

TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE MINUTES OF
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN HELD
ON DECEMBER 3, 2002

BE IT REMEMBERED and it is hereby certified to that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, December 3, 2002, at 6:00 p.m., at the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor Grady Sims.

There were present:

Grady Sims	Mayor
W. C. Croft, Jr.	Aldermen
Darla Mayo	Aldermen
Pamela Gill	Aldermen
Jerry Darby	Aldermen
David Dumas	Aldermen
Jeff Webb	Attorney
Ada Chamblee	Town Clerk
Brent King	City manager

After prayer by Mayor, Grady Sims, the following business was transacted to-wit:

The Mayor and board of Aldermen authorized a one-time \$50.00 payraise on each employees check for the extra work they have to do during the holiday season on the December 15, 2002 paychecks on motion made by Aldermen Mayo, seconded by Aldermen Croft and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

The Town's annual supper will be held at the Main Street Deli on December 16, 2002, at 7:00p.m., this was approved to have the supper and pay for it on motion by Aldermen Croft, seconded by Aldermen Gill and unanimous approval by all the Board of Aldermen.

New computer programs of billing, court, and accounting were approved to be purchased from Flowell Systems of Brandon as they were cheaper than BBI's programs, on motion made by Aldermen Dumas, seconded by Aldermen Darby and an "AYE" vote vby all the Board of Aldermen.

David Dees former police deputy of Walnut Grove has requested his one week vacation pay, this request was approved for payment on motion by Aldermen Mayo, seconded by Aldermen Croft, and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

On motion by Aldermen Mayo, seconded by Aldermen Dumas, and unanimous board approval for Town Clerk, Ada Chamblee to attend the Clerks Certification update in Jackson.

Brent King requested that the water tank beside Choctaw Maid Hatchery needs to be cleaned and inspected and Layne Central will do the job for \$1000.00. Aldermen Dumas, seconded by Aldermen Croft, and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen to hire Layne Central for the water tank job.

Hunter Environmental will repair the sewer lift pump at the lagoon for \$1447.50 as parts have rusted and need replacing, this job was authorized on Aldermen Mayo's motion that was seconded by Aldermen Dumas and unanimously approved by all the Board of Aldermen.

The Mayor was authorized to sign a contract with Tower Link America for the purpose of helping the Town to get a mobile phone antenna from a major company installed on one or more of the water tanks as the Town as has little to no reception for mobile phones in this area, on motion made by Aldermen Gill, seconded by Aldermen Dumas and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen this contract was approved.

The Mayor presented the Board of Aldermen with 4 applications for the Town Marshal's job with the Walnut Grove Police Department. They are Ricky Lewis, Benny Withers, Micheal Harper and Darren Horn. Micheal Harper and family were present and also Ricky Lewis' fiancée was present.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen went into executive session on motion by Aldermen Dumas, seconded by Aldermen Gill and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

The Mayor requested WGPDI that had been dismissed by the Board to be reinstated to Marshal. The pros and cons of each applicant was discussed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Aldermen Darby, seconded by Aldermen Mayo and unanimous approval by all the Board of Aldermen to come out of executive session.

Micheal Harper was decided to be the best candidate because of his law enforcement education. He was hired on a 6 month probation with evaluation every three months and a salary of \$28,000.00 per year on motion by Aldermen Darby, seconded by Aldermen Gill, and approved by the Board of Aldermen.

Aldermen Croft made a motion to promote WGPDI Benny Withers to Town Marshal, motion died for lack of a second.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid on motion by Aldermen Mayo, seconded by Aldermen Dumas 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	1687.50
Municipal Gas Authority	Gas Purchased	17860.63
Starmark	Employees Insurance	3718.38
A U L	Employees Insurance	361.52
MS Power Company	Power	258.06
Wal Mart	Maintenance	879.96
Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	1247.15
Bank of Walnut Grove	W H Taxes	824.00
Motor Parts & Gear	Maintenance	36.59
Carthage Auto Parts	Maintenance	54.80
Thomas Drilling	Maintenance	169.77
Carlton Oil Company	Gas & Oil	963.38
Viking Office Products	Office Supplies	115.39
Grainger	Maintenance	346.12
A T & T	Phones	33.79
Arch Wireless	Phone	36.15
Bellsouth	Phones	204.69
Hunter Environmental	Maintenance	108.20
Safety & Compliance Eval.	Maintenance	495.00
MS State Tax Commission	Sale Tax	907.00
American Security Cabinets	Equipment Purchased	407.00
MS One Call System	Fees & Dues	200.00
Postmaster	Postage	70.92
Flo Well Systems	Computer Programs	6790.00
Advantage Energy	Gas Purchased	42235.03
Main Street Deli	Miscellaneous	774.25

