death of Aldermen Gilmer a special election was authorized by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to be held on June 13, 2000, for the position of Aldermen on motion by Aldermen Ellis, seconded by Aldermen Young and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

Purvis Culpepper met with the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to talk about a joint venture between the towns, cities and county for a person to be hired for the sole purpose of pursuing State and Federal Grants for industrial and improvements to all of Leake County. No action taken at this time.

Brian Gomillion was appointed the Town of Walnut Grove's representative on the Leake County Communication Committee on motion by Aldermen Ellis, seconded by Aldermen Young, and an "AYE" vote by all the Aldermen present.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid on motion made by Aldermen Gomillion, seconded by Aldermen Croft, and an "aye" vote by all the Board of Aldermen present.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid from Water & Sewer Operations Fund:

Ada Chamblee	Office Salary	112.50
Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	180.18
Dixie Wholesale	Maintance	2693.47
MS power Company	Power	493.21
Thomas Drilling	Maintance	139.49
Industrial Chem Labs	Maintance	458.28
Cenco Inc.	Maintance	1045.13
Bell South	Phones	85.60
Southern Technical	Sewer Test	118.80
MS Power Company	Sewer Lift Power	84.18
Central Electric	Sewer Lift Power	.50
Postmaster	Postage	45.00

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

MS Power Company	Street Lights	441.42
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IN RE: LOAN AGREEMENT WITH TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

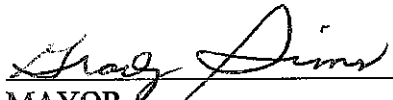
The Board of Aldermen next considered the need for borrowing approximately \$190,000.00 for completion of a water tower to be used primarily for the youth detention facility currently being constructed. The Board finds that the Tennessee Valley Authority has submitted a proposal for making funds available for use in the construction of the necessary water tower and improvements. The Board further finds that, upon clarification of any legal requirements, the Board of Aldermen should enter into a loan agreement with Tennessee Valley Authority in the approximate amount of \$190,000.00.

On motion and second duly made and by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Aldermen,

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

it is hereby ordered that the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Walnut Grove does hereby express its intent to pursue a loan arrangement with Tennessee Valley Authority for approximately \$190,000.00 for the purpose of constructing a water tower and related expenses.

So ordered in open and regular session on this the 2nd day of May, 2000.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CLERK

RESOLUTION

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Walnut Grove, Mississippi presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE MEMORIALIZING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE LATE ALDERMAN BILLY GILMER.

WHEREAS, Billy Gilmer served the citizens of the Town of Walnut Grove through his dedicated service as Alderman and his significant contributions to the Town as a private citizen through the use of the Gilmer Theater and his instrumental role in planning and preparation of Walnut Grove Day each year;

WHEREAS, Billy Gilmer had a substantial impact on the Town of Walnut Grove and proved himself to be a dedicated leader, community activist and teacher;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Walnut Grove are deeply saddened by the loss of their colleague, fellow board member and friend;

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", and
Alderman Leon Young voted "Aye",

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mayor and Board of Alderman of The Town of Walnut Grove adopt this resolution memorializing the life and contributions of Billy Gilmer.

SO RESOLVED, this the 2nd day of May, 2000.



GRADY SIMS, MAYOR



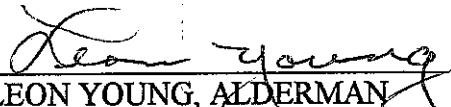
W.C. CROFT, ALDERMAN



MARCUS ELLIS, ALDERMAN




DON GOMILLION, ALDERMAN



LEON YOUNG, ALDERMAN

ATTEST:



ADA CHAMBLEE,
CLERK

IN RE: LEASE OF BUILDING FOR MEDICAL OFFICE

The Board of Aldermen next considered entering into a lease agreement with Carefirst Group, Inc. for a vacant building within the Town of Walnut Grove to be utilized as a medical office building. The Board of Aldermen finds and determines that the Town of Walnut Grove is in desperate need for a medical clinic. The Board of Aldermen further finds that the building in question, being identified as the "old medical clinic" building (a) is no longer needed for municipal or related purposes and not to be used in the operation of the municipality, (b) that a lease of such property in the manner otherwise provided by law is not necessary or desirable for the financial welfare of the municipality, and (c) that the use of such property for the purpose for which it is to be sold, conveyed or leased will promote and foster the development and improvement of the community in which it is located and the civic, social, educational, cultural, moral, economic or industrial welfare thereof. The Board of Aldermen further finds that, prior to the actual payment of rent beginning on April 1, 2001, the property shall be appraised by three (3) professional property appraisers selected by the municipality and approved by the Lessee.

On motion and second duly made and by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Aldermen,


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

it is hereby ordered that the following lease agreement is approved and the Mayor is authorized to sign on behalf of the Town of Walnut Grove.

So ordered in open and regular session on this the 2nd day of May, 2000.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CLERK

ORDER DECLARING VACANCY IN OFFICE
OF ALDERMEN AND CALLING AN ELECTION
FOR THE FILLING OF SUCH VACANCY

It appearing unto the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Walnut Grove, Mississippi, that there now exists a vacancy in the office of the Board of Aldermen in and for said Town due to the death of Billy V. Gilmer, who died April 29, 2000, and that the remaining term of said Aldermen is more than 6 months, and that it is necessary under the provisions of Section 23-15-857, Mississippi Code of 1972, to call an election to fill said vacancy. On motion duly made and seconded and on an affirmative vote of the Mayor and remaining vote of the Aldermen, it was ordered that a vacancy is found to exist in the office of Aldermen in and for the Town of Walnut Grove, Mississippi, and that a special election be and the same is hereby called to fill said vacancy, and said election shall be held on June 13, 2000. Said election shall be held in the usual polling precinct in Walnut Grove and shall conform to general elections the same as are held in the State of Mississippi. If no candidate receives a majority of vote at said special election, a run-off election will be held on June 23, 2000, at which time the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes on June 13, 2000, will be on the ballot.

Candidates desiring to qualify for the election shall qualify with the Town Clerks as required by law on or before the hour of 12 o'clock on the 3rd day of June, 2000.

In the event only one candidate qualified on or before that said deadline, the Election Commission shall certify said candidate as the duly elected person to fill said vacancy, in which event no election will be held.

In the event no person shall have qualified at least 10 days prior to the date of the election, the governing authority, or remainder of the governing authority, shall dispense with the election and fill the vacancy by appointment.

It was further ordered that a copy of the order be published in the Carthaginian, a newspaper published in Leake County, Mississippi, and having a general circulation in the Town of Walnut Grove, Mississippi, on May 11, and May 18, and May 25, and that a copy of this order be posted in three public places in the Town of Walnut Grove, Mississippi.

SO ORDERED IN A REGULAR MEETING, this the 2nd day of May, 2000.

Grady Sims, Mayor

Attest:

Ada Chamblee, Town Clerk

I, Ada Chamblee, duly elected Town Clerk in and for the Town of Walnut Grove, Mississippi, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the order passed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Walnut Grove, Mississippi, of record on the official minutes of said Town.

Witness the signature and seal of said Town, this the 2nd day of May, 2000.

Ada Chamblee
(11-30-3tc)

The following bills were presented and ordered paid from
Fire Protection Funds:

Fire House	Fire Department	45.97
Sunbelt Fire Apparatus	Fire Equipment	1950.00
Gall's Inc.	Fire Department	51.98
Direct Safety Co.	Fire Department	22.18

The following bills were presented and ordered paid from
General Town Funds:

Hal Arnold Entertainment	W G Day	114.50
MS Power Company	Power	90.92
Carthage Small Engine	Lawn Mower Expense	393.95
Solid Waste Dept.	Trash Cost	5097.76
Bell South	Library Maintance	98.06
Dickerson Petroleum	Patrol Car	2.77
Mid South Uniform	Law Enforcement	78.91
Leake Co. Correctional	Jail Cost	645.00
Juanita Hayes	Employees Insurance	107.50
The Carthaginian	Publication	350.00
Jeff Webb	Legal	256.50
Starmark	Employees Insurance	573.43
Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	1299.03
Bank of Walnut Grove	W H Taxes	656.00
The Equitable	Employee Insurance	130.00
Robert Brown, Constable	Fine Assessment	25.00
George C. Robertson	Fine Assessment	100.00
State Treasurer	Fine Assessment	627.00

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

Ada Chamblee	Office Salary	1387.50
Starmark	Employees Insurance	1895.76
The Equitable	Employees Insurance	257.50
Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	895.74
Bank of Walnut Grove	W H Taxes	529.00
W G Police Dept	Miscellanous (AD)	100.00
MS Power Company	Power	113.41
Sunflower	Maintance	53.54
Motor Parts & Gear	Maintance	7.61
Carthage Printing	Office Supplies	11.52
Wal Mart	Maintance	113.69
Dement Printing	Office supplies	277.91
Weatherford Oil Co.	Gas & Oil	649.50
A T & T	Phones	6.53
Cenco Inc.	Chemicals	508.00
MS State Tax Comm.	Sale Tax	637.00
Bell South	Phones	153.17
Sistrunk's Texaco	Maintance	91.80
Postmaster	Postage	58.00

Officer's Salaries:

Grady Sims	Mayor	800.00
Judge Johnny Pope	Judge	400.00
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
Jeff Webb	Attorney	200.00
Ada Chamblee	Town Clerk	100.00

The following salaries, were also paid:

Jerry Millsaps	Maintance Supervisor	2080.00
Mark Trippe	Maintance	1928.16
James Earl Johnson	Maintance-Summer	882.00
Tim Palmer	Marshal	2500.00
Tony Smith	Deputy	2200.00
Benny Withers	Deputy	1872.00
Patrick Zollicoffer	Deputy	886.09

Balance on hand, May 31, 2000:

General Town Funds	15487.90
Street Tax Funds	1309.97
Fire Protection Funds	279.45
Gas System Revenue Funds	116025.94
Gas System Operation Funds	18969.10
Gas System Meter Deposits	13011.40
Water & Sewer Revenue Funds	6571.60
Water & Sewer Operation Funds	1826.54
Water System Meter Deposits	2253.63

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

The meeting was ADJOURNED.

So ordered in a regular meeting, 2nd day of May, 2000.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED.

Mayor

attest;

ada Chambliss

Town Clerk