

TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE MINUTES OF
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN HELD
ON FEBRUARY 1, 2005

BE IT REMEMBERED and it is hereby certified to that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, February 1, 2005, 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
Jeff Webb	Legal
Brent King	City Manager
Willie Jones	Marshal

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

Only one bid was received for a municipal depository from the Bank of Walnut Grove. The bid was accepted as lowest and best bid on motion by Aldermen Dumas, seconded by Aldermen Croft and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

No bids were received by the Town on gas and oil products. Aldermen Croft made the motion to continue buying gas and oil products as the Town has been purchasing, seconded by Aldermen Dumas, and unanimously approved by all the Board of Aldermen.

Two bids were received on lease purchase interest rates for the two new patrol cars that have been ordered from Watson Ford in Jackson, they are as follows:
Continental Leasing 3.25% for 4 years monthly payment of 893.49
Trustmark Leasing 4.51% for 4 years monthly payment of 914.28

After discussion by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen Continental Leasing was chosen the best and lowest bid on motion by Aldermen Darby, seconded by Aldermen Croft and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

The Mayor had talked to Linda Bounds and Mae Graham about being election commissioners for the Town's election. The Board approved Linda Bounds and Mae Graham for the election commission on motion by Alderwomen Gill, seconded by Alderwomen Mayo and unanimously approved by all the Aldermen.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen gave permission for application to be made on a grant for a wood chipper. No motion made.

Marcus Ellis gave the Mayor and Board of Aldermen report on drug court progress. No motion made.

A Town of Walnut Grove Police Department is required by state law to have a pursuit policy. A pursuit policy was presented to Mayor and Board of Aldermen and it was decided to continue the matter til the March regular board meeting. No motion made.

James Massey offered a proposal of \$1800.00 plus \$25.00 material, delivery per shipment for finishing the triangle project. This offer was approved and accepted by the motion of Aldermen Croft, seconded by Aldermen Dumas and an "AYE" vote by all the Board of Aldermen.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid on motion by Aldermen Dumas seconded by Alderwomen Gill and unanimously approved by all the Aldermen present.

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

Ada Chamblee	Office Salary	112.50
Ms Power Company	Sewer Lift Power	343.96
Central Electric Power	Sewer Lift Power	124.43
MS Power Company	Power	1128.27
Bellsouth	Phones	184.90
MS Development Authority	Cap Loan Payments	673.18
Dixie Wholesale	Maintenance	85.00
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T V A	Loan Payment	3683.47
Langley & Son Digging	Emergency Repairs	1477.48
Gas Operation	Payroll Taxes	439.83
Gas Operation	W H Taxes	134.00
Postmaster	Postage	45.00

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

MS Power Company	Street Lights	547.14
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The following bill was presented and ordered paid from Fire protection Funds:

Carthage Auto Parts	Fire Truck	76.72
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The following bills were presented and ordered paid from
General Town Funds:

Court Clerk Association	Fees and Dues	50.00
MS Power Company	Power	374.61
Fleet Safety Equip	Equipment	2406.80
Keith Brown	Travel	155.76
Carthage Auto Parts	Patrol Car	45.82
Frontier Ford	Patrol Car	121.37
Leake Co. Correctional	Jail Cost	1035.00
Bellsouth	Library Maintenance	110.15
Carthage Small Engine	Lawn Mower Expense	8.00
The Carthaginian	Publication	73.76
T N T	Patrol Car	35.40
Waste Management	Trash Cost	702.57
Bill's Glass Service	Old City Hall Repairs	90.95
Stan Phillips	Travel	132.70
Brian Callahan	Travel	91.08
Willie Jones	Travel	46.23
Internation Institute	Fees & Dues	100.00
Starmark	Employees Insurance	1139.48
A U L	Employees Insurance	139.62
Central Electric	Ballpark	8.43
Trustmark	Garbage Truck Note	2035.50
Gas Operation	Payroll Taxes	1566.22
Gas Operation	W H Taxes	720.00
Jamie Massey	Triangle Beautification	250.00

