

**TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE**  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
Tuesday, October 6, 2015

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Walnut Grove met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 6, 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, and Alderwoman Teresa Darby.** Staff recorded as present was **Jeff Webb, Jason Gilbert, Kevin Polk, Michelle Anderson, and Skyla Withers.**

Absent from meeting: **Alderwoman Cindy Jones.**

General Public recorded as present: **Linda Bounds, Pat Dugan, Naomi Lewis, Debra Petty, Brittany Nelson, and Carl Sanders.**

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

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

**AGENDA**

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| 1. <b>CALL TO ORDER</b>      |  |                                   |
| 2. <b>INVOCATION</b>         |  | <b>Mayor Brian Gomillion</b>      |
|                              | Withers  | <b>Asst Municipal Clerk Skyla</b> |
| 3. <b>APPROVAL:</b>          | Agenda   |                                   |
| 4. <b>PERSONNEL:</b>         | Additions to Part-Time Roster @ 10.00 hr   | <b>Chief Kevin Polk</b>           |
|                              | Daria Cooks, (Full-Time Certified)   |                                   |
|                              | Natalie Lewis (Full-Time Certified, Federal Police Officer)  |                                   |
|                              | Carl Sanders   |                                   |
| 5. <b>UPDATE:</b>            | Street Sign Vandalism  |                                   |
| 6. <b>APPROVAL:</b>          | Consent Agenda   |                                   |
|                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>September 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes</i></li><li>• <i>September 2015 Recessed Meeting Minutes</i></li><li>• <i>Professional Services Agreement for Auditor: Wyndam &amp; Lacey</i></li><li>• <i>Departmental Reports</i></li><li>• <i>Extend Depot Street to Main St at Sylvanus St across new property</i></li><li>• <i>Michelle / Mayor - Festival Development Training Meridian January 2016</i></li></ul> |                                   |
| 7. <b>PUBLIC HEARING:</b>    | Comprehensive Plan & Development Code  | <b>Mayor</b>                      |
| 8. <b>ADOPTION:</b>          | Comprehensive Plan & Development Code Ordinance  | <b>Mayor</b>                      |
| 9. <b>APPROVAL:</b>          | October Docket of Claims   |                                   |
| 10. <b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>    | No Requests  |                                   |
| 11. <b>EXECUTIVE SESSION</b> | Authorized for Executive Session by Mississippi Code<br>§ 25-41-7 (j) Transaction of business and discussions or negotiations regarding the location, relocation or expansion of a business or an industry.  | <b>Mayor</b>                      |
| 12. <b>ADJOURNMENT</b>       |  |                                   |

On a motion made by Alderman Mike Johnson, duly seconded by Alderwoman Teresa Darby, the meeting agenda was approved with the following vote;

**YEA: Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderwoman Teresa Darby**

**NAY: None.**

**NOT VOTING: Alderman Chip Jones**

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

## **PERSONNEL**

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Chief Kevin Polk made a request to the Board to hire three additional part time police officers at the \$10.00 per hour for each one.

Daria Cooks, (Full-Time Certified)  
Natalie Lewis (Full-Time Certified, Federal Police Officer)  
Carl Sanders

On a motion made by Alderman Jerry Darby, duly seconded by Alderman Mike Johnson, the officers were hired part time with the following vote;

**YEA: Alderwoman Teresa Darby, Alderman Mike Johnson, Alderman Jerry Darby**

**NAY: None.**

**NOT VOTING: Alderman Chip Jones**

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

## **VANDALISM UPDATE**

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Chief Kevin Polk addressed the Board and public present concerning the vandalism of street signs. At this time we are receiving tips and looking into any information we receive and we are offering \$200 reward for any information leading to a conviction. Chief Polk stated we should all stay vigilant to catch the vandals.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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- Approval of September Regular Meeting Minutes
- Approval of September Recessed Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Professional Services Agreement for auditing services of Wyndam & Lacey of Pearl
- Approval of Department Reports
- Approval to extend Depot Street from intersection of Depot Street and Front Avenue to intersection of Sylvanus Street and Main Street across newly acquired Monticello Property
- Approval of Travel and Training for Mayor and Michelle Anderson to attend Festival Development Training in Meridian - January 2016

On a motion made by Alderman Mike Johnson, duly seconded by Alderman Jerry Darby, the Consent Agenda was approved with the following vote:

**YEA: 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.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

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Mayor Gomillion opened the public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan & Development Code.

Questions and/or comments were asked for and none were made.

Mayor Gomillion closed the public hearing.

**ADOPTION ORDINANCE #36** \_\_\_\_\_

On a motion made by Alderman Mike Johnson, duly seconded by Alderman Chip Jones, the Comprehensive Plan & Development Code Ordinance was approved with the following vote;

**YEA: 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.

**APPROVAL OF DOCKET** \_\_\_\_\_

On a motion made by Alderwoman Teresa Darby, duly seconded by Alderman Mike Johnson, the October Docket of Claims to be paid was approved with the following vote;

**YEA: 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** \_\_\_\_\_

No Requests.

