

TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE

OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Walnut Grove met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 5, 2016, 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, Alderman Cindy Jones** and **Alderman Teresa Darby**. Staff recorded as present were **Jeff Webb, Dennise J. Putnam, Skyla Withers, Michelle Anderson, Dale Gomillion** and **Kevin Polk**.

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

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

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

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS
4. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA
5. PUBLIC COMMENT
Debra Petty "Water & Gas Deposits"
6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
 1. Approval of the previous meeting minutes
 2. Approval of Department Reports
 3. Approval of Docket of Claims
7. REAPPOINTMENT OF AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS
Teresa Withers
Chasity Richmond
8. HEARINGS ON PROPERTY CLEANUP
 - a. 250 Main Street Abandoned Property of Bonnie Sims L/E
 - b. 193 Main Street Abandoned Property of Emmateen Greenwood
 - c. 113 East Street Abandoned Property of Larry Young
9. PROPERTY COMPLAINT
Abandoned Home - 191 Main Street - Lena Roberts
10. PERSONNEL
11. OPERATION HOURS
12. FY 2017 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS
13. WATER & SEWER
14. GARBAGE COLLECTION
15. RECESS UNTIL TUESDAY, JULY 12 6:00 PM

On a motion made by Alderwoman Cindy Jones, duly seconded by Alderman Chip Jones, the meeting Agenda was approved with the following vote;

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Debra Petty came before the Board to discuss her Water deposit with the Town of Walnut Grove. In this discussion she did not pose a question, however, the deposit requirements were explained to her by Deputy Clerk Skyla Withers. Mayor Gomillion stated for further discussion she would need to see Municipal Clerk Dennise Putman.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the previous meeting minutes
2. Approval of Department Reports
3. Approval of Docket of Claims

On a motion made by Alderwoman Cindy Jones, duly seconded by Alderwoman Teresa Darby, the Consent Agenda was approved with the following vote:

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.

REAPPOINTMENT OF AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS

**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 Chasity Richmond and Teresa Withers expired on May 31, 2016, and that they should be reappointed for five-year terms to expire May 31, 2021.

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",

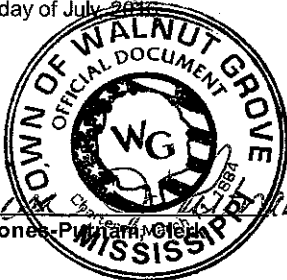
It is ordered that Chasity Richmond and Teresa Withers are hereby reappointed to the Board of Commissioners of the Walnut Grove Correctional Authority for a five year term to expire May 31, 2021, and it is further noted that the following named persons are the members of the Board of Commissioners of the Walnut Grove Correctional Authority as appointed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Walnut:

Linda Bounds - Term Expires May 31, 2017
Davis Gill - Term Expires May 31, 2017
Shantelle Edwards – Term Expires May 31, 2020
Chasity Richmond - Term Expires May 31, 2021
Teresa Withers – Term Expires May 31, 2021

So ordered by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Walnut Grove, Mississippi in open and regular session on this the 5th day of July, 2016.

ATTEST:


Dennise Jones - Planning Clerk




Brian Gomillion, Mayor

HEARINGS ON PROPERTY CLEAN UPS

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

The Board finds that at its meeting on June 7, 2016, it directed that notice be served on Bonnie Sims L/E, owner of parcel number 13427AA01, in accordance with Section 21-19-11 that the Town would proceed to clean their property as described in the Notice if they refused to do so.

The Board now finds that the Notice has been properly served and that the property remains in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the residents of the Town of Walnut Grove. The Board further finds that the Town should utilize its employees and resources to clean the property.

On a motion made by Alderman Chip Jones, duly seconded by Alderman Jerry Darby, and approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board,

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

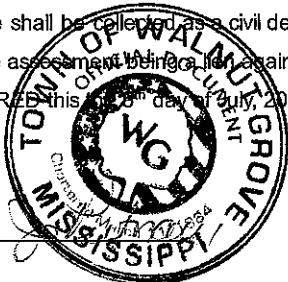
It is hereby ordered that:

- (1) the property of Bonnie Sims L/E, as described herein, is in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the residents of the Town of Walnut Grove;
- (2) the Mayor and/or Town Administrator is authorized to utilize employees and equipment of the Town to clean the property; and
- (3) the Mayor is directed to calculate the actual cost of cleaning the property and removing the debris and report to this Board and same shall be collected as a civil debt, and the cost and any penalty may also be collected as an assessment against the property, with the assessment being a lien against the property and enrolled in the office of the circuit clerk of Leake County.

SO ORDERED this 5th day of July, 2016.

ATTEST:

CLERK




MAYOR

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

The Board finds that at its meeting on June 7, 2016, it directed that notice be served on Emmateen Greenwood, owner of parcel number 13427AB11, in accordance with Section 21-19-11 that the Town would proceed to clean their property as described in the Notice if they refused to do so.

The Board now finds that the Notice has been properly served and that the property remains in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the residents of the Town of Walnut Grove. The Board further finds that the Town should utilize its employees and resources to clean the property.

On a motion made by Alderman Chip Jones, duly seconded by Alderman Jerry Darby, and approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board,

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

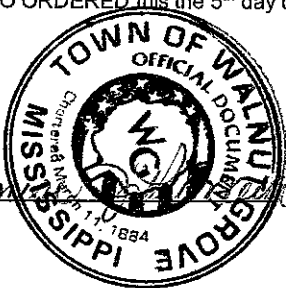
it is hereby ordered that:

- (1) the property of Emmateen Greenwood, as described herein, is in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the residents of the Town of Walnut Grove;
- (2) the Mayor and/or Town Administrator is authorized to utilize employees and equipment of the Town to clean the property; and
- (3) the Mayor is directed to calculate the actual cost of cleaning the property and removing the debris and report to this Board and same shall be collected as a civil debt, and the cost and any penalty may also be collected as an assessment against the property, with the assessment being a lien against the property and enrolled in the office of the circuit clerk of Leake County.

SO ORDERED this the 5th day of July, 2016.

ATTEST:


CLERK




MAYOR

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

The Board finds that at its meeting on June 7, 2016, it directed that notice be served on Larry D. Young, Jr., owner of parcel number 13427AA23, in accordance with Section 21-19-11 that the Town would proceed to clean their property as described in the Notice if they refused to do so.

The Board now finds that the Notice has been properly served and that the property remains in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the residents of the Town of Walnut Grove. The Board further finds that the Town should utilize its employees and resources to clean the property.

On a motion made by Alderman Chip Jones, duly seconded by Alderman Jerry Darby, and approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board,

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

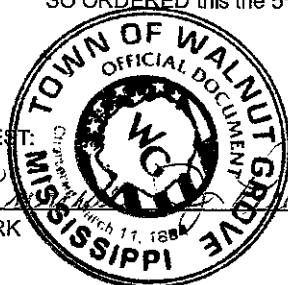
it is hereby ordered that:

- (1) the property of Larry D. Young, Jr., as described herein, is in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the residents of the Town of Walnut Grove;
- (2) the Mayor and/or Town Administrator is authorized to utilize employees and equipment of the Town to clean the property; and
- (3) the Mayor is directed to calculate the actual cost of cleaning the property and removing the debris and report to this Board and same shall be collected as a civil debt, and the cost and any penalty may also be collected as an assