



TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE
OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Tuesday, March 4, 2014

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Walnut Grove Public Library, located at 146 Main St, Walnut Grove, Mississippi.

Officials recorded as present were Mayor Brian Gomillion, Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderman Chip Jones, Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, and Alderwoman Cindy Jones.

Staff members recorded as present were Board Attorney Jeff Webb, Municipal Clerk Dennise Putnam, Assistant Clerk Gloria Overstreet, Public Works Director Jason Gilbert, and Court Clerk Michelle Anderson.

Members of the public recorded as present were Linda Bounds, Debra Petty, Shirley Jones, Terry Mann, and Alicia Brown.

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mayor Brian Gomillion called the meeting to order and called upon the Alderwoman Teresa Darby to give the invocation.

APPROVAL OF OFFICIAL MEETING AGENDA

The Agenda was presented and approved with no modifications on motion by Alderman Chip Jones, duly seconded by Alderwoman Teresa Darby, and unanimously approved:

Official Agenda attached as Appendix A

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion made by Alderman Mike Johnson, duly seconded by Alderwoman Teresa Darby, the minutes of the February 4, 2014 Regular Meeting were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests for time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Municipal Clerk, Dennise Putnam, reported that on Tuesday, March 11th, 2014, 12:00 noon, there will be a celebration of the Town's 130th birthday at the Gazebo.

Court Clerk, Michelle Anderson, reported the South of the River Committee is seeking recipes for the South of the River Cookbook.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The Court Clerk, Municipal Clerk, Fire Chief, and Police Chief submitted reports in writing and are attached as *Appendix B*

Attorney Jeff Webb reported the hiring of a new principal at the Walnut Grove Correctional Facility.

APPROVAL OF TRAINING AND TRAVEL REQUESTS

On motion made by Alderman Chip Jones, duly seconded by Alderwoman Teresa Darby, and unanimously approved, Jason Gilbert and Michelle Anderson were authorized to attend a Pipeline Safety Liaison Meeting held March 13th, 2014.

OLD BUSINESS:

Report on Poll Book Project: Municipal Clerk, Dennise Putnam, reported that per Leake County Circuit Clerk's office, purging and updating of residential information on the Poll Books will begin after the June election.

Trail Project Update: Public Works Director, Jason Gilbert, reported that the bids on the Trail Project will be opened on Friday, March 14th, 2014. He also reported having nine (9) sponsors supporting the fitness stations and the trail.

Utility Ordinance Status: Jason Gilbert and Dennise Putnam reported progress on the Utility Ordinance, but more information will be available by the April 2014 board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Park Street Parking Problem: On motion made by Alderman Mike Johnson, duly seconded by Alderman Chip Jones and unanimously approved, Park Street will be made a One Way St. due to ongoing parking issues.

Resolution Honoring Coach LaFayette Stribling: On motion made by Alderman Chip Jones and duly seconded by Alderwoman Cindy Jones, a resolution honoring Coach LaFayette Stribling was unanimously approved.

Resolution Attached as Appendix C

Military Order of the Purple Heart Proclamation: On motion made by Alderwoman Cindy Jones and duly seconded by Alderman Chip Jones, a Proclamation for the Military Order of the Purple Heart was unanimously approved.

Proclamation Attached as Appendix D

Seminole Energy Natural Gas Contract Renewal: On motion made by Alderwoman Teresa Darby and duly seconded by Alderwoman Cindy Jones, the renewal of the Seminole Energy Contract and the Transportation Contract with Center Point was unanimously approved.

Docket of Claims: On motion made by Alderman Mike Johnson and duly seconded by Alderman Jerry Darby, the Docket of Claims, to include the items listed below, was unanimously approved.

DPS Crime Lab	\$50.00
Fountain Ace Hardware	\$61.96
Waste Pro	\$2247.85

Ongoing Trash Complaint-DG: On motion made by Alderman Jerry Darby, duly seconded by Alderman Mike Johnson, and unanimously approved, Dollar General will be served a letter requesting regular clean up.

Property Acquisition: On motion made by Alderman Mike Johnson and duly seconded by Alderwoman Teresa Darby, the purchase of the ½ acre vacant lot on Lewis St. for \$7,500 to include back taxes and closing costs was unanimously approved.

Building Permit Action: On motion made by Alderman Chip Jones, and duly seconded by Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Mayor Gomillion's recommendation to issue a Building Permit to Alicia Brown without any fines was unanimously approved.


Tag Line / Slogan Project: Mayor recommended that a town slogan be adopted.


MOTION TO RECESS

On motion made by Alderman Teresa Darby, duly seconded by Alderman Chip Jones, and unanimously approved, the board recessed until March 24th, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:


BRIAN GOMILLION, MAYOR


DENNISE J. PUTNAM, CLERK



1. Call to Order Brian Gomillion
2. Invocation
3. Approval of Meeting Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes: February 4, 2014
5. Public Comment
 - o No requests
6. Announcements
 - o Town's Birthday Next Tuesday, March 11, 12:00 PM At the Gazebo
 - o South of the River Cookbook
7. Monthly Reports
 - o Police
 - o Court
 - o Fire
 - o Clerk's Office & Utilities
 - o Correctional Authority
8. Training & Travel
 - o Pipeline Safety Liaison Meeting March 13, 11:00 - 1:00 Jason & Michelle
9. Old Business
 - a. Report on Poll Book Project Dennise Putnam
 - b. Trail Project Update Jason Gilbert
 - c. Utility Ordinance Status Jason / Dennise
10. New Business
 - a. Building Permit Action - Alisha Brown : Catfish King Kevin Polk / Jeff Webb
 - b. Ongoing Trash Complaint - DG Kevin Polk
 - c. Park Street Parking Problem Kevin Polk
 - d. Property Acquisition Brian Gomillion
 - e. Resolution Honoring Coach LaFayette Stribling Brian Gomillion
 - f. Tag Line / Slogan Project
 - g. Military order of the Purple Heart, Proclamation Dennise Putnam
 - h. Seminole Energy Natural Gas Contract Renewal Jason Gilbert
 - i. Docket of Claims Dennise Putnam
 - j. Additional items to be paid: DPS Crime Lab \$50.00, and Fountain Ace Hardware \$61.96
WastePro \$2247.85
11. Recess until March 18, 2014 @ 5:30 PM

MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Municipal Clerk

BALANCES AS OF February 28, 2014:

General Fund	\$	71253.35
Street Tax		12536.46
Fire Protection		651.96
Water Revenue		98921.22
Water Meter Deposit		11680.48
Gas Revenue		135325.22
Gas Meter Deposit		43716.29
General Town M/M		42486.54
Special Fund M/M		10330.56
Fire Protection M/M		119727.49
Recreation Fund M/M		59412.30
Water M/M		142605.61
Gas M/M		211854.41
	\$	

RECEIVED February 28, 2014

WATER DEPOSITS (100)	GAS DEPOSITS (250)	PRIVILEGE LICENSE (\$)	BUILDING PERMITS
RENEE KELLY MONIQUE GADDIS VICTORIA BARTON ANTONIO DARBY	CHARLENE SPIVEY BETTY LANDINGHAM CRYSTAL JOHNSON STEPHEN CROWDER SAMMY TUCKER ANGEL PURVIS	NASSER, LLC./BPSTATION	DENNIS WEAVER

FIRE REPORT

- 2 - STRUCTURE FIRES
- 1 - GRASS/BRUSH FIRE
- 1 - MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

COURT REPORT

44 Cases presented to Judge Evan Thompson on February 28, 2014
\$5558.00 Collected in Fines

POLICE REPORT

OFFICER	NO OF REPORTS	MILES PATROLLED	CITATIONS ISSUED	ARRESTS
POLK				
LEWIS	2	1057	20	2
CHIPLEY	2	1534	7	2
PART-TIME	2	1674	5	2



Resolution Honoring Coach Lafayette Stribling

WHEREAS, Lafayette Stribling, has served as a leader, a mentor, and distinguished basketball and baseball coach in Mississippi for over fifty-seven (57) years, and


WHEREAS, Coach Stribling, served Murphy High School and South Leake High School from 1957-1982, where he never had a losing season in all three sports he coached, and in 1981 both his boys and girls teams were undefeated, winning 67 consecutive games combined,

WHEREAS, from 1983-2005, Coach Stribling served Mississippi Valley State University as Head Coach of Men's Basketball and Assistant Professor earning many accolades, including his team's 1986 NCAA Tournament Game against Number 1 Ranked Duke University ending with a "down to the wire" score of 85-78,

WHEREAS, from 2005 to present, Coach Stribling has served as Head Coach of Men's Basketball and Assistant Athletic Director at Tougaloo College, where in 2011 his team achieved the best record in school history (28-5), and


WHEREAS, Coach Stribling has been inducted into the Mississippi Coaches Hall of Fame, Mississippi Industrial College's Hall of Fame, and named Coach of the Year of the Southwestern Athletic Conference and Choctaw Conference,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Walnut Grove, join with the entire community, in extending best wishes to Coach Stribling and his family on 57 years of service to our state's young people and the communities he has been a part of, and that this proclamation shall be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, this the 4th Day of March, 2014.

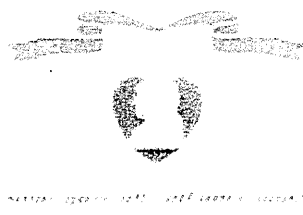


 J. Brian Gomillion, MAYOR

ATTEST:



 Dennise J. Putnam, Municipal Clerk



Military Order of

the Purple Heart

Department of Mississippi

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Walnut Grove in the State of Mississippi and has always supported its military veteran population and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat-wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives and most importantly - make sure we never forget; and

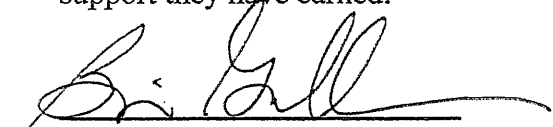
WHEREAS, the Town of Walnut Grove has a large, highly-decorated veteran population including many Purple Heart recipients; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Walnut Grove appreciates the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients made in defending our freedoms and believe it is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and show them the honor and support they have earned.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brian Comillon by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Walnut Grove, do hereby proclaim the Town of Walnut Grove as

A PURPLE HEART TOWN

and encourage the citizens of the Town of Walnut Grove to show their appreciation for the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show them the honor and support they have earned.


