

TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE
OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Tuesday, May 5, 2015

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Walnut Grove met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Courtroom of Town Hall, located at 139 Main St. Walnut Grove, Mississippi, with Mayor Brian Gomillion presiding.

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 recorded as present was **Jeff Webb, Dennise Putman, Jason Gilbert, Kevin Polk, Michelle Anderson and Skyla Withers.**

General Public recorded as present: **Linda Bounds, Pat Dugan, Gwendolyn Barton-Reid, and Debra Petty.**

The meeting was called to order by **Mayor Brian Gomillion.**

The invocation was given by **Municipal Clerk Dennise J. Putman.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA _____

Motion was duly made by Alderman Mike Johnson, and seconded by Alderman Chip Jones, to approve the agenda. A vote was taken with the following results;

Attachment

YEA: Alderwoman Cindy Jones, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderman Chip Jones.

NAY: None.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES _____

Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Cindy Jones, and seconded by Alderwoman Teresa Darby, to approve the April 2015 Meeting Minutes with corrections made. A vote was taken with the following result;

YEA: Alderwoman Cindy Jones, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderman Chip Jones

NAY: None.

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

Public Comments _____

No requests were made in advance to speak at the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS _____

The National Day of Prayer Observance is Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 12 p.m. at the Gazebo.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS _____

Attachment

Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Cindy Jones, seconded by Alderwoman Teresa Darby, to approve Departmental Reports. A vote was taken with the following results:

YEA: Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderman Chip Jones, Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderwoman Cindy Jones

NAY: None.

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

APPROVAL FOR TRAINING AND TRAVEL _____

Motion was duly made by Alderman Chip Jones, and seconded by Alderman Jerry Darby, to approve training and travel for Michelle and Skyla to attend a class on Parliamentary Procedure May 2015. A vote was taken with the following results:

YEA: Alderman Chip Jones, Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderwoman Cindy Jones, Alderwoman Teresa Darby

NAY: None.

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

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS _____

Mayor Gomillion presented the following Proclamations to the Board for approval;

National Municipal Clerks' Week	May 3 - 9, 2015	Attachment
Correctional Officers Appreciation Week	May 3 - 9, 2015	Attachment
National Public Works Week	May 17 - 23, 2015	Attachment

Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Cindy Jones, seconded by Alderwoman Teresa Darby, to approve Proclamations. A vote was taken with the following results;

YEA: Alderman Chip Jones, Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderwoman Cindy Jones

NAY: None.

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

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL DEVELOPMENT _____

ATTACHMENT

Motion was duly made by Alderman Mike Johnson, seconded by Alderman Chip Jones, to authorize the Mayor to apply for Financial Assistance from the U.S. Dept of Agriculture Rural Development for Walnut Grove Natural Gas System expansion & related purposes. A vote was taken with following results;

YEA: Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderman Chip Jones, Alderwoman Cindy Jones

NAY: None.

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

MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY GRANT _____

Mayor Gomillion requested approval to apply for MDA Tourism Grant to help with improvements being made downtown. Motion was duly made by Alderman Chip Jones, seconded by Alderman Mike Johnson, to authorize the Mayor to apply for this grant. A vote was taken with the following result:

YEA: Alderwoman Cindy Jones, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderman Chip Jones

NAY: None.

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

SMALL MUNICIPALITIES AND LIMITED POPULATIONS GRANT _____

ATTACHMENT

Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Cindy Jones, seconded by Alderman Jerry Darby, to authorize Mayor Gomillion to apply for \$150,000 Small Municipalities and Limited Populations Grant for sidewalk, awning, and related improvements 90/10 match. A vote was taken with the following results;

YEA: Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderman Chip Jones, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderwoman Cindy Jones

NAY: None.

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

SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY FOR SALE BIDS _____

Sealed bids received for the surplus property were opened and reviewed as listed:

AI Easom - \$10,500.00

Attachment

Motion was duly made by Alderman Chip Jones, seconded by Alderman Mike Johnson, to accept the highest bid from AI Easom.

YEA: Alderwoman Cindy Jones, Alderman Chip Jones, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderman Jerry Darby

NAY: None.

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

APPROVAL OF MAY 2015 DOCKET OF CLAIMS _____

Municipal Clerk requested approve of the May 2015 Docket of Claims and additional claims:

Orion Planning Group - \$2,755.00

Gardner's Insurance - \$85.00

2015 F-150 Premium Endorsement

Burnside Construction - \$4,800.00

Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Cindy Jones, seconded by Alderwoman Teresa Darby, to approve May 2015 Docket of Claims and additional claims. A vote was taken with the following results;

YEA: Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderman Chip Jones, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderwoman Cindy Jones

NAY: None.