**CLOSED SESSION** \_\_\_\_\_

On a motion made by Alderman Chip Jones, duly seconded by Alderwoman Teresa Darby, the session was closed to determine need for executive session with the following vote:

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

**NAY: None.**

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

**ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION** \_\_\_\_\_

On a motion made by Alderman Mike Johnson, duly seconded by Alderwoman Teresa Darby, the meeting entered in Executive Session pursuant to Mississippi Code § 25-41-7 for the discussion of the relocation of a potential industry to Walnut Grove with the following vote:

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

**NAY: None.**

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

**EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION** \_\_\_\_\_

On a motion made by Alderman Chip Jones, duly seconded by Alderman Jerry Darby, the meeting exited Executive Session with no action taken with the following vote:

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

**NAY: None.**

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

**ADJOURNMENT** \_\_\_\_\_


On a motion made by Alderman Chip Jones, duly seconded Alderman Jerry Darby, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 pm with the following vote;

**YEA: 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 meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
Dennise J. Putnam, Municipal Clerk

  
J. Brian Gomillion, Mayor

(seal)

ATTACHMENT

TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Tuesday, October 6, 2015 6:00 PM

AGENDA

*Requests for public comment must be made to the Clerk's Office prior to 5:00 pm on the day of the meeting.*

- 1. CALL TO ORDER Mayor Brian Gomillion
- 2. INVOCATION Asst Municipal Clerk Skyla Withers
- 3. APPROVAL:           Agenda
- 4. PERSONNEL:        Additions to Part-Time Roster @ 10.00 hr Chief Kevin Polk  
                           Daria Cooks, (Full-Time Certified)  
                           Natalie Lewis (Full-Time Certified, Federal Police Officer)  
                           Carl Sanders
- 5. UPDATE:            Street Sign Vandalism
- 6. APPROVAL:         Consent Agenda
  - *September 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes*
  - *September 2015 Recessed Meeting Minutes*
  - *Professional Services Agreement for Auditor: Wyndam & Lacey*
  - *Departmental Reports*
  - *Extend Depot Street to Main St at Sylvanus St across new property*
  - *Michelle / Mayor - Festival Development Training Meridian January 2016*
- 7. PUBLIC HEARING:   Comprehensive Plan & Development Code Mayor
- 8. ADOPTION:         Comprehensive Plan & Development Code Ordinance Mayor
- 9. APPROVAL:         October Docket of Claims
- 10. PUBLIC COMMENT  
*No Requests*
- 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION Mayor  
     Authorized for Executive Session by Mississippi Code  
     § 25-41-7 (j) Transaction of business and discussions or negotiations regarding the location, relocation or  
     expansion of a business or an industry.
- 12. ADJOURNMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neighborhood Night Out FOLLOWING Board Meeting

Fall Festival - Hay Rides, Fun & Games, Haunted Trail - Kids 15 & Under  
Golden Memorial State Park - Thurs. October 29th 5 PM

Updated 3:07 PM

# ATTACHMENT

## MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### Municipal Clerk

Balances as of September 30, 2015:

General Town	\$29,028.98
Street Tax	\$36,482.06
Fire Protection	\$74,525.39
Water & Sewer Revenue	\$38,869.90
Water Meter Deposit	\$11,281.05
Gas Revenue	\$199,715.18
Gas System Meter Deposit	\$43,722.39
Police Department	\$945.00
General Town M/M	\$37,516.45
Special Building Fund M/M	\$10,363.40
Fire Protection M/M	\$50,927.98
Recreation Fund M/M	\$57,927.77
Water & Sewer M/M	\$34,078.59
Gas M/M	\$105,755.33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$731,139.47</b>

Received by September 30, 2015:

Water Deposits (\$50)	Gas Deposits (\$250)	Privilege License		Building Permits		
Henry P. Foster Ann Brooks Martha E. Johnson Dewane Whitten	Kadedra Bland Dorothy Patrick Tina Tran	Chip Jones Tracey Riley Jerrica Morgan Dollar General	Leona Bright Sylvia Adams Tyson Hatchery	Billy Turner Roslyn Dumas Billy Reed Dewane Whitten	Mike Johnson	

### COURT REPORT

65 - Cases presented to Judge Ken Adcock on 09/09/2015  
 \$6,503 - Amount collected in FINES  
 \$742 - Amount of AMS Fines Collected

### POLICE REPORT

OFFICER	CITATIONS ISSUED	MILES PATROLLED	# OF REPORTS	ARRESTS
POLK	0	1403	7	2
LEWIS	0	1250	0	2
CHIPLEY	0	1116	3	1
<b>PART TIME TOTAL</b>	25	995		2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>4764</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>
Hanford	0			
Haralson	0			
Cash	2			
Lewis	0			
Odom	0			
Bell	0			
Wolf	23			