

TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE MINUTES OF  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 3, 2004

BE IT REMEMBERED and it is hereby certified to that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on Tuesday, February 3, 2004, 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:

Grady Sims	Mayor
W. C. Croft, Jr.	Aldermen
David Dumas	Aldermen
Jerry Darby	Aldermen
Darla Mayo	Alderwomen
Pamela Gill	Alderwomen
Jeff Webb	Attorney
Ada Chamblee	Town Clerk
Micheal Harper	Marshal
Brent King	city Manager

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

The Town had a short audit done for the fiscal year 2002-2003 due to a shortage of funds with the Town doing street paving this year. The audit presented by Buddy Ellzey of Butchart, Ellzey & Associates was adopted and approved on motion made by Aldermen Dumas, seconded by Aldermen Croft and na "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

Dale Rogers spoke to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to request Camo Kids Lane to be opened and made to where trucks could get in and out of his warehouse. The discussion was to move the street to the railrail bed where it would be easier and cheaper to fix a street. The owner of the railroad bed was to be contacted by the Mayor to see if he would sell or swap property on motion by Aldermen Darby, seconded by Alderwomen Mayo and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen. The Mayor was also authorized to request the Leake County Board of Supervisors help in fixing the street.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen approved for Marshal Micheal Harper to apply for grant to purchase bullet proof vests for the police officers on motion by Aldermen Dumas, seconded by Alderwoman Gill, and unanimously approved by all the Board of Aldermen.

No gas & oil supplies bids were received and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen ordered gas and oil products to be bought as before on motion by Alderwoman Mayo, seconded by Aldermen Dumas and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

Only one depository bid was received and it was from the Bank of Walnut Grove and was accepted on motion by Aldermen Croft, seconded by Alderwomen Mayo and anunamously approved.

Bank of Walnut Grove, President, Ray Britt, was appointed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to represent Walnut Grove on the Industrial Board for another term on motion by Aldermen Dumas, seconded by Aldermen Croft and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

Alderwomen Gill brought up the problems of charging garbage and land taxes to the Alexander family when they were not suppose to be annexed inside the City Limits. After discussion by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen they decided not to charge Eula Alrxander and Marvin Alexander taxes on motion made by Alderman Dumas, seconded by Alderwomen Mayo and unanimously approved by all the Board of Aldermen.

Marvin Jones Junior, Marcus Ellis, Roy and Jean Withers attended the Board meeting.

On motion by Aldermen Dumas, seconded by Aldermen Croft the Mayor and Board of Aldermen went into executive session to discuss an employee problem.

The discussion was Walnut Grove Police Deputy #2 (WGPD2) being seen in behavior not acceptable for a police officer.

The executive session ended on motion made by Alderwomen Mayo, seconded by Alderwomen Gill and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

The Mayor was authorized to accept WGPD2 resignation when given the resignation on motion by Alderwomen Mayo, seconded by Aldermen Darby and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

Mrs Jean Withers spoke to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen about WGPD2 needing his job as he has a family to support. No motion made.

The Mayor and Marshal were authorized to hire as needed part time help for the Police Department while short a full time officer on motion by Aldermen Dumas, seconded by Alderwomen Gill and unanimously approved by all the Board of Aldermen.

Mississippi Power Company looked over the downtown triangle and projected moving the main lines would cost around \$20,000.00. Mississippi Power Company has also discontinued the type of street light the Town has with two different kinds of street lights.

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

Gas System Operation:

