

TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE
OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Tuesday, June 2, 2015

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Walnut Grove met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 2, 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, Jason Gilbert, Dennise Putnam and Skyla Withers.**

General Public recorded as present: **Linda Bounds and Debra Petty.**

The invocation was given by **Alderwoman Cindy Jones.**

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA _____

Invocation	Alderwoman Cindy Jones
1. Call to Order	Mayor
2. Approval of Agenda	
3. Public Comment	
4. Consent Agenda (<i>considered en bloc</i>)	
o Approval of 2015 May 5 Regular Meeting Minutes	Dennise
o Approval of 2015 May 26 Special Called Meeting Minutes	Dennise
o Approval of MDA SMLP Grant Matching Funds Resolution	Mayor
o Approval of CAP Loan Resolution (Fire Station)	Mayor
o Approval to Transfer \$20k from Gas Rev to Gen Town	Dennise
o Approval to purchase matching JD Gator 625-State Contract for gas syst.	Jason
o Approval of Department Reports	Staff
o Approval to increase 3-yr p/t Officer Winfred Lewis to \$12.00/hr	Chief
5. Hearings:	
o Larry Young Estate - 113 East Street	
6. Approval of June 2015 Docket of Claims	Dennise
7. Adjournment	

Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Cindy Jones, seconded by Alderwoman Teresa Darby, to approve the agenda. 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.

HEARING: LARRY YOUNG ESTATE - 113 EAST STREET _____

The property has been cleaned up so no further action is due.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 2015 DOCKET OF CLAIMS _____

Municipal Clerk Dennise J. Putnam present the Docket of Claims for June 2015 to the Board for approval.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Mike Johnson, seconded by Alderwoman Teresa Darby, to approve the Docket of Claims for June 2015 with no changes. 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Cindy Jones, seconded by Alderman Chip Jones to adjourn. A vote was taken to adjourn at 6:05 p.m. with 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

(seal)


J. Brian Gomillion, MAYOR

GRANT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Town of Walnut Grove, Mississippi, is preparing a Mississippi Small Municipalities and Limited Population Counties Grant Program Application to turn in to the Mississippi Development Authority for a 90% grant not to exceed \$150,000.00 for the Downtown Improvements to include sidewalk improvements, awnings, a pocket park and other amenities.

WHEREAS, if the Town is awarded the Small Municipalities and Limited Population Counties Grant by the Mississippi Development Authority in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 the Town of Walnut Grove agrees to provide matching funds of ten percent (10%) which is at least \$16,548.00 which will consist of cash and/or in-kind services or a combination of both towards the construction of the downtown improvements; and


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Walnut Grove, Mississippi:

SECTION 1. The Town of Walnut Grove shall provide the matching funds of ten percent (10%) which is at least \$16,548.00 if awarded a Small Municipalities and Limited Population Counties Grant for Downtown Improvements to include sidewalk improvements, awnings, a pocket park and other amenities; and

SECTION 2. The Board of Aldermen authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents pertinent to this grant application and the Town is obligated to match ten percent (10%) funds whether it be cash, in-kind services or a combination of both to meet the ten percent (10%) match requirement for this grant application.

RESOLVED, this the 2nd day of June, 2015.

ATTEST:


Dennise J. Putnam, Municipal Clerk


Mayor Brian Gomillion

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TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE CAP LOAN PROGRAM RESOLUTION

Public Notice

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen, acting for and on behalf of the Town of Walnut Grove, Mississippi (the "Town"), Mississippi took up for consideration the matter of authorizing and approving a loan on behalf of the Town from the Mississippi Development Authority (the "Department") for the purpose of completing capital improvements identified as:

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FIRE STATION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE AS FOLLOWS

Section 1. The Governing Body of the Town of Walnut Grove does hereby declare its intention to enter into a loan agreement with the Department in the principal amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) for the purpose of completing the capital improvements identified above.

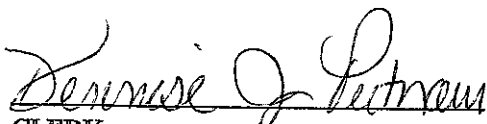
Section 2. The Loan will be secured by a Note executed and delivered by the Town to the Department. Failure of the Town to meet its repayment obligations shall result in the forfeiture of sales tax allocation or homestead exemption reimbursement in an amount sufficient to repay obligations due until such time as the indebtedness has been discharged or arrangements to discharge such indebtedness satisfactory to the Department have been made.