MAYOR Date





**TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE
OFFICIAL MINUTES
RECESSED MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Monday, March 24, 2014**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Walnut Grove met in Recessed Session on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Courtroom of Town Hall, located at 139 Main St, Walnut Grove, Mississippi.

Officials recorded as present were Mayor Brian Gomillion, Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderman Chip Jones, Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, and Alderwoman Cindy Jones.

Staff members recorded as present were Municipal Clerk Dennise Putnam, Assistant Clerk Gloria Overstreet, Public Works Director Jason Gilbert, Chief of Police Kevin Polk, and Court Clerk Michelle Anderson.

Members of the public recorded as present were Phyllis Bell-Luckett.

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mayor Brian Gomillion called the meeting to order and called upon Chief Kevin Polk to give the invocation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Gomillion announced that Librarian, Linda Bounds will be hosting a Library Appreciation Lunch for the elected officials during the week of April 21, 2014.

APPROVAL OF MORATORIUM ORDINANCE

There came consideration of the approval of the request by the Mayor to approve the Moratorium Ordinance (Building Permits). Upon the motion of Alderman Mike Johnson to move approval, duly seconded by Alderman Jerry Darby,

Without further discussion, the Board voted as follows:

Alderman Jerry Darby Voted:	Yea
Alderman Chip Jones Voted:	Yea
Alderwoman Teresa Darby Voted:	Yea
Alderwoman Cindy Jones Voted:	*RECUSED*
Alderman Mike Johnson Voted:	Yea

Having received a majority affirmative vote of those members present and voting, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL TO APPOINT LIBRARY TRUSTEES

There came consideration of the approval of the request by the Mayor to reappoint Debbie Graham and Mary Ellis as Library Trustees. Upon the motion of Alderman Chip Jones to move approval, duly seconded by Alderwoman Cindy Jones,

Without further discussion, the Board voted as follows:

Alderman Jerry Darby Voted:	Yea
Alderman Chip Jones Voted:	Yea
Alderwoman Teresa Darby Voted:	Yea
Alderwoman Cindy Jones Voted:	Yea
Alderman Mike Johnson Voted:	Yea

Having received a majority affirmative vote of those members present and voting, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL TO HIRE SUMMER GRASS WORKERS

There came consideration of the approval for public works director to hire summer help. Upon the motion of Alderwoman Cindy Jones to move approval, duly seconded by Alderman Jerry Darby,

Without further discussion, the Board voted as follows:

Alderman Jerry Darby Voted:	Yea
Alderman Chip Jones Voted:	Yea
Alderwoman Teresa Darby Voted:	Yea
Alderwoman Cindy Jones Voted:	Yea
Alderman Mike Johnson Voted:	Yea

Having received a majority affirmative vote of those members present and voting, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Trail Alternative

There came consideration of the approval for public works director to seek a minimum of two (2) quotes for each category of the Trail Project. Upon the motion of Alderman Mike Johnson to move approval, duly seconded by Alderwoman Cindy Jones,

Without further discussion, the Board voted as follows:

Alderman Jerry Darby Voted:	Yea
Alderman Chip Jones Voted:	Yea
Alderwoman Teresa Darby Voted:	Yea
Alderwoman Cindy Jones Voted:	Yea
Alderman Mike Johnson Voted:	Yea

Having received a majority affirmative vote of those members present and voting, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Gas Equipment

There came consideration of the approval for public works director to seek quotes for gas equipment purchase. Upon the motion of Alderman Mike Johnson to move approval, duly seconded by Alderwoman Teresa Darby,

Without further discussion, the Board voted as follows:

Alderman Jerry Darby Voted:	Yea
Alderman Chip Jones Voted:	Yea
Alderwoman Teresa Darby Voted:	Yea
Alderwoman Cindy Jones Voted:	Yea
Alderman Mike Johnson Voted:	Yea

Having received a majority affirmative vote of those members present and voting, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

On motion made by Alderman Chip Jones, duly seconded by Alderman Mike Johnson, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:


BRIAN GOMILLION, MAYOR


DENNISE J. PUTNAM, CLERK

Town of Walnut Grove
Regular Meeting of Mayor & Board of Aldermen
Tuesday March 24, 2014 5:30 PM



1. Call to Order
2. Invocation

Brian Gomillion

EVENTS:

Library Appreciation Lunch April

3. Old Business

- a. Moratorium Ordinance (Building Permits)

Brian Gomillion

4. New Business

- a. Trail Alternative
- b. Summer Grass Workers
- c. Library Trustee Appointments

Jason Gilbert
Jason Gilbert
Brian Gomillion

5. Adjourn

