

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

BE IT REMEMBERED and it is hereby certified to that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, August 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
Jerry Darby	Aldermen
David Dumas	Aldermen
Pamela Gill	Alderwomen
Darla Mayo	Alderwomen
Jeff Webb	Attorney
Ada Chamblee	Town Clerk
Micheal Harper	Marshal

The following was absent:

Brent King	City Manager (Gas Conference)
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After prayer by Mayor Grady Sims, the following business was transacted to-wit:

Linda Bounds and Tommy Rosenbaum have started a Friends of The Library Club to benefit the Walnut Grove Public Library and invited all Town officials to join the group. No action taken.

James Carter of the Walnut Grove Youth Correctional Facility Board has turned in his resignation. The resignation was accepted on motion by Alderwomen Mayo, seconded by Alderwomen Gill and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

The Mayor informed the Board of Aldermen that Brian Gomillion volunteered to serve on the Correctional Board for the rest of James Carter term which ends May 31, 2006. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen discussed allowing Brian Gomillion to serve on the Correctional Authority Board and was approved to serve on the Board on motion by Aldermen Croft, seconded by Alderwomen Mayo and all the Board of Aldermen unanimously agreed.

The tax rate/millage was set at 12.15% same as last year with no raise in millage rate just the reevaluation of property done by the County Assessor that will cause an increase in reveus for the Town of Walnut Grove on property and personal taxes. The millage rate of 12.15 was adopted and approved by Aldermen Croft, seconded by Aldermen Dumas and unanimously approved by all the members of the Board.

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

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

Ada Chamblee	Office Salary	1937.50
General Town	Employees Retirement	2831.26
Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	906.56
Bank of Walnut Grove	W H Taxes	437.00
Robinson Electric	Maintenance	205.48
Viking Office Products	Office Supplies	47.51
Sistrunk's Texaco	Maintenance	376.29
Dickerson Petroleum	Miscellaneous	824.55
Starmark	Employees Insurance	3913.14
A U L	Employees Insurance	293.52
MS Power Company	Power	903.96
Hunter Environmental	Maintenance	256.45
Leake County Co-Op	Maintenance	313.60
Midstate Tire Service	Maintenance	432.95
McGivney Hardware	Maintenance	375.63
Motor Parts & Gear	Maintenance	203.11
General Service	Maintenance	80.00
Joiner's 16	Maintenance	109.39
Carthage Small Engine	Maintenance	154.05
A T & T	Phones	111.11
Teletouch	Phones	98.16
Cingular	Phones	123.37
Bellsouth	Phones	324.31
I R S	Payroll Taxes	567.66
Carleton Oil Co.	Gas & Oil	1453.38
Grainger	Maintenance	332.10
MS State Tax Commission	Sale Tax	160.00
Viking Office Products	Equip,ent (printer)	408.16
Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	487.73
Bank of Walnut Grove	W H Taxes	231.00
Advantage Energy	Gas Purchased	21377.57
Sunflower	Maintenance	201.37
Thomas Drilling	Maintenance	93.89
Postmaster	Postage	63.79

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

Ada Chamblee	Office Salary	112.50
Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	329.38
Bank of Walnut Grove	W H Taxes	67.00
MS Power Company	Sewer Lift Power	816.72
Dixie Wholesale	Maintenance	787.19
MS Development Authority	Cap Loan Payment	6945.88
Southern Technical	Sewer Test	133.00
Cenco Inc.	Chemicals	1467.90
Bellsouth	Phones	184.90
Central Electric Power	Sewer Lift Power	126.24
T V A	Loan Payment	3683.47
Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	200.90
Bank of Walnut Grove	W H Taxes	55.00
Postmaster	Postage	45.00

The following bill was presented and ordered paid from

Street Tax Funds:

MS Power Company	Street Lights	519.44
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The following bills were presented and ordered paid from

General Town Funds:

Trustmark	Garbage Truck Note	2035.50
MS Power Company	Power	996.68
Central Electric Power	Ballpark	36.74
Express Police Supply	Law Enforcement	479.94
MidSouth Uniform	Law Enforcement	84.93
Leake County Jail	Jail Cost	405.00
Bellsouth	Library Maintenance	120.62
M M C Materials	Triangle Beautification	1572.10
Waste Management	Trash Cost	862.04
Frontier Ford	Patrol Car Lease	1094.56
Robinson Electric	Library Maintenance	891.95
Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	696.68
Bank of Walnut Grove	W H Taxes	256.00
Starmark	Employees Insurance	970.21
A U L	Employees Insurance	190.16
Hal Entertainment	Walnut Grove Day	199.00
Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	734.05
Bank of Walnut Grove	W H Taxes	256.00

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
Jeff Webb	Attorney	200.00
Carolyn Wilcher Thomas	Municipal Judge	400.00

The following Salaries were also paid:

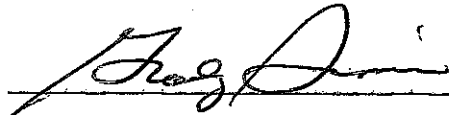
Brent King	City Manager	2816.66
Jerry Millsaps	Maintenance	2425.00
Mark Trippe	Maintenance	2400.00
James Earl Johnson	Maintenance	1428.00
Joshua Parker	Summer Help	329.60
Terry Sparkmen	Summer Help	329.60
Micheal Harper	Marshal	2150.00
Kevin Polk	Deputy	2125.00
Darin Horn	Deputy	1950.00
Willie Jones	Deputy	552.00
Keith Chamblee	Deputy	441.60
Robert Atkinson	Deputy	441.60
Vickie Smith	Summer Library Help	290.98