Section 3. The Governing Body proposes to authorize and approve the Loan from the Department in the amount and for the aforesaid purposes at a meeting of the Governing Body to be held at its regular meeting place at the Town Hall - Walnut Grove Board Room in Walnut Grove, Mississippi at Six o'clock p.m. on the 7th day of July, 2015, or at some meeting held subsequent thereto. This date assigned to authorize and approve the aforementioned loan documents has been set to meet program requirements which mandate that four public notices be issued prior to loan closing. This will allow sufficient time for public comments.

The motion having received the foregoing vote of the Governing Body, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted, on this the 2nd day of June, 2015.


MAYOR J. BRIAN GOMILLION

(SEAL)


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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Municipal Clerk

BALANCES AS OF MAY 31, 2015:

General Fund	\$	32,729.71
Street Tax		16,482.06
Fire Protection		569.96
Water Revenue		99,223.11
Water Meter Deposit		11,626.78
Gas Revenue		351,797.50
Gas Meter Deposit		45,874.69
Police Fund		445.00
General Town M/M		33,829.73
Special Fund M/M		10,356.48
Fire Protection M/M		71,353.96
Recreation Fund M/M		71,784.72
Water M/M		62,828.70
Gas M/M		105,684.67
	\$	914,587.07

WATER DEPOSITS (50)	GAS DEPOSITS (250)	PRIVILEGE LICENSE (\$)	BUILDING PERMITS
Jimmy Lewis James L. Whitehead Lucille Jones Charlene Fifer	Steve Brown	Timothy Thompson	Martha Lindsey Dale Rogers Gloria Bell

FIRE REPORT

- 1 Motor Vehicle Accident
- 3 Other Fire/Assistance

COURT REPORT

42+ Cases presented to Judge Evan Thompson on 05/13/2015

\$3,282.00 Collected in Fines

POLICE REPORT

OFFICER	NO OF REPORTS	MILES PATROLLED	CITATIONS ISSUED	ARRESTS
POLK	4	1643	8	3
LEWIS	1	1709	9	3
CHIPLEY	0	1599	1	0
PART-TIME	7	1465	6	0
TOTALS	12	6416	24	6

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TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE
OFFICIAL MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN
TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2015

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Walnut Grove met in Special Called Session on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 5:30 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 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**.

Invocation was given by Alderwoman Cindy Jones.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Brian Gomillion.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA _____

Consent Agenda

- Accept Resignation of Honorable Evan Thompson
- Appointment of New Municipal Judge - Ken Adcock
- Municipal Judge Pro-Tempore - Mayor
- Approval of Extension of Moratorium Ordinance
- Appointment of Gloria Overstreet to Correctional Authority to fill the unexpired term of Tonya Barton
- Approve Class: Pressure Point Control Tactics Instructor Certification for Chief Polk & Lieutenant Lewis
Pearl, MS August 24 - 28 & July 23 - 24

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

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

NAE: None.

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

BUDGET _____

Preparation for the FY16 budget was discussed. The Mid-Mississippi Regional Library System request was distributed. Concerns were shared regarding \$180,000 in lieu of taxes ending. Due to this potential loss any general town outlays would be decreased across the board. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT _____

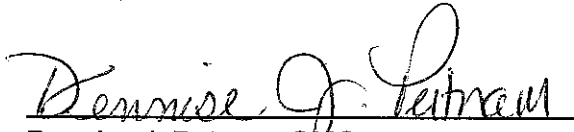
Motion was duly made by Alderman Chip Jones, seconded by Alderwoman Teresa Darby, to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. A vote was taken with the following results:

YEA: Alderwoman Cindy Jones, Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderman Mike Johnson, 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, CMC

(seal)



Brian Gomillion, Mayor

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**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 due to the untimely death of Walnut Grove Correctional Authority Board Members Tonya Barton, a replacement board member should be appointed for the remainder of her term.

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

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

it is ordered that Gloria Overstreet is hereby appointed to the Board of Commissioners of the Walnut Grove Correctional Authority to fill the unexpired term of Tonya Barton, 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:

Gloria Overstreet - Term Expires May 31, 2016

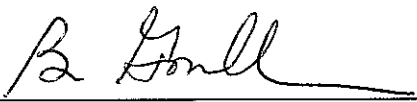
Teresa Withers - Term Expires May 31, 2016

Linda Bounds - Term Expires May 31, 2017

Davis Gill - Term Expires May 31, 2017

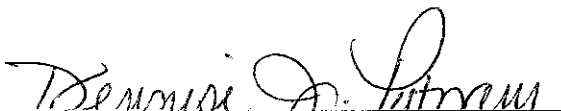
Shantelle Edwards - Term Expires May 31, 2020

So ordered by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Walnut Grove, Mississippi in open and regular session on this Tuesday the 30th day of June, 2015.