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

Ada Chamblee	Office Salary	1937.50
MS State Tax Commission	Sale Tax	1956.00
A U L	Employees Insurance	393.52
Starmark	Employees Insurance	3859.01
Viking Office Products	Office Supplies	1103.50
Sunflower	Maintenance	96.87
American Rental	Maintenance	1050.00
Downtown Grill	Miscellaneous	98.14
Sistrunk's Texaco	Maintenance	181.23
MS Power Company	Power	261.29
Thomas Discount	Maintenance	125.72
Thomas Drilling	Maintenance	522.00
Motor Parts & Gear	Maintenance	22.99
Bellsouth	Phones	353.86
Cingular	Phones	0.51
MS Power Company	Power	56.17
Teletouch	Phones	44.08
A T & T	Phones	187.27
MS State Tax Commission	State WH Tax	473.00
UCP Financial	Dues & Fees	387.30
Dickerson Petroleum	Maintenance	359.62
Dixie Wholesale	Maintenance	2063.15
Forest Family Practice	Dues & Fees	20.00
B B I Inc.	Office Supplies	291.04
Federal Licensing Inc.	Radio Supplies	119.00
Cenco Inc.	Chemicals	1477.84
Advantage Energy	Gas Purchased	79822.54
Postmaster	Postage	80.81

Officer's Salaries:

Grady Sims	Mayor	1000.00
Jerry Darby	Aldermen	200.00
Darla Mayo	Alderwomen	200.00
Pamela Gill	Alderwomen	200.00
Ada Chamblee	Town Clerk	1000.00
Jeff Webb	Attorney	200.00
Carolyn Wilcher Thomas	Municipal Judge	400.00

The following salaries were also paid:

Brent King	City Manager	2815.86
Jerry Millsaps	Maintenance	2425.00
Mark Trippe	Maintenance	2400.00
James Earl Johnson	Maintenance	1496.00
Willie Jones	Marshal	2625.00
Brian Callahan	Deputy	2123.28
Stan Phillips	Deputy	2036.64
Keith Brown	Deputy	2036.64
James Miller	Deputy	404.80
Bryan Carpenter	Deputy	110.40

Balance on hand, January 31, 2005:

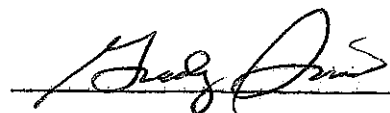
General Town Funds	5205.16
Street Tax Funds	12751.75
Fire Protection Funds	6511.12
Gas System Revenue	3662.49
Gas System Operation Funds	18864.54
Gas System Meter Deposits	18189.95
Water & Sewer Revenue Funds	10855.02
Water & Sewer Operation Funds	4435.52
Water Meter Deposit Funds	4788.63

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


The meeting was ADJOURNED.

So ordered in a regular meeting the 1st day of February, 2005.

Minutes read and approved.


MAYOR

Attest:


Town Clerk

WALNUT GROVE, MISSISSIPPI VEHICLE PURSUIT INSTRUCTIONS
(February 2005)

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for making decisions with regard to vehicular pursuit.

II. POLICY

Vehicular pursuit of fleeing suspects can present a danger to the lives of the public, officers, and suspects involved in the pursuit. It is the responsibility of the agency to assist officers in the safe performance of their duties. To fulfill these obligations, it shall be the policy of this law enforcement agency to regulate the manner in which vehicular pursuits are undertaken and performed.

III. DEFINITIONS:

- A. Vehicular Pursuit: An active attempt by an officer in an authorized emergency vehicle to apprehend a fleeing suspect who is actively attempting to elude the police.
- B. Authorized emergency vehicle: A vehicle of this agency equipped with operable emergency equipment as designated by state law.
- C. Primary unit: The police unit which initiates a pursuit or any unit which assumes control of the pursuit.
- D. Secondary unit: Any police vehicle which becomes involved as a backup to the primary unit and follows the primary unit at a safe distance.

IV. PROCEDURES:

- A. Initiation of pursuit:
 - 1. The decision to initiate pursuit must be based on the pursuing officer's conclusion that the immediate danger to the officer and the public created by the pursuit is less than the immediate or potential danger to the public should the suspect remain at large.
 - 2. Any law enforcement officer in an authorized emergency vehicle may initiate a vehicular pursuit when the suspect exhibits the intention to avoid apprehension by refusing to stop when properly directed to do so. Pursuit may also be justified if the officer

reasonably believes that the suspect, if allowed to flee, would resent a danger to human life or cause serious injury.

