

TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE MINUTES OF
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN HELD
ON DECEMBER 2, 2004

BE IT REMEMBERED and it is hereby certified to that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, December 7, 2004, at 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall, this being the time and place 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 - Absent (sickness)
Darla Mayor	Alderwomen
Pamela Gill	Alderwomen
Jeff Webb	Attorney
Ada Chamblee	Town Clerk
Brent King	City Manager
Willie Jones	Marshal

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

Alderwoman Mayo made the motion to raise the Marshals salary to \$31,500.00 per year and that his job performance was satisfactory this motion was seconded by Alderwoman Gill and unanimously approved by all the Board of Aldermen.

A one time \$75.00 payraise was given to every employee due to the extra work brought on by the holiday season on motion by Aldermen Croft, seconded by Aldermen Dumas and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

The Mayor was authorized to sign a service contract on the water tank on Hunt Street for the amount of \$8995.00 on motion made by Aldermen Dumas, seconded by Aldermen Croft, and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen. The contract is with Leary Construction Company who has done the maintenance work on the tank for over 20 years.

The house built for Fannie Grace Richmond on the CDBG Home Grant is complete and since Mrs. Richmond has died, Alex Leflore builder of the house can be paid the final payment. Aldermen Dumas made the motion to pay Alex Leflore the final payment for building Mrs. Richmond's house, this was seconded by Alderwoman Mayo and unanimously approved by all the Board of Aldermen.

Marcus Ellis informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen about status of the 1st certified drug court in Mississippi. The drug court will be using the old city hall building on Pine Street. No action taken by Board of Aldermen.

The clerk requested permission to write two postage checks one check for mailing land tax cards and one check for 100 stamps at 37¢ each. The Clerk was authorized to write the two checks for postage on motion made by Alderwoman Mayo, seconded by Aldermen Dumas and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

The Town of Walnut Grove received three bids on new patrol cars. They are as follows:

Watson Ford	\$20,043.00 each car
Frontier Ford	\$20,456.00 each car
Harreld Chevrolet	sent sheet of used cars available

After discussion by Mayor and Board of Aldermen the lowest and best bid was Watson Ford accepted on motion made by Alderwoman Gill, seconded by Alderwoman Mayo and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen present.

The Mayor informed the Board of Aldermen that the Town could request \$50,000.00 more CDBG Grant Funds on the Water and Sewer Grant to complete the project as originally planned. The Town will have to put less than \$20,000.00 to finish the water and sewer project as the \$50,000.00 was all the Town could get extra over the original grant amount. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen unanimously approved on motion made by Aldermen Dumas, seconded by Aldermen Croft to do the additional water and sewer grant work as originally planned.

The following bills were presented and ordered to be paid on motion by Alderwomen Mayo, seconded by Aldermen Croft 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	238.92
Bank of Walnut Grove	W H Tax	59.00
MS Power Company	Sewer Lift Power	466.94
MS Power Company	Power	1148.79
Central Electric Power	Sewer Lift Power	95.73
Dixie Wholesale	Maintenance	1140.08
Bellsouth	Phones	184.90
MS Development Authority	Cap Loan Program	3453.94
T V A	Loan Payment	3683.47
Gas Operation	Payroll Taxes	224.29
Gas Operation	W H Taxes	67.00
UPS	Postage	12.20
Postmaster	Postage	45.00
U P S	Postage	12.20

The following bills were presented and ordered paid from

Gas System Operation Funds:

Ada Chamblee	Office Salary	1937.50
Bellsouth	Phones	334.72
A T & T	Phones	65.27
Dickerson Petroleum	Maintenance	741.44
Teletouch	Phones	98.16
B. L. Davis	Maintenance	480.00
Leake County Co-Op	Maintenance	189.00
First Carthage Cox	Insurance - Bonds	275.00
B B I	Office Supplies	750.00
MS State Tax Commission	State W H Tax	472.00
Cingular Wireless	Phones	116.23
Gardner's Insurance	Insurance	10488.00
MS One Call Inc.	Fees & Dues	215.73
Downtown Grill	Miscellaneous	51.83
Postmaster	Postage	37.00
Federal Licensing	Radio License	75.00
Advantage Energy	Gas Purchased	46708.92
Postmaster	Postage	80.58

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General Town Funds:

Bank of Walnut Grove	Payroll Taxes	737.82
Bank of Walnut Grove	W H Taxes	215.00
Gall's	Equipment Purchased	8949.98
Corner Florist	Fire Department	107.00
A U L	Employees Insurance	189.62
Starmark	Employees Insurance	1139.48
Larry Massey	Miscellaneous	61.45
MS Power Company	Power	576.97
Frontier Ford	Patrol Car	69.50
Mid South Uniform	Law Enforcement	104.48
Bellsouth	Library Maintenance	107.98
Carthage Small Engine	Lawn Mower Expense	93.88
MAS Modern Marketing	Law Enforcement	207.17
Quinlan Publishing	Law Enforcement	147.00
Thomas Discount	Law Enforcement	19.20
Gardner's Insurance	Insurance	3249.00
Nettles & Rhea	Court Costs	400.00
Leake Co. Jail	Jail Cost	825.00
Bobo's Floor Covering	Library Maintenance	152.76
The Carthaginian	Publication	27.20
The Fish House	Fire Department	806.21
Central Electric	Ballpark	8.03
Lynn Card Company	Law Enforcement	111.00
Trustmark	Garbage Truck Note	2035.50
Waste Management	Trash Cost	943.29
Gas Operation	Payroll Taxes	664.28
Gas Operation	W H Taxes	229.00
Postmaster	Postage	29.44

The following bill was presented and ordered paid from

Street Tax Funds:

MS Power Company	Street Lights	520.00
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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	2901.97
Jerry Millsaps	Maintenance	2511.17
Mark Trippe	Maintenance	2486.18
James Earl Johnson	Maintenance	1650.18
Wille Jones	Marshal	2675.46
Brian Callahan	Deputy	2166.14
Keith Brown	Deputy	2166.14
James Miller	Deputy	627.00
Bryan Carpenter	Deputy	629.32

Balance on hand, November 30, 2004:

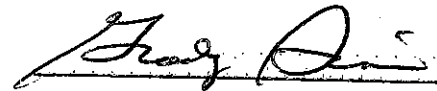
General Town Funds	6695.87
Street Tax Funds	12540.68
Fire Protection Funds	6511.12
Gas System Revenue Funds	55845.47
Gas System Operation Funds	48671.75
Gas System Meter Deposits	16721.81
Water & Sewer Revenue Funds	20288.41
Water & Sewer Operation & Maintenance Funds	11427.90
Water System Meter Deposit	4508.63

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

The meeting was ADJOURNED.

So ordered in a regular meeting the 7th day of December, 2004.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



TOWN CLERK