Balance on hand, August 1, 2004:

General Town Funds	16529.98
Street Tax Funds	13742.64
Fire Protection Funds	3511.12
Gas System Revenue Funds	92404.60
Gas System Operation Funds	28563.89
Gas System Meter Deposits	15141.15
Water & Sewer Revenue Funds	2284.11
Water & Sewer Operation Funds	3202.29
Water System Meter Deposit	4413.63

There being no further business on motion duly made and seconded. The meeting was RECESSED until August 23, 2004, at 5:30 P.M., Monday. to approved the new budget and to hear any and all comments by citizens on the budget and to any and all business pertaining to the Town of Walnut Grove. So ordered in a regular meeting the 3rd day of August, 2004.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



TOWN CLERK

James A. Carter
P.O. Box 311
Walnut Grove, MS 39189

Davis Gill, President
Walnut Grove Correctional Authority
Walnut Grove, MS 39180

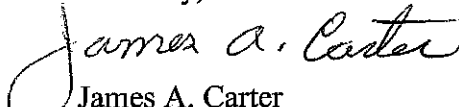
Dear Mr. Gill:

This is to inform you that I can no longer serve on the Authority Board for the Walnut Grove Youth Correctional Facility. I opposed the events prior to the sale of the facility and the manner in which they were conducted. My concern is for a smooth transition and continued safety for inmates and employees, not an opposition to the company interested in purchasing the facility.

Due to these unfortunate series of events and other personal reasons, I resign as a member of the Walnut Grove Correctional Authority.

It has been a pleasure to contribute my time to serve with you and the other board members. I wish you continued success of the facility, as it focuses on the rehabilitation of these young inmates.

Sincerely,


James A. Carter

TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE RECESSED
 MINUTES OF MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
 HELD ON AUGUST 23, 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 August meeting on Monday, August 23, 2004, at 5:30 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
Jerry Darby	Aldermen
David Dumas	Aldermen
Pamela Gill	Alderwomen
Darla Mayo	Alderwomen
Micheal Harper	Marshal
Brent King	City Manager
Ada Chamblee	Town Clerk

The following business was transacted to-wit:

The new budget was approved on motion by Aldermen Croft, seconded by Aldermen Darby and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen. No citizens met with the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the Budget.

The Clerk asked permission to pay Sunflower and Thomas Drilling bills as she missed putting them on the docket at the regular board meeting. Paying the two bills was approved on motion made by Alderwomen Gill, seconded by Alderwomen Mayo and unanimous approval by all the Board of Aldermen.

Micheal Harper, Marshal and Kevin Polk Deputy for the Walnut Grove Police Department have both turned in resignations quitting their jobs for higher paying jobs elsewhere. The resignations from Micheal Harper and Kevin Polk were accepted on motion by Alderwomen Mayo, seconded by Alderwomen Gill and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

The Clerk got approval for transferring 16,000.00 into Water & Sewer Operation Fund from Gas System Revenue account for water tank and well payments by Aldermen's Dumas motion which was seconded by Alderwomen Gill and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

The applications received from certified law enforcement people are as follows: Brian Callahan, Gary Henry, Benny Withers, and Keith Woods - noncertified.

After discussion by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the applicants. Aldermen Croft made a motion to hire Benny Withers which said motion died for lack of a second.

Alderwomen Gill made a motion to hire Brian Callahan as a deputy for the Walnut Grove Police Department with a monthly salary of \$1950.00 per month, the motion received a second from Alderwomen Mayo and an "AYE" vote from Aldermen Darby and Aldermen Dumas and a "NO" vote from Aldermen Croft.

On an employee improper conduct the Mayor and Board went into executive session on motion by Aldermen Dumas, seconded by Aldermen Darby and unanimous approval by all the Board of Aldermen.

The matter of Walnut Grove Police Deputy #3 letting an unauthorized person ride around with him in the police car that the Town's liability insurance would not cover.

Aldermen Dumas, made the motion to come out of executive session and the motion was seconded by Aldermen Croft and unanimously approved by all the Alderpersons present.

The Mayor was authorized to ask WGP3 to resign by September 1, 2004, on motion by Aldermen Dumas, Seconded by Aldermen Croft 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 August 26, 2004, 6:00 p.m., Thursday to review and possibly hire a new Marshal and to any and all business pertaining to the Town of Walnut Grove. So ordered in a RECESSED meeting the 23rd day of August, 2004.

Minutes Read And Approved.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE RECESSED
 MINUTES OF MAYOR AND BOARD OF
 ALDERMEN HELD ON AUGUST 26, 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 August meeting on Thursday, August 26, 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
Jerry Darby	Aldermen
David Dumas	Aldermen
Pamela Gill	Alderwomen
Darla Mayo	Alderwomen
Ada Chamblee	Town Clerk

The following business was transacted to-wit:

The only application the Mayor had received for Town Marshal was from Willie Jones a long time Leake County Deputy under Sheriff Jimmy Callahan. After discussion by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Alderwomen Gill seconded by Aldermen Darby made the motion to hire Willie Jones as Marshal for the Town of Walnut Grove Police Department with a yearly salary of \$30,500.00 and after 3 month probation period is over a yearly salary raised to \$31,500.00 all this was approved by no nay votes by Board of Aldermen.

There being no further business on motion duly made and seconded. The meeting was ADJOURNED.
 So ordered in a recess meeting the 26th day of August, 2004.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED.



 Mayor

ATTEST:



 Town Clerk