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

FUND TRANSFER REQUEST _____

Municipal Clerk Dennise J. Putnam requested to move \$20,000 from Street Fund to General Town Checking and \$45,000 from Gas Revenue to General Town Checking. A motion was duly made by Alderman Chip Jones, seconded by Alderman Jerry Darby, to approve the transfer of funds requests. A vote was taken with the following result;

YEA: Alderwoman Cindy Jones, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderman Chip Jones

NAY: None.

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

BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT _____

Police Chief Kevin Polk requested approval to apply for a BulletProof Vest Partnership Grant for the Police Department to receive four new bulletproof vests. Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Cindy Jones, seconded by Alderman Chip Jones, to authorized Chief Polk to apply for this BulletProof Vest Grant at 50/50. A vote was taken with the following results;

YEA: Alderwoman Cindy Jones, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderman Chip Jones

NAY: None.

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

FEDERAL JAG GRANT _____

Police Chief Kevin Polk requested authorization to apply for Federal JAG Grant at 75/25 to help with police department expenses. Motion was duly made by Alderman Chip Jones, seconded by Alderman Jerry Darby, to authorize Chief Polk to apply for the Federal JAG Grant. A vote was taken with the following results;

YEA: Alderwoman Cindy Jones, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderman Chip Jones

NAY: None.

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

PROPERTY COMPLAINT **LARRY YOUNG 113 EAST STREET** _____

Chief Polk brought before the Board of Alderman, a property that needs to be cleaned up and has been complained about. Courtesy letter was mailed with no response as of yet.

The following action was taken on parcel owned by Larry Young.

IN RE: CLEANING OF PRIVATE PROPERTY PURSUANT TO SECTION 21-19-11

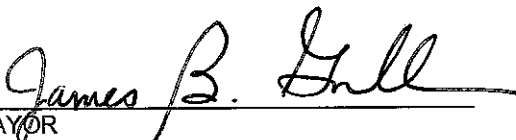
The Board finds that, in accordance with Section 21-19-11, notice should be provided to Larry Dean Young Life Estate c/o Larry Dean Young, Jr. owner of parcel numbers 13427AA23, of the setting of a hearing on June 2, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. for a determination by the Board of whether the referenced property is a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community. If so found, the Board will then determine what action to take with regard to cleaning the property.

On motion and second duly made and by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board,

Alderman Jerry Darby voted	YEA,
Alderman Mike Johnson voted	YEA;
Alderman Teresa Darby voted	YEA,
Alderman Cindy Jones voted	YEA, and
Alderman Marvin "Chip" Jones voted	YEA.

it is hereby ordered that notice shall be provided to the landowners in accordance with Section 21, 19-11.

SO ORDERED this the 5th day of May, 2015.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CLERK

EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR HUNTER WELL REPAIR _____

ATTACHMENT

Public Works Director Jason Gilbert brought before the Board the finds showing the Hunter Well is not working and requesting an Emergency Declaration for the replacement immediately. Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Chip Jones, seconded by Alderman Jerry Darby, to approve the Emergency Declaration for the repair and/or replacement of the Hunter Street Water Well. A vote was taken with the following results;

YEA: Alderwoman Cindy Jones, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderman Chip Jones

NAY: None.

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

PERSONNEL: MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE _____

Municipal Clerk Dennise Putnam brought before the Board the 90 day review of the Assistant Clerk as satisfactory and recommendation of raising the pay of the Assistant Clerk by \$1.00 per hour. Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Cindy Jones, seconded by Alderman Jerry Darby, to approve the pay raise for the Assistant Clerk. A vote was taken with the following result;

YEA: Alderwoman Cindy Jones, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderman Chip Jones

NAY: None.

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

PERSONNEL: POLICE DEPARTMENT _____

Chief of Police Kevin Polk brought before the Board the resignation of Part Time Patrolman Rodtrellis Amos due to him moving. Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Teresa Darby, seconded by Alderman Chip Jones, to accept the resignation of Rodtrellis Amos. A vote was taken with the following results;

YEA: Alderwoman Cindy Jones, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderman Chip Jones

NAY: None.

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

PERSONNEL: POLICE DEPARTMENT _____

Chief of Police Kevin Polk requested the approval to hire R.J. BELL as part time patrolman. Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Cindy Jones, seconded by Alderman Chip Jones, to approve the new hire of part time patrolman. A vote was taken with the following results;

YEA: Alderwoman Cindy Jones, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderman Chip Jones

NAY: None.

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

ADJOURNMENT

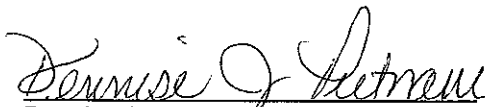
Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Teresa Darby, seconded by Alderman Chip Jones, to adjourn. A vote was taken at 6:30 pm with the following results;

YEA: Alderwoman Cindy Jones, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderman Mike Johnson,
Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderman Chip Jones


NAY: None.

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

ATTEST:


Dennise J. Putnam, M.C.

(seal)


J. Brian Gomillion, Mayor

ATTACHMENT
TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE
Regular Meeting of the Mayor & Board of Aldermen
AGENDA

Tuesday, May 5, 2015 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order Mayor
2. Invocation Dennise
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of April 2015 Meeting Minutes
5. Public Comment: (limited to 3 minutes; requests to the clerk)
6. Announcements
National Day of Prayer Observance Thurs. 12pm - Gazebo
7. Approval of Departmental Reports
8. Authorization for Training & Travel
Parliamentary Procedure class (Michelle and Skyla) May 2015
9. Resolutions and Proclamations: Mayor
Proclamation: National Public Works Week
Proclamation: National Municipal Clerk's Week
Proclamation: Correctional Officers Appreciation Week
10. Authorization to apply for financial assistance from the Mayor
United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development
for the Walnut Grove Natural Gas System Expansion and Related
Purposes
11. Authorization to apply for \$150,000 Small Municipalities and Mayor
Limited Populations Grant for Sidewalk, Awning, and related
improvements (90/10)
12. Surplus Real Property for Sale Bids Mayor
13. Approval of May 2015 Docket of Claims and additional claims: Dennise
Orion Planning Group \$ 2,755
Gardner's Insurance \$85.00 2015 F-150 Premium Endorsement
Burnside Const. \$4800.00
14. Fund Transfer Requests: Dennise
Move \$ 20,000 from Street Fund to General Town Checking
Move \$ 45,000 from Gas Revenue to General Town Checking
15. Authorization to apply for Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Kevin
(50/50)
16. Authorization to apply for Federal JAG Grant (75/25) Kevin
17. Property Complaint: *Larry Young Estate 113 East St* Kevin
18. Approval of Emergency Declaration for Hunter Well Repair Jason
19. Personnel: Municipal Clerk's Office Dennise
90-day Review & Recommendation - Assistant Clerk
20. Personnel: Police Department (part-time changes) Kevin
Accept resignation of Rodtrellis Amos (moving)
Hire R.J. Bell
21. Recess

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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Municipal Clerk

BALANCES AS OF APRIL 30, 2015:

General Fund	\$	37,150.91
Street Tax		44,536.46
Fire Protection		569.96
Water Revenue		112,276.77
Water Meter Deposit		11,621.78
Gas Revenue		237,345.33
Gas Meter Deposit		45,642.55
Police Fund		445.00
General Town M/M		33,823.98
Special Fund M/M		10,354.72
Fire Protection M/M		71,341.84
Recreation Fund M/M		62,272.15
Water M/M		62,818.03
Gas M/M		105,666.72
	\$	730,199.48

RECEIVED FEBRUARY 28, 2015

WATER DEPOSITS (50)	GAS DEPOSITS (250)	PRIVILEGE LICENSE (\$)	BUILDING PERMITS
Dale Rogers LaQuita Griffin LaTasha D. Jackson	Jose A. Mata LaQuita Griffin Kashia Zollicoffer		

FIRE REPORT

3 Other Fire/Assistance

COURT REPORT

29 Cases presented to Judge Evan Thompson on
\$3814.59 Collected in Fines

POLICE REPORT

OFFICER	NO OF REPORTS	MILES PATROLLED	CITATIONS ISSUED	ARRESTS
POLK	4	1594	11	4
LEWIS	1	1866	11	2
CHIPLEY	2	1163	1	0
PART-TIME	3	1329	1	0
TOTALS	10	5952	24	6

ATTACHMENT



**Town of Walnut Grove
Proclamation
Municipal Clerks Week
May 3 - 9, 2015**

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world, and

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants, and

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels, and

Whereas, Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all.

Whereas, The Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community.

Whereas, Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, provincial, county and international professional organizations.


Whereas, It is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Now, Therefore, I, Brian Gomillion, Mayor of the Town of Walnut Grove, do recognize the week of May 3 through May 9, 2015, as Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation to our *Municipal Clerk Dennise J. Putnam, Deputy Municipal Clerk Michelle Anderson, and Assistant Municipal Clerk Skylia Withers*, and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

Dated this the 5th day of May, 2015.

ATTEST

TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE


Dennise J. Putnam, Clerk


J. Brian Gomillion, Mayor

ATTACHMENT



**Town of Walnut Grove
Proclamation
Correctional Officers Appreciation Week**

May 3 - 9, 2015

WHEREAS, The Walnut Grove Correctional Facility and Management and Training Corporation employ dedicated correctional officers who secure the facility and treat prisoners with respect and professional expertise; and

WHEREAS, Our WGCF Correctional Officers maintain a high degree of Professionalism, ensuring the public's safety by effectively managing offenders, even when there is a risk to personal safety; Correctional employees face many physical, emotional and spiritual challenges; and


WHEREAS, Walnut Grove citizens appreciate and are grateful for the watchful protection so ably provided by our dedicated correctional professionals,

NOW THEREFORE, Be it resolved that we, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Walnut Grove, join other governing authorities across the United States and we invite every citizen and Institution to join us as we honor them.

WE, the Board of Aldermen do hereby declare that a copy of this proclamation be spread upon the minutes of the proceedings of this Board that the first week of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen shall be Correctional Officers' Week in the Town of Walnut Grove.

Dated this the 5th day of May, 2015.

ATTEST


Dennise J. Putnam, Clerk

TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE


J. Brian Gomillion, Mayor



Town of Walnut Grove
Proclamation
National Public Works Week

May 17-23, 2015

Whereas, public works services provided in our community are an integral part of our citizens' everyday lives; and

Whereas, the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems and programs such as water, sewers, streets and highways, public buildings, and solid waste collection; and

Whereas, the health, safety and comfort of this community greatly depends on these facilities and services; and


Whereas, the quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design, and construction, is vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of public works officials; and

Whereas, the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff public works departments is materially influenced by the people's attitude and understanding of the importance of the work they perform,

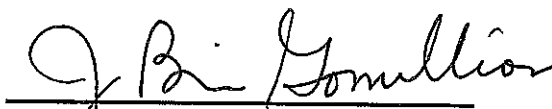
Now, therefore, I, Brian Gomillion, Mayor of the Town of Walnut Grove, do hereby proclaim the week of May 11-18 as "National Public Works Week" in The Town of Walnut Grove, and I call upon all citizens and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing our public works and to recognize and further extend appreciation to our *Walnut Grove Public Works Department - Jason Gilbert, Jerry Millsaps, Mark Trippe, Heath Cooper, James Johnson, and Christopher Goins* for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the people of Walnut Grove.

Dated this the 5th day of May, 2015.

ATTEST


Dennise J. Putnam, Clerk

TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE


J. Brian Gomillion, Mayor

ATTACHMENT



PROCLAMATION
National Police Week

To recognize National Police Week 2015 and to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy.

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Walnut Grove Police Department;

WHEREAS, nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries;

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, more than 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including one member, Marshall Trest, of the Walnut Grove Police Department;

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 117 officers killed in 2014 and 156 officers killed in previous years;

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 27th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2015;

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year on May 10-16;

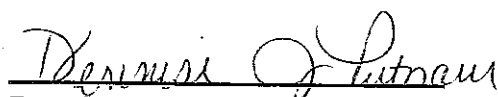
WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half staff;

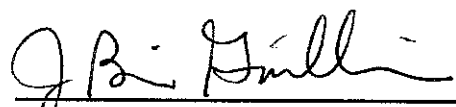
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Town of Walnut Grove formally designates May 10-16, 2015, as Police Week in Town of Walnut Grove, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers Kevin Polk, Jimmy Lewis, Kenny Chipley, Danny Hanford, Winfred Lewis, Tybri Odom, Landon Cash, R.J. Bell, and Joseph Haralson, in our community and in communities across the nation.

Signed and sealed this 5th day of May, 2015.