Ada Chamblee	Office Salary	1787.50
Advantage Energy	Gas Purchased	73993.67
Sistrunk's Texaco	Maintenance	63.00
Starmark	Employee Insurance	2883.20
A U L	Employee Insurance	169.00
MS Power Company	Power	136.04
Cingular	Phones	242.28
Bellsouth	Phones	245.92
A T & T	Phones	85.50
Momar	Chemicals	669.08
Teletouch	Phones	42.89
MS State Tax Commission	Sale Tax	1191.00
Wal Mart	Maintenance	37.67
Sunflower	Maintenance	51.26
Thomas Drilling	Maintenance	8.39
Frontier Ford	Maintenance	668.88
Midstate Tire Service	Maintenance	236.92
Motor Parts & Gear	Maintenance	52.89
Hunter Environmental	Maintenance	104.50
Big Three Meter Repair	Maintenance	219.37
Leake County Co-Op	Maintenance	160.71
Carleton Oil Co.	Gas & Oil	1281.37
The Carthaginian	Miscellaneous	74.37
Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	857.22
Bank of Walnut Grove	W H Taxes	414.00
Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	461.33
Bank of Walnut Grove	W H Taxes	208.00
Postmaster	Postage	76.44

The following bills were presented and ordered paid from

General Town Funds:

Butchart Ellzey & Assoc.	Audit	4500.00
Frontier Ford	Patrol Car Lease	1094.56
Trustmark	Garbage Truck Note	2035.49
A U L	Employees Insurance	169.00
Starmark	Employees Insurance	513.21
MS Power Company	Power	415.62
Bellsouth	Library Maintenance	111.40
Central Electric Power	Ballpark	8.03
MMC Materials	Street Repairs	186.18
Waste Management	Trash Cost	1015.01
Webb Law Firm	Legal	534.00
Bill's Glass Service	City Hall Repairs	72.76
International IMC	Fees & Dues	80.00
Bill's Glass Service	Patrol Car Expense	53.50
Carthage Auto Parts	Patrol Car Expense	75.00
DPS Crime Lab	Law Enforcement	50.00
Leake Co. Jail.	Jail Cost	600.00
Steven McMillion	Law Enforcement	25.00
Dickerson Petroleum	Miscellaneous	616.56
Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	807.15
Bank of Walnut Grove	W H Taxes	317.00
Mid MS Regional Library	Library Budget	3750.83
Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	783.17
Bank of Walnut Grove	W H Taxes	317.00

The following bill was presented and ordered paid from

Street Tax Funds:

MS POWER Company	Street Lights	1055.94
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The following bills were presented and ordered paid from  
Water & Sewer Funds:

Ada Chamblee	Office Salary	112.50
MS Power Company	Power	1160.04
MS Power Company	Sewer Lift Power	509.87
Central Electric Power	Sewer Lift Power	18.86
Bellsouth	Phones	154.08
Hunter Environmental	Maintenance	490.00
MS Development Authority	Cap Loan Note	6984.40
Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	260.12
Bank of Walnut Grove	W H Taxes	99.00
T V A	Loan Payment	3683.47
Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	194.78
Bank of Walnut Grove	W H Taxes	68.00
Postmaster	Postage	45.00

Officer's Salaries:

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

The following salaries were also paid:

Jerry Millsaps	Maintenance	2330.00
Mark Trippe	Maintenance	2300.00
James Earl Johnson	Maintenance	1594.56
Brent King	City Manager	2666.66
Micheal Harper	Marshal	2500.00
Benny Withers	Deputy #2	2493.28
Kevin Polk	Deputy #3	2425.00
David Alexander	Deputy #4	276.00
Micheal Smith	Deputy #5	1800.00

Balance on hand, February 1, 2004:

General Town Funds	53503.22
Street Tax Funds	11894.27
Fire Protection Funds	4253.75
Gas System Revenue Funds	11106.36
Gas System Operation Funds	7600.83
Gas System Meter Deposits	15166.15
Water & Sewer Revenue Funds	3429.21
Water & Sewer Operation Funds	657.25
Water System Meter Deposit Funds	4403.63

There being no further business, on motion duly made and seconded.  
The meeting was RECESSED until February 16, 2004 at 6:00p.m.,  
Monday, to look over applications for a police deputy in Walnut  
Grove and possible hire a police deputy and to any and all  
business pertaining to the Town of Walnut Grove .  
So ordered in a regular meeting, the 3rd day of February, 2004.

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
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Town Clerk

TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE RECESSED MINUTES  
 OF MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
 HELD ON FEBRUARY 16, 2004

BEIT REMEMBERED and it is hereby certified to that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in recess session pursuant to its regular February meeting on Monday, February 16, 2004, at 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall, this being the time and place said meeting.

There were present:

Grady Sims	Mayor
W. C. Croft, Jr	Aldermen
David Dumas	Aldermen
Jerry Darby	Aldermen
Darla Mayo	Alderwomen
Ada Chamblee	Town Clerk
Micheal Harper	Marshal

The following was absent:

Pamela Gill                      Alderwomen (in school)

The following business was transacted to-wit:


Darron Horn was hired as a deputy for the Walnut Grove Police Department for a salary of \$1800.00 per month and a 90 day probation period on motion made by Aldermen Dumas, seconded by Aldermen Darby and an "AYE" vote by all the Aldermen present.

There being no further business on motion duly made and seconded. The meeting was RECESSED, until February 19, 2004, at 5:00 p.m., for a hhpulic hearing and Board meeting on the proposed poultry workers apartment complex and to any and all business pertaining to the Town of Walnut Grove.  
 So ordered in a recessed meeting the 16th day of February, 2004.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED.

  
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 MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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 TOWN CLERK

5:00 February 19, 2004

Nike Johnson

Betty L. Gornillion

Margretha Ellis

Naomi M. Lewis

Eva D. Ellis

Colby Dumas

Jakey Earleton

Jeff Embow

Jean Johnston

Jane Johnson Williams

Mary Liskwak

Tom B. Young

Laurie Embow

Kay Young

Carrie Blawman

James Mauts

Denny Palmer

Sherry Stalings Deese

Shed Ann Spence

Brian Lomelin

Ronda Mc Kaney

Gary Jimm

Patricia Clark

Jan H. Ellis

MARCUS D. ELLIS, FR.

Myrtle Parkman

J.P. Gornillion

TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE RECESSED MINUTES OF  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN HELD ON  
FEBRUARY 19, 2004

BE IT REMEMBERED and it is hereby certified to that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in recess session pursuant to its regular February meeting on Thursday, February 19, 2004, at 5:00 p.m., in the City Hall, this being the time and place for public hearing and board meeting.

There were present:

Gradys Sims	Mayor
W. C. Croft	Aldermen
Darla Mayo	Alderwomen
Pamela Gill	Alderwomen
Jerry Darby	Aldermen
David Dumas	Aldermen
Micheal Harper	Marshal
Ada Chamblee	Town Clerk

The following business was transacted to-wit:

Mr. Roger Swann of Pearl River Oppurtunities, Bobby Raborn of Housing & Finance Services and Clark and Carey Howell contractors met with the Citizens of Walnut Grove and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The project is a apartment complex that is to be rented to poultry workers 40% of the complex and to any other workers of any type the other 60% of the complex.

Citizens asked questions concerning the apartment complex concerning taxes, upkeep of apartments, police protection, impact on the community and cost of renting an apartment. A list of citizens attending this meeting is on the next page. The citizens attending the meeting made sure Mr. Swann, Mr. Raborn and the Howell's aware that they were not in favor of having this complex built in Walnut Grove.

The Mayor called for a vote by the Board of Aldermen on who would approve this apartment complex to be built in Walnut Grove, with the Town going on an application of funds to help finance this project. The vote was as follows:

Aldermen Jerry Darby	"NO"
Aldermen W. C. Croft, Jr.	"NO"
Aldermen David Dumas	"NO"
Alderwomen Pamela Gill	"NO"
Alderwomen Darla Mayo	"NO"

All Aldermen and Alderwomen voted no unanimously to not go on application to help secure funds for a poultry worker apartment complex in Walnut Grove on motion made by Aldermen Dumas and seconded by Aldermen Darby.

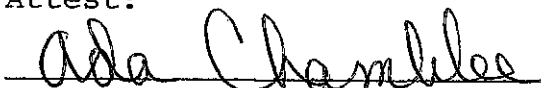
There being no further business on motion duly made and seconded. The meeting was ADJOURNED.

So ordered in a recess meeting the 19th day of February, 2004.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED.

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
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Ada Chamblee