

TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE MINUTES OF
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2000

BE IT REMEMBERED and it is hereby certified to that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, September 5, 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:

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| Grady Sims | Mayor |
| W. C. Croft, Jr. | Aldermen |
| Don Gomillion | Aldermen |
| Marcus Ellis, Jr. | Aldermen |
| Brian Gomillion | Aldermen |
| Rev. Leon Young | Aldermen |
| Ada Chamblee | Town Clerk |
| Jeff Webb | Attorney |

The following business was transacted to-wit, after prayer by Aldermen, Rev. Leon Young.

Brian Gomillion, Aldermen, made the motion to prohibit smoking in the following buildings owned by the Town of Walnut Grove, City Hall, Old City Hall, Library, Medical Clinic Building and Fire Station, this motion was seconded by Aldermen Don Gomillion and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

The Clerk requested a transfer from Gas System Revenue of \$15,000.00 into General Town Funds, this request was granted on motion by Aldermen Brian Gomillion, seconded by Aldermen Don Gomillion and unanimous approval by all the Board of Aldermen.

Bob Wells and associates from the University of Southern Mississippi Center for Community and Economic Development proposed to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen in exchange for transportation costs of staff and students, to develop a comprehensive land use, zoning and capital improvement plan for the Town of Walnut Grove. Brian Gomillion, Aldermen, made the Motion with Marcus Ellis, Jr., Aldermen seconded and an "AYE" vote from all the Board of Aldermen.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen unanimously agreed to go into partnership with Tennessee Valley Authority, Central Electric Power Association, and Leake County Industrial Development Association, on a sign for the Walnut Grove - Leake County industrial park on Highway 35 in Walnut Grove on motion by Aldermen Brian Gomillion and seconded by Aldermen Marcus Ellis. The sign will be a permanent brick sign size 6 foot by 20 foot and the amount to be contributed is \$1,000.00 and do site preparation by the maintance crew.

Attorney Jeff Webb asked for authority to get clear title to the railroad property the Town wants from Monticello Hardwood, as the railroad just gave Monticello Hardwood a quick-claim deed for the property, this was approved on motion by Aldermen Marcus Ellis, seconded by Aldermen Don Gomillion, and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

N. L. Carson, Ray Britt, and Linda Shepard from the Leake County Industrial and Economic Development Board to request up to \$5,000.00 for operating costs for the year 2001 and to make it a yearly budget item, this was approved on motion by Aldermen Brian Gomillion, seconded by Aldermen Marcus Ellis and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

Jennifer Buford³ of East Central Planning and Development made known to the Town officials of a police grant for unbudgeted items for up to \$8,000.00 with 10% matching funds. It was approved to apply for this grant on motion made by Aldermen Brian Gomillion, seconded by Aldermen Marcus Ellis and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

Mildred Tucker came to the meeting to request natural gas services be extended down Old Jackson Road in Scott County to her home and some neighbors. No action was taken on this matter at this time the Mayor and Maintenance Supervisor are to look at extending the gas line costs and how many customers it would add and report back to the Board of Aldermen.

Jimmie Lewis Deputy#3 resigned and his resignation was accepted on motion by Aldermen Marcus Ellis, seconded by Aldermen W. C. Croft, and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

Only two applications were received for the Deputy #3 position Dustan Sanders and Mac Arthur Williamson, since no applicant is certified, it was decided to advertise the deputy position in the Carthaginian, Scott County Times, and the Clarion Ledger for three weeks on motion by Aldermen Don Gomillion, seconded by Aldermen Marcus Ellis and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid on motion by Aldermen Don Gomillion, seconded by Aldermen Marcus Ellis and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid from

Gas System Operation Funds:

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| Ada Chamblee | Office Salary | 1487.50 |
| STarmark | Employees Insurance | 1711.63 |
| The Equitable | Employees Insurance | 257.50 |
| Bank of Walnut Grove | Payroll Taxes | 922.03 |
| Bank of Walnut Grove | W H Taxes | 602.00 |
| MS Power Company | Power | 875.45 |
| Wal Mart | Maintance | 344.16 |
| Joiner's | Maintance | 40.49 |
| Malone Tractor | Maintance | 19.58 |
| Sistrunk's Texaco | Maintance | 181.42 |
| Sunflower | Maintance | 184.09 |
| McGivney Tire Service | Maintance | 77.67 |
| Motor Parts & Gear | Maintance | 263.59 |
| First Carthage- Cox | Insurance - Bond | 50.00 |
| A T & T | Phones | 71.30 |
| Carthage printing | Office Supplies | 31.98 |
| The Carthaginian | Publication | 23.24 |
| Frontier Ford | Maintance | 133.32 |
| G & C Supply | Maintance | 433.22 |
| L. W. Gatewood | Maintance | 246.41 |
| John G. Weatherford | Gas & Oil | 704.50 |
| MS P E R S | Retirement | 13.23 |
| MS Natural Gas Assoc. | Fees & Dues | 190.00 |
| Viking Office Supply | Office Supplies | 46.53 |
| B B I | Billing | 382.61 |
| MS State Tax Comm. | Sale Tax | 381.00 |
| Bell South | Phones | 338.48 |
| G & C Supply Co. | Maintance | 100.30 |
| Postmaster | Postage | 57.60 |

The following bills were presented and ordered paid from

Water & Sewer Operation Funds:

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| Ada Chamblee | Office Salary | 112.50 |
| Roger Warren | Maintance | 300.00 |
| Bank of Walnut Grove | Payroll Taxes | 454.33 |
| MS Power Company | Power | 1137.32 |
| MS Power Company | Sewer Lift Power | 149.35 |
| Thomas Drilling | Maintance | 31.45 |
| Central Pipe Supply | Maintance | 293.64 |
| Dixie Wholesale | Maintance | 38.41 |
| Industrial Chem Labs | Maintance | 458.21 |
| Central Electric Power | Sewer Lift Power | 31.96 |
| Bell South | Phones | 85.60 |
| Postmaster | Postage | 45.00 |

The following bills were presented and ordered paid from

Fire Protection Funds:

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| A - 1 Auto Parts | Fire Department | 33.88 |
| Roper Supply | Fire Department | 310.31 |

The following bill was presented and ordered paid from

Street Tax Funds:

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| MS Power Company | Street Lights | 441.42 |
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The following bills were presented and ordered paid from
General Town Funds:

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| Leroy Rushing | Walnut Grove Day | 100.00 |
| Revalation | Walnut Grove Day | 450.00 |
| Hal Arnold Entertainment | Walnut Grove Day | 114.50 |
| Joe Lathem | Walnut Grove Day | 700.00 |
| Ken Royaline | Walnut Grove Day | 300.00 |
| Bank of Walnut Grove | Payroll Taxes | 1366.05 |
| Bank of Walnut Grove | W H Taxes | 693.00 |
| The Equitable | Employees Insurance | 130.00 |
| Starmark | Employees Insurance | 559.43 |
| MS Power Company | Power | 403.00 |
| Carthage Small Engine | Lawn Mower Repair | 10.00 |
| Barnes Brother Trucking | Street Repair | 2082.82 |
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| Grady Sims | Travel | 83.49 |
| Leake Co. Board | Trash Cost | 30.00 |
| Leake Co. Jail | Jail Cost | 315.00 |
| Roper Supply | Patrol Car Equip. | 1751.96 |
| Bell South | Library Maintance | 97.52 |
| Jeff Webb | Legal | 285.00 |
| Withers Auto Repair | Patrol Car | 60.00 |
| Louise Grimes | Election Expense | 50.00 |
| J. D. Gomillion | Election Expense | 50.00 |
| Naomi Lewis | Election Expense | 50.00 |
| Leake Co Firefighters | Fees & Dues | 90.00 |
| State Treasurer | Fine assessments | 933.00 |
| Mid MS Regional Library | 1/6 Library Budget | 2338.88 |

Officer's Salaries:

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| Grady Sims | Mayor | 800.00 |
| W. C. Croft, Jr. | Aldermen | 150.00 |
| Don Gomillion | Aldermen | 150.00 |
| Marcus Ellis, Jr. | Aldermen | 150.00 |
| Brian Gomillion | Aldermen | 150.00 |
| Rev. Leon Young | Aldermen | 150.00 |
| Ada Chamblee | Town Clerk | 100.00 |
| Johnny Pope | Municipal Judge | 400.00 |
| Jeff Webb | Attorney | 200.00 |

The following salaries were also paid:

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| Jerry Millsaps | Maintance Supervisor | 2080.00 |
| Mark Trippe | Maintance | 2000.00 |
| James Earl Johnson | Maintance | 924.00 |
| Tim Palmer | Marshal | 2500.00 |
| Benny Withers | Deputy | 2000.00 |
| Jimmy Lewis | Deputy | 937.50 |
| Patrick Zollicoffer | Deputy | 787.20 |

Balance on hand, August 31, 2000:


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| General Town Funds | 3207.85 |
| Street Tax Funds | 1082.09 |
| Fire Protection Funds | 7085.18 |
| Gas System Revenue Funds | 73844.72 |
| Gas System Operation Funds | 31589.86 |
| Gas System Meter Deposits | 12680.90 |
| Water & Sewer Revenue Funds | 8456.72 |
| Water & Sewer Operation Funds | 2683.47 |
| Water System Meter Deposits | 2358.63 |

There being no further business, on motion duly made and seconded. The meeting was RECESSED, until 6:00 p.m., Thursday, September 7, 2000, for sewer grant and to any and all business pertaining to the Town of Walnut Grove, Mississippi.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


TOWN CLERK

MINUTES OF RECESSED MEETING OF
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 7, 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 September meeting, September 7, 2000, at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, 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:

