

TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE MINUTES OF
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 1, 2003

BE IT REMEMBERED and it is hereby certified to that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, April 1, 2003, at 6:00 p.m., in 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
Jerry Darby	Aldermen
David Dumas	Aldermen
Pamela Gill	Alderwomen
Darla Mayo	Alderwomen
Ada Chamblee	Town Clerk
Brent King	City Manager
Mike Harper	Marshal

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

Tommy Malone Leake County Fire Coordinator met with Mayor and Board of Aldermen requesting them to join in the SMAC agreement. The SMAC agreement was adopted and Mayor Grady Sims given permission to sign the agreement on motion made by Aldermen Dumas, seconded by Aldermen Gill and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

Marco/Margrove Apparel Co. matter of past due rent and utilities was tabled til May 2003 meeting.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen approved advertising for bids on maintenance work to be done on the HWY 35 water tank on motion by Aldermen Dumas, seconded by Aldermen Croft, and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

The Chamber of Commerce for Leake County President Brain Gomillion informed the Mayor and Aldermen about the Banquet given by the Chamber to promote Leake County. On motion by Aldermen Croft, seconded by Alderwomen Mayo to purchase 17 tickets for officials and department heads who wished to attend the banquet and unanimously approved by all the Aldermen.

D. W. Boyd has asked to buy the old city hall on pine street, the Mayor was given authority to investigate the matter on motion by Alderwomen Mayo, seconded by Aldermen Croft and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

Jeff Webb reported he is still negotiating with Mississippi Regional Housing on agreement for the Town to take over their gas lines outside their apartments.

The matter of raising water rates was tabled til May 20003, meeting.

Marshal Mike Harper was approved to go to the D. A. R. E. conference being held at the Silver Star on motion by Alderwomen Mayo, seconded by Aldermen Dumas and unanimous approval by all the Aldermen.

Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police convention being held in Biloxi was approved for Marshal Harper to attend on motion by Alderwomen Gill, seconded by Aldermen Darby and an "AYE" vote by all the Aldermen.

The Clerk requested permission to attend a class in Jackson on land tax sales given by MS Extension Service in April, it was approved for her to go on motion by Alderwomen Mayo, seconded by Aldermen Dumas and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

Marshal Harper made known to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of Hemlock Street needing a street light. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen unanimously approved the new street light on motion made by Aldermen Dumas and seconded by Alderwomen Gill.

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

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

Ada Chamblee	Office Salary	112.50
Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	211.68
Bank of Walnut Grove	W H Taxes	45.00
MS Power Company	Sewer Lift Power	355.85
Central Electric Power	Sewer Lift Power	29.70
MS Power Company	Power	1076.35
Barnett Mechanical	Maintenance	987.50
Royal Chemical Inc.	Chemicals	2921.08
Cenco Inc.	Chemicals	3377.46
MS Development	Cap Loan Payment	2669.99
Bellsouth	Phones	308.16
Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	194.47
Bank of Walnut Grove	W H Taxes	45.00
T V A	Loan Payment	3683.47
Postmaster	Postage	45.00

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

MS Power Company	Street Lights	549.69
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The following bills have been presented and ordered paid from
Gas System Operation Funds:

Ada Chamblee	Office Salary	1687.50
A U L	Employees Insurance	293.52
Starmark	Employees Insurance	3748.38
Ditch Witch Sales	Equipment Purchased	3260.18
Sistrunk's Texaco	Maintenance	64.00
Hunter Environmental	Maintenance	61.83
Consolidated Pipe	Maintenance	389.63
Grainger	Maintenance	285.28
Wal Mart	Maintenance	833.46
Windham Tractor	Maintenance	212.88
Motor Parts & Gear	Maintenance	75.07
Thomas Drilling	Maintenance	322.63
Leake Co. Co-op	Maintenance	216.20
Midstate Tire Service	Maintenance	7.50
Viking Office Supplies	Office Supplies	113.64
McGraw Hill	Office Supplies	5.60
Stamp Fulfillment	Office Supplies	210.85
Carlton Oil Co.	Gas & Oil	1339.15
Bellsouth	Phones	243.79
A T & T	Phones	72.78
Teletouch	Phones	143.28
MS State Tax Comm.	Sale Tax	907.00
MS Power Co.	Power	118.59
MS Emp. Sec. Comm.	Unemployment taxes	950.75
Leake Co. Chamber	Miscellaneous	340.00
Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	813.87
Bank of Walnut Grove	W H Taxes	538.00
General Town	Employees Retirement	1415.63
Leake Co. Chamber	Miscellaneous (ad)	325.00
Jimmie Lewis	Overpayment on bill	80.69
Advantage Energy	Gas Purchased	65269.71
Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	433.28
Bank of Walnut Grove	W H Taxes	286.00
Postmaster	Postage	72.07

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

Frontier Ford	Patrol Car Lease	1094.56
MS State Ext Service	Dues & Fees	60.00
Dare Officers Assoc.	Dues & Fees	150.00
Ms Power Co.	Power	284.23
Leake Co Solid	Trash Cost	3692.11
Lawrence Printing	Office Supplies	257.82
Carthage printing	Office Supplies	45.75
Bank of Walnut Grove	Office Supplies	12.00
Dement Printing Co	Office Supplies	216.52
Leake Co. Jail	Jail Cost	615.00
Mid South Uniform	Law Enforcement	185.91
James TV Repair	Patrol Car	75.00
Frontier Ford	Patrol Car	19.60
First Carthage Cox	Insurance	175.00
H & H Chief Sales	Equipment	5200.00
Dickerson & Bowen	Street Repairs	87.03
Bellsouth	Library maintenance	104.06
MS Municipal Clerks	Fees & Dues	10.00
M A C P	Fees & Dues	175.00
Isle of Capri	Convention Expense	444.00
Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	725.68
Bank of Walnut Grove	W H Taxes	250.00
A U L	Employees Insurance	169.00
Starmark	Employees Insurance	483.54
Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	559.20
Bank of Walnut Grove	W H Taxes	243.00

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
Darla Mayo	Alderwomen	200.00
Pamela Gill	Alderwomen	200.00
Ada Chamblee	Town Clerk	100.00
Jeff Webb	Attorney	200.00
Carolyn Wilcher Thomas	Municipal Judge	400.00

The following salaries were also paid:


Brent King	City Manager	2500.00
Jerry Millsaps	Maintenance	2230.00
Mark Trippe	Maintenance	2200.00
James Earl Johnson	Maintenance	1276.00
Mike Harper	Marshal	2333.34
Benny Withers	Deputy #2	2337.40
Kevin Polk	Deputy #3	2238.28
David Alexander	Deputy #4	588.80

Balance on hand, March 31, 2003:

General Town Funds	25,185.37
Street Tax Funds	5,633.37
Fire Protection Funds	4,326.36
Gas System Revenue Funds	95,290.36
Gas System Operation Funds	28,900.16
Gas System Meter Deposits	14,613.07
Water & Sewer Revenue Fund	8,294.67
Water & Sewer Operation Funds	623.04
Water System Meter Deposit	3,273.63


There being no further business, on motion duly made and seconded. The meeting was RECESSED, until April 21, 2003, at 6:00 p.m., Monday, at which time the Mayor and Board of Aldermen will meet with the Business owners in Town to discuss how to help the stores stay in business while the bridge on HWY 35 is being replaced and the business are losing Scott County trade and to any and all business pertaining to the Town of Walnut Grove, Leake County, Mississippi.

Minutes Read and Approved.



 MAYOR

ATTEST:



 TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE RECESSED MINUTES
OF MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
HELD ON APRIL 21, 2003

BE IT REMEMBERED and it is hereby certified to that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in recess session pursuant to its regular April meeting on Monday, April 21, 2003, at 6:00 p.m., in 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:

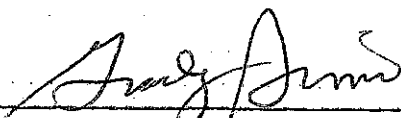
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The following business was transacted to-wit:

The following people met with the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the loss of business trade from Scott County with the HWY 35 bridge out, Ray Britt, President Bank of Walnut Grove, Wade Prather, Carthaginian newspaper, Jimmy Wilcher owner Camo Outlet, Gayle Evans owner Ariel's Flowers & Gifts, Dianne Thomas owner Dianne's Jeans & Things, William Neal owner Bill's Glass Service, Pat Jodon owner Main Street Deli, Johnny Fortune owner Fortune Mart, Linda Carr and Nelda Applewhite owners of Downtown Grill. The discussion was about lost trade to the businesses in Walnut Grove with the HWY 35 bridge out. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen decided to mail a letter to citizens in the Walnut Grove area making them aware of the Town's lost revenues on motion by Aldermen Dumas, seconded by Alderwomen Gill and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen. The letter is to be mailed Monday, April 28, 2003, and any business wishing to send a advertisement is to have them turned in by Friday.

There being no further business, on motion duly made and seconded. The meeting was ADJOURNED.
So ordered in a recessed meeting the 21, day of April, 2003.

minutes read and approved.



Mayor

Attest:



Town Clerk