ATTEST

TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE


Dennise J. Putnam
CLERK


J. Brian Gomillion
MAYOR

ATTACHMENT

**Town of Walnut Grove
RESOLUTION**

**Authorization to Apply for Financial Assistance from the
United States Department of Agriculture - Rural Development
For Natural Gas System Expansion and Related Improvements**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture-Rural Development has funds available for utilities expansion and improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Walnut Grove find it necessary to apply for said funds for the expansion and related improvements of the Walnut Grove Natural Gas System.

WHEREAS, by this resolution the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to sign all documents related to the preparation and submittal of an application to USDA-Rural Development on the expansion and improvement project;

The foregoing Resolution was offered on motion by Alderman Mike Johnson, seconded by Alderman Chip Jones, and after discussion the following vote was taken with the following results:

YEA: Alderwoman Cindy Jones, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderman
Mike Johnson, Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderman Chip Jones

NAY: None.

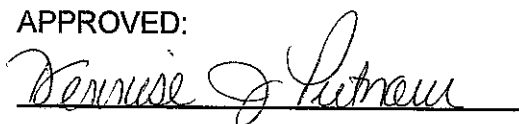
Having received a majority affirmative vote of those members present and voting, the Mayor declared the motion carried this the 5th day of May, 2015.

ATTEST:



Brian Gomillion
Mayor

APPROVED:



Dennise J. Putnam
Municipal Clerk

ATTACHMENT

**TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE, MISSISSIPPI
RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen (the "Governing Body") acting for and on behalf of the Town of Walnut Grove, Mississippi, (the "Municipality") took up for consideration the matter of authorizing and approving a grant on behalf of the Municipality from the Mississippi Development Authority (the "MDA") for the purpose of Downtown Improvements related to the sidewalks improvements, awnings and other amenities and thus enhancing economic development through the creation of jobs.

Thereupon Alderwoman Cindy Jones offered and moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE, MISSISSIPPI, TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE MAYOR, ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN, ENTERING INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN FROM THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$ 150,000.00) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS RELATED TO THE SIDEWALKS IMPROVEMENTS, AWNINGS AND OTHER AMENITIES AND THUS ENHANCING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE CREATION OF JOBS.

WHEREAS, the Advantage Mississippi Initiative Senate Bill 2002, 2nd Extraordinary Session 2000 created a special fund in the State Treasury called the "Small Municipalities and Limited Population Counties Fund." The Mississippi Development Authority ("MDA") has established a grant program for grants to small municipalities and limited population counties or natural gas districts created by law and contained therein to assist in completing projects, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 57-1-18 of the MS Code of 1972 (the "Act") the Small Municipalities and Limited Population Counties Program, MDA is authorized to make a grant to the Town for the purpose of downtown improvements related to the sidewalks improvements, awnings and other amenities to the downtown area and thus enhancing economic development through the creation of jobs; and ultimately enhancing the quality of life in order to attract additional industry and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act and the guidelines adopted by MDA, the Municipality has filed an application with MDA for a grant to make downtown improvements related to the sidewalks improvements, awnings and other amenities to the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, based on the application, the Act and the guidelines, MDA has agreed to provide a grant to the Municipality for the purposes set forth; and

WHEREAS, before the grant can be processed, a Grant Agreement must be entered into by the Municipality and MDA, setting out the terms and conditions of the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE MUNICIPALITY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That all of the findings of fact made and set forth in the preamble to this resolution shall be and the same are hereby found, declared, and adjudicated to be true and correct.

ATTACHMENT

Section 2. That the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Walnut Grove, Mississippi, is now fully authorized and empowered under the provisions of Sections 571-18, of the Mississippi Code of 1972, to proceed with the execution of the Grant Agreement with the Department.

Section 3. That the Mayor and Clerk of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents and certificates as may be necessary in order to consummate the transaction contemplated by the resolution and upon execution, each of the documents and certificates shall be legal, valid, and binding obligations of the Municipality enforceable in accordance to the terms of each.

Alderman Chip Jones seconded the motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution and after the same had been read and considered section by section and put to a roll call vote, the results was as follows:

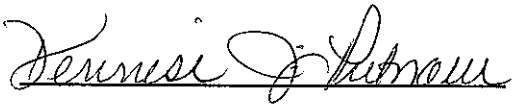
Alderman Cindy Jones	YEA
Alderman Teresa Darby	YEA
Alderman Mike Johnson	YEA
Alderman Jerry Darby	YEA
Alderman Chip Jones	YEA

The motion having received the foregoing vote of the Governing Body, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted, on this the 5th day of May, 2015.

TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE, MISSISSIPPI

(SEAL)

ATTEST:



Dennise Putnam-Jones, City Clerk



Mayor Brian Gomillion

ATTACHMENT

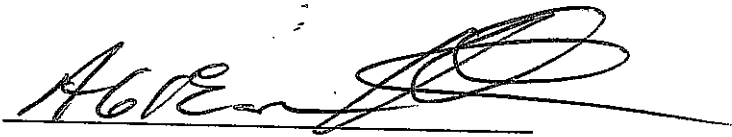
Al Easom
P.O. Box 20
Sebastopol, MS 39359
Phone: 601-507-0348
Fax: 601-625-8734

April 6, 2015

SURPLUS PROPERTY BID

This is an official sealed bid to purchase surplus property from the Town of Walnut Grove. Said property is located at the corner of Mill and Lindsey streets in Walnut Grove, Mississippi.

I, Albert Guy Easom, III (Al Easom) bid to purchase the surplus property listed above for the amount of \$10,500.00 (ten thousand five hundred dollars).



Albert Guy Easom, III (Al Easom)

4/6/15

Date

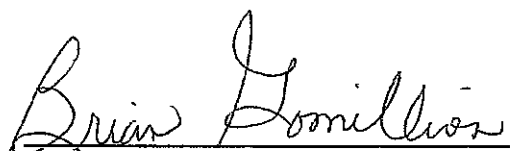
**TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE
Emergency Declaration**

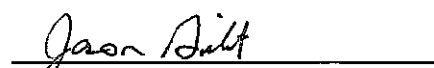
April 22, 2015

The Mayor and Public Works Director find that the Hunter Street Water Well serving the residents and businesses of Walnut Grove has failed.

The Mayor and Public Works further find that the well is over forty years old, beyond repair, and that it is an emergency replacement is required to continue providing a safe, adequate water supply to the residents and businesses of the Town of Walnut Grove.

Further, the Mayor authorizes the Public Works Director to proceed utmost urgency with the emergency replacement and have the Hunter Street Well operational as soon as possible.


MAYOR


PUBLIC WORKS
DIRECTOR

TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE
OFFICIAL MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Walnut Grove met in Special Called Session on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Courtroom of Town Hall, located at 139 Main St, Walnut Grove, Mississippi, with Mayor Brian Gomillion presiding, and notices of special called meeting being posted on said day at Town Hall, Bank of Walnut Grove, and Department of Public Safety License Station.

Officials recorded as present were **Mayor Brian Gomillion, Alderman Chip Jones, Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderwoman Cindy Jones.** Staff recorded as present were **Dennise J. Putnam, Jason Gilbert, Michelle Anderson, Kevin Polk, and Skyla Withers.**

The invocation was given by **Assistant Municipal Clerk Skyla Withers.**

The meeting was called to order by **Mayor Brian Gomillion.**

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AGENDA _____

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Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Cindy Jones, seconded by Alderwoman Teresa Darby, to approve the agenda for the special called meeting. A vote was taken with following results:

YEA: Alderman Chip Jones, Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderwoman Cindy Jones

NAY: None.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS _____

Fire Protection Classification Rate Drop		
WGCA \$50,000 Check Presentation	June 2 - 5:50 pm	Town Hall
Community Planning Meeting	June 9 - 6:30 pm	Library Meeting Room

CLEAN UP PROPERTY COMPLAINTS _____

Chief Polk brought before the board complaints about the property at 317 & 319 Pine Street which is owned by **Scottie Tabb.**

The following action was taken on parcel owned by **Scottie Tabb.**

IN RE: CLEANING OF PRIVATE PROPERTY PURSUANT TO SECTION 21-19-11

The Board finds that, in accordance with Section 21-19-11, notice should be provided to **Scottie Tabb** owner of parcel numbers 13427DD39 & 13427DD39.01, of the setting of a hearing on July 7, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. for a determination by the Board of whether the referenced property is a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community. If so found, the Board will then determine what action to take with regard to cleaning the property.

On motion and second duly made and by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board,

Alderman Jerry Darby voted YEA,
Alderman Mike Johnson voted YEA,
Alderman Teresa Darby voted YEA,
Alderman Cindy Jones voted YEA, and
Alderman Marvin "Chip" Jones voted YEA.