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| Grady Sims | Mayor |
| W. C. Croft, Jr. | Aldermen |
| Don Gomillion | Aldermen |
| Marcus Ellis, Jr. | Aldermen |
| Brian Gomillion | Aldermen |
| Rev. Leon Young | Aldermen |
| Ada Chamblee | Town Clerk |

The following business was transacted to-wit:

The Mayor and Board approved the paying of Leake County Firefighters Association dues of \$5.00 per firefighter (18) on motion by Aldermen Brian Gomillion, seconded by Aldermen Marcus Ellis, and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

The Town's election Commissioners and Town Clerk are going to election certification in Jackson, September 9, 2000, and the clerk request permission to pay the election commissioners \$50.00 each that attend the schooling. This request was granted on motion by Aldermen Marcus Ellis, seconded by Aldermen Brian Gomillion and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

The Mayor requested permission to sign the contract with East Central Planning and Development on the sewer grant, this was unanimously approved by the Aldermen on motion made by Aldermen Brian Gomillion and seconded by Aldermen Marcus Ellis.

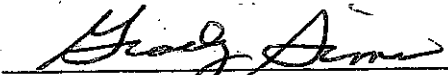
Approval was also needed for advertising for an engineer for the sewer project, this was approved for advertising on motion by Aldermen Brian Gomillion, seconded by Aldermen Marcus Ellis and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

Aldermen W. C. Croft made the motion to hire Dustan Sanders for the Walnut Grove Police Department as Deputy. Motion died for lack of a second.

On certain days there will be no police coverage from 6:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m., til a police deputy is hired, it is to be left to the Marshal to fix a schedule for patrolling. The police job is to advertised for three weeks and at the end of that three weeks all applications will be considered including Dustan Sanders. This was approved on motion made by Aldermen Marcus Ellis, seconded by Aldermen Don Gomillion and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

There being no further business, on motion duly made and seconded. The meeting was RECESSED until Wednesday, September 13, 2000, at 5:30 p.m., at which time the Mayor and Board of Aldermen will set the millage rate for land and personal taxes and to any and all business pertaining to the Town of Walnut Grove, Mississippi.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


TOWN CLERK

MINUTES OF RECESSED MEETING OF
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2000

BE IT REMEMBERED and it is hereby certified to that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in recessed session pursuant to its regular September meeting, September 13, 2000, 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, 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:

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| Grady Sims | Mayor |
| W. C. Croft, Jr. | Aldermen |
| Don Gomillion | Aldermen |
| Brian Gomillion | Aldermen |
| Ada Chamblee | Town Clerk |

The following was absent:

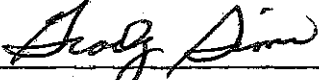
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| Rev. Leon Young | Aldermen |
| Marcus Ellis, Jr. | Aldermen |

The following business was transacted to-wit:

The Attorney Jeff Webb had informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the tax millage rate would have to be adjusted due to the new land assessments. This was approved on Aldermen Don Gomillion's motion, seconded by Aldermen W. C. Croft and an "AYE" vote by all the Aldermen present. The tax millage rate is now 12.15.


There being no further business, on motion duly made and seconded. The meeting was RECESSED, until September 26, 2000, 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, for the new budget adoption and to any and all business pertaining to the Town of Walnut Grove, Mississippi.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED.



Mayor

Attest:



Town Clerk

MINUTES OF RECESSED MEETING OF
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 26, 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 September meeting, Tuesday, September 26, 2000, at 6:00 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:

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| Grady Sims | Mayor |
| W. C. Croft, Jr. | Aldermen |
| Don Gomillion | Aldermen |
| Marcus Ellis, Jr. | Aldermen |
| Brian Gomillion | Aldermen |
| Rev Leon Young | Aldermen |
| Ada Chamblee | Town Clerk |

The following business was transacted to-wit:

The following budget was approved on motion made by Aldermen W. C. Croft, seconded by Aldermen Brian Gomillion and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

Aldermen Brian Gomillion made the motion to buy six KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL signs at \$33.00 apiece for a total of \$198.00 for the parks and entrance ways into Town, this motion was seconded by Aldermen Don Gomillion and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

The Mayor requested that a pager be bought for the maintenance supervisor, from P J's at \$53.50 and \$15.00 a month service fee per month after the 1st month \$53.50, this request was granted on motion made by Aldermen Brian Gomillion, seconded by Aldermen Marcus Ellis and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

Howard Watkins a certified police officer was hired at a salary of \$1,875.00 per month on motion by Aldermen W. C. Croft, seconded by Aldermen Marcus Ellis, and an "AYE" vote by Aldermen Leon Young and a "NO" vote by Aldermen Don Gomillion and a "NO" vote by Aldermen Brian Gomillion. Howard Watkins was the applicant for the police deputy job that the Mayor and Marshal recommended .

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

So ordered in a recessed meeting, this the 26th day of September, 2000.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED.

Attest:

Ada Chamblee
Town Clerk

Grady Sims
Mayor