3. In deciding whether to initiate pursuit, the officer shall take into consideration:
 - a. road, weather and environmental conditions;
 - b. population density and vehicular and pedestrian traffic;
 - c. the relative performance capabilities of the pursuit vehicle and the vehicle being pursued;
 - d. the seriousness of the offense; and
 - e. the presence of other persons in the police vehicle.

B. Pursuit Operations:

1. All emergency vehicle operations shall be conducted in strict conformity with applicable traffic laws and regulations.
2. Upon engaging in a pursuit, the pursuing vehicle shall activate appropriate warning equipment.
3. Upon engaging in pursuit, the officer shall notify communications of the location, direction and speed of the pursuit, the description of the pursued vehicle and the initial purpose of the stop. The officer shall keep communications updated on the pursuit. Communications personnel shall notify any available supervisor of the pursuit, clear the radio channel of non-emergency traffic, and relay necessary information to other officers and jurisdictions.
4. When engaged in pursuit, officers shall not drive with reckless disregard for the safety of other road users.
5. Unless circumstances dictate otherwise, a pursuit shall consist of no more than two police vehicles, a primary and a secondary unit. All other personnel shall stay clear of the pursuit unless instructed to participate by a supervisor.
6. The primary pursuit unit shall become secondary when the fleeing vehicle comes under air surveillance or when another unit has been assigned primary responsibility.

C. Supervisory Responsibilities:

1. When made aware of a vehicular pursuit, the appropriate supervisor shall monitor incoming information, coordinate and

direct activities as needed to ensure the proper procedures are used, and shall have the discretion to terminate the pursuit.

2. Where possible, a supervisory officer shall respond to the location where a vehicle has been stopped following the pursuit.

D. Pursuit Tactics:

1. Officers shall not normally follow the pursuit on parallel streets unless authorized by a supervisor or when it is possible to conduct such an operation without unreasonable hazard to other vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
2. When feasible, available patrol units having the most prominent markings and emergency lights shall be used to pursue, particularly as the primary unit. When a pursuit is initiated by other than a marked patrol unit, such unit shall disengage when a marked unit becomes available.
3. Motorcycles may be used for pursuit in exigent circumstances and when weather and related conditions allow. They shall disengage when support from marked patrol units becomes available.
4. All intervention tactics short of deadly force such as spike strips, low speed tactical intervention techniques, and low speed channeling (with appropriate advance warning) should be used when it is possible to do so in safety and when the officers utilizing them have received appropriate training in their use.
5. Decisions to discharge firearms at or from a moving vehicle, or to use roadblocks, shall be governed by this agency's use of deadly force policy, and are prohibited if they present an unreasonable risk to others. They should first be authorized, whenever possible, by a supervisor.
6. Once the pursued vehicle is stopped, officers shall utilize appropriate officer safety tactics and shall be aware of the necessity to utilize only reasonable and necessary force to take suspects into custody.

E. Termination of the Pursuit:

1. The primary pursuing unit shall continually re-evaluate and assess the pursuit situation including all of the initiating factors and terminate the pursuit whenever he or she reasonably believes the

risks associated with continued pursuit are greater than the public safety benefit of making an immediate apprehension.

2. The pursuit may be terminated by the primary pursuit unit at any time.
3. A supervisor may order the termination of a pursuit at any time.
4. A pursuit may be terminated if the suspect's identity has been determined, immediate apprehension is not necessary to protect the public or officers, and apprehension at a later time is feasible.

F. Interjurisdictional Pursuits:

1. The pursuing officer shall notify communications when it is likely that a pursuit will continue into a neighboring jurisdiction or across the county or state line.
2. When a pursuit enters this jurisdiction, the action of officers shall be governed by the policy of the officers' own agency, specific inter-local agreements and state law as applicable.

G. Training:

Officers who drive police vehicles shall be given initial and periodic update training in the agency's pursuit policy and in safe driving tactics.