Brian Gomillion, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dennise Jones-Putnam, Municipal Clerk

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June 17, 2015

Honorable J. Brian Gomillion
Board of Alderman
Town of Walnut Grove
Post Office Box 69
Walnut Grove, MS 39189

RE: Resignation

Dear Mayor and Board:

I hereby tender my resignation as your Municipal Judge effective immediately upon your acceptance and appointment of someone in my stead or no later than July 15, 2015 at 12 noon.

Thank you for the confidence you have placed in me as your Municipal Judge.

Sincerely,

THOMPSON & HOLLINGSWORTH, P. A.



Evan L. Thompson

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Town of Walnut Grove, Mississippi

Ordinance No: 30 (Extended)

Extension of Ordinance establishing a moratorium on the issuance of building permits for any new development, rehabilitation, addition or alteration within Walnut Grove and establishing an immediate effective date.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Walnut Grove, Mississippi have entered into a process of town planning with the goal of achieving greater economic development opportunity, higher quality development, more advantageous land development patterns and a more attractive town for the long term health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, study time is necessary to identify economic opportunities, identify areas for suitable for various development purposes, establish long term goals and objectives, and draft appropriate implementation measures; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen desire to thoroughly engage interested stakeholders and the general public in the town planning initiative; and

WHEREAS, the planning area impacted by this planning initiative includes the entire Town of Walnut Grove; and

WHEREAS, the City has a compelling interest in the protection of the health and safety of all of its residents, as well as a compelling interest in ensuring that goals and policies currently under development are not undermined during the period of study; and

WHEREAS, without a moratorium the Town could, in the near future, receive applications for development, additions or alterations would conflict with the achievement of the long-range vision for this area; and

WHEREAS, the prior moratorium should be extended until the process as referred to above is completed.

THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE, MISSISSIPPI, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Establishment of Moratorium. A moratorium is hereby imposed on the application for, intake of, review of, or issuance of any building permit and/or other approval for any new use, new development, or additions or alterations to existing multi-family,

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congregate, transitional, correctional, or housing development.

Section 2. Notwithstanding the moratorium established in Section 1, the Town may continue to accept and issue the following Permits:

- A. Those Permits necessary to correct existing life/safety issues that would otherwise pose a threat to property or residents or occupants of an existing structure; and
- B. Those individual Permits that became vested prior to this date; and

Section 3. Duration and Scope of Moratorium. The moratorium imposed by this ordinance shall become extended until December 31, 2015 unless repealed, extended or modified.

Section 4. Findings of Fact.

- A. The above recitals are hereby incorporated as findings of fact;
- B. Establishing a vibrant small town that contributes and enhances Walnut Grove's quality of life is a goal of the Town of Walnut.
- C. Existing Town provisions are believed to be inadequate to support implementation of this long-range goal;
- E. New development or the investment in existing development represented by additions or alterations to existing development and uses prior to completion of such review may be detrimental to the health and safety of the citizens of the Town of Walnut Grove, and may allow the establishment of vested rights contrary to and inconsistent with forthcoming planning proposals.
- F. A planning process including significant opportunities for participation by property owners, residents and other stake-holders is proposed and the moratorium is required to maintain current conditions while the planning process progresses.

Section 5. Additional Extensions. If a period of more than six months is required to complete consideration of any changes to the Comprehensive Plan or Walnut Grove City Codes, the Board may adopt additional extensions of this moratorium.

Section 6. Severability. Should any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance be held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

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Section 7. Effective Date. That this ordinance be published as required by law, and that same be in full force and effect thirty days from the date hereof.

The foregoing Ordinance having been reduced to writing and having been read and considered by sections and then as a whole, a motion and second was duly made for its adoption, and the Mayor having called the question, the following vote was recorded:

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

The Mayor declared the motion to have been carried and the Ordinance to have been adopted, and directed the publication thereof.

SO ORDERED, this the 30th day of June, 2015.



BRIAN GOMILLION, MAYOR

ATTEST:



DENNISE JONES-PUTNAM, CITY CLERK

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