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

Ada Chamblee	Office Salary	112.50
Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	415.03
Bank of Walnut Grove	W H Taxes	90.00
MS Power Company	Sewer Lift Power	336.35
Central Electric Power	Sewer Lift Power	25.37
MS Power Company	Power	1064.95
Dixie Wholesale Water	Maintenance	309.00
Royal Chemicals	Chemicals	4669.64
MS Development Authority	Cap Loan Payment	3455.88
Hunter Environmental	Maintenance	555.00
MS State Dept of Health	Fees & Dues	30.00
Bellsouth	Phones	128.40
T V A	Loan Payment	3683.47
Postmaster	Postage	45.00
U P S	Postage (sewer sample)	9.67

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

MS State University	Fees & Dues	75.00
Postmaster	Postage	24.29
MS Power Company	Power	162.69
Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	1783.86
Bank of Walnut Grove	W H Taxes	510.00
The Carthaginian	Publication	203.00
Leake Co. Solid Waste	Trash Cost	3516.45
DPS Law Enforcement	Law Enforcement	35.00
Frontier Ford	Patrol Car	164.78
Frontier Ford	Patrol Car Lease	1094.56
Mid South Uniform	Law Enforcement	479.95
Leake Co. Regional	Jail Cost	345.00
Withers Auto	Patrol Car	5.00
Sistrunk's Texaco	Patrol Car	104.25
Goodyear Tires	Patrol Car	453.84
Mike Williams	Law Enforcement	195.00
Jeff Webb	Legal	336.00
Bellsouth	Library Maintenance	103.12
A U L	Employees Insurance	51.00
Starmark	Employees Insurance	321.91

Gary Crimm	Cash Bond	619.00
Daaryl Jones	Cash Bond	539.00
Flo Well Systems	Computer Programs	5200.00

Officer's Salaries:

Grady Sims	Mayor	1000.00
W. C. Croft, Jr.	Aldermen	200.00
Jerry Darby	Aldermen	200.00
David Dumas	Aldermen	200.00
Pamela Gill	Alderwomen	200.00
Darla Mayo	Alderwomen	200.00
Ada Chamblee	Town Clerk	100.00
Jaff Webb	Attorney	200.00
Johnny Pope	Municipal Judge	400.00

The following salaries were also paid:

Brent King	City Manager	2557.45
Jerry Millsaps	Maintenance	2287.44
Mark Trippe	Maintenance	2257.44
James Earl Johnson	Maintenance	1213.82
Mike Harper	Marshal	1220.49
Benny Withers	Deputy #2	3077.25
Kevin Polk	Deputy #3	2805.24
Toby Gill	Deputy #5	937.02
David Alexander	Deputy #4	1014.24
David Dees	Vacation Pay	587.50

Balance on hand, December 1, 2002:

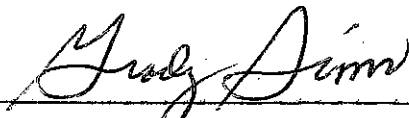
General Town Funds	37,711.75
Street Tax Funds	6,674.48
Fire Protection Funds	4,326.36
Gas System Revenue Funds	78,035.87
Gas System Operation Funds	31,265.90
Gas System Meter Deposits	13,893.07
Water & Sewer Revenue Funds	8,408.84
Water & Sewer Operation Funds	3,382.82
Water System Meter Deposits	3,273.63

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

The meeting was ADJOURNED.

So ordered in a regular meeting the 3rd day of December, 2002.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED.



 Mayor

Attest:



 Town Clerk