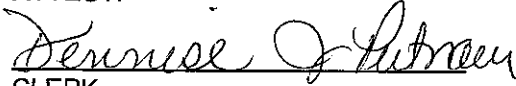
it is hereby ordered that notice shall be provided to the landowners in accordance with Section 21, 19-11.

SO ORDERED this the 26th day of May, 2015.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CLERK

VOTING DELEGATE RESOLUTION FOR MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPAL LEAGUE _____

Mayor Gomillion requested to the board to set voting delegate and alternates for Mississippi Municipal League voting, and also to make resolution appointing per MML bylaws.

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Motion was duly made by Alderman Chip Jones, seconded by Alderwoman Teresa Darby, to set delegate and alternates and approve the Resolution. A vote was taken with the following results:

YEA: - Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderwoman Cindy Jones, Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderman Chip Jones

NAY: None.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE WALNUT GROVE CORRECTIONAL AUTHORITY**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Walnut Grove find that the term of Walnut Grove Correctional Authority Board Members Shantelle Edwards expires on May 31, 2015, and that she should be reappointed for five-year terms to expire May 31, 2020.

On motion and second duly made and by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board,

Alderman Jerry Darby voted "Aye",
Alderman Teresa Darby, voted "Aye",
Alderman Michael Johnson voted "Aye",
Alderman Cindy Jones voted "Aye", and
Alderman Marvin "Chip" Jones voted "Aye",

it is ordered that Shantelle Edwards is hereby reappointed to the Board of Commissioners of the Walnut Grove Correctional Authority for a five year term to expire May 31, 2020, and it is further noted that the following named persons are the members of the Board of Commissioners of the Walnut Grove Correctional Authority as appointed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Walnut:

Tonya Barton - Term Expires May 31, 2016
Teresa Withers – Term Expires May 31, 2016
Linda Bounds - Term Expires May 31, 2017
Davis Gill - Term Expires May 31, 2017
Shantelle Edwards – Term Expires May 31, 2015

So ordered by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Walnut Grove, Mississippi in open and regular session on this the 26th day of May, 2015.


Brian Gomillion, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dennise Jones-Putnam, Clerk

BIDS ON SURPLUS PROPERTY

Mayor Gomillion presented the Board with three bids for the 1994 Mobile home surplus property listed as below:

Stephen Atkinson	\$500.00
Donna Crawford	\$101.00
Britt Barnes	\$1,001.00

See Attachment

Motion was duly made by Alderman Mike Johnson, seconded by Alderwoman Cindy Jones, to accept the highest bid from Britt Barnes for \$1,001.00. A vote was taken with the following results:

YEA: Alderman Chip Jones, Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderwoman Cindy Jones

NAY: None.

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

ADOPTION OF 2015 BUILDING CODE ORDINANCE

To maintain fire protection classification the adopted building codes must be updated .

Motion was duly made by Alderman Mike Johnson, seconded by Alderwoman Cindy Jones, to approve the adoption of the 2015 Building Code Ordinance. A vote was taken with the following results:

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YEA: Alderwoman Cindy Jones, Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderman Chip Jones, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderman Jerry Darby

NAY: None.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Mayor Gomillion requested approval to advertise for bids on the Surplus Office Building to sale. Bids will be accepted until Monday, July 6th, 2015 at 5 p.m. at Town Hall.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Chip Jones, seconded by Alderwoman Teresa Darby, to authorize the advertisement to sale. A vote was taken with the following results:

YEA: Alderwoman Cindy Jones, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderman Chip Jones

NAY: None.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Police Chief Kevin Polk stated to the Board Patrol Officer Landon Cash is the only officer working for the town that is not making at least \$12 per hour. Chief Polk requested the Board raise Officer Cash to the stated amount of pay.

Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Cindy Jones, seconded by Alderman Mike Johnson, to approve the pay raise for Officer Cash. A vote was taken with the following results:

YEA: Alderwoman Cindy Jones, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderman Chip Jones

NAY: - None.

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

Police Chief Kevin Polk requested the Board approve the hiring of Hunter Wolfe as part time patrol officer at this time. Officer Wolfe would help with working on weekends and holidays at this time, and he is also employed as a Scott County Deputy.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Jerry Darby, seconded by Alderman Mike Anderson, to approve the hiring of Hunter Wolfe. A vote was taken with the following results:

YEA: Alderwoman Cindy Jones, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderman Chip Jones

NAY: None.

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

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR CDBG PROJECT

Mayor Gomillion requested the Board approve the advertise for bids for the CDBG project: Construction of the Fire Station.

Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Cindy Jones, seconded by Alderwoman Teresa Darby, to approve for the advertisement for bids. A vote was taken with the following results:

Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Cindy Jones, seconded by Alderwoman Teresa Darby, to approve for the advertisement for bids. A vote was taken with the following results:

YEA: Alderman Chip Jones, Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderwoman Cindy Jones

NAY: None.

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

ADJOURNMENT

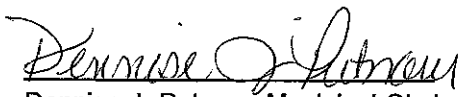
Motion was duly made by Alderman Chip Jones, seconded by Alderman Jerry Darby, to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. A vote was taken with the following results:


YEA: Alderwoman Cindy Jones, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderman Chip Jones

NAY: None.

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

ATTEST:


Dennise J. Putnam, Municipal Clerk


J. Brian Gomillion, Mayor

ATTACHMENT

TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE
Special Called Meeting of the Mayor & Board of Aldermen
AGENDA

Tuesday, May 26, 2015 6:00 PM

Invocation

1. Call to Order Mayor
2. Approval of Special Called Meeting Agenda
3. Announcements:
 - Fire Protection Classification Rate Drop
 - WGCA \$ 50,000 Check Presentation - June 4 6:00 PM
 - Community Planning Meeting - June 9 6:30 PM
4. Clean-up Complaints:
 - Tabb Property - Corner of Pine and Golden
5. Voting Delegate Resolution for MML
 - Delegate Mike Johnson 1st Dennise Putnam 2nd Teresa Darby
6. Re-Appointment of Shantell Edwards to Walnut Grove Mayor
Correctional Authority for 3-year term ending 2018
7. Open Bids on 1994 Mobile Home Surplus Property Mayor
8. Adoption of 2015 Building Codes Ordinance (UPDATE) Mayor
9. Authorization to advertise for Bids
on Real Property SCP Office Building
10. Personnel: Officer Landon Cash - increase Chief
3 years of service

Hiring of Hunter Wolfe

11. Approval to Advertise for Bids for
CDBG Project: Construction of Fire Station
12. Adjournment

ATTACHMENT

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING
MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
2015 VOTING DELEGATES
FOR THE TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE**

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Municipal League amended the bylaws of the association to provide for a ballot election, to be conducted by the officers of the Mississippi Municipal Clerks and Collectors Association, to be held each year at the summer convention, to elect a second vice president and to vote on any proposed bylaw changes; and

WHEREAS, the amended bylaws require the governing authority (Alderman, City Council, City Commission) to designate in its minutes the voting delegates and two alternates to cast the vote for each member municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE

In accordance with the bylaws of the Mississippi Municipal League, the voting delegates for the 2015 Mississippi Municipal League election to be held at the annual convention on June 22 – June 24, 2015 are as follows:

Voting Delegate: Michael Johnson, Alderman
First Alternate: Dennise J. Putnam, Municipal Clerk
Second Alternate: Teresa Darby, Alderwoman

That public interest and necessity requiring same, this Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

The above and foregoing Resolution, after having been first reduced to writing, was introduced by Alderman Chip Jones, seconded by Alderwoman Teresa Darby, and was adopted by the following vote, to-wit:

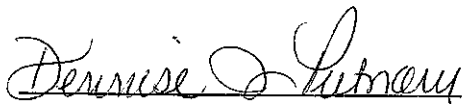
YEAS: Alderwoman Cindy Jones, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderman Chip Jones


NAYS: None.

The Mayor thereby declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted, this the 26th day of May, 2015.

The above and foregoing Resolution having been submitted to and approved by the Mayor, this the 26th day of May, 2015.

ATTEST:


CLERK


MAYOR

ATTACHMENT

May 20, 2015

Attn: Walnut Grove City Hall

I would like to make a bid of \$500 on the mobile home located at 112 Lewis Avenue in Walnut Grove, MS. I know the mobile home is to be moved from this location should I have the winning bid.

Stephen Atkinson
(601)750-1738

ATTACHMENT

I am bidding 101.00 on Trailer 14x80.

Donna Crawford

2434 Rice Creek Rd.
Carthage, MS 39051

601-267-6818

601-668-5637

601-863-6267

ATTACHMENT

Brett Barnes

601-941-1339

601-267-7800

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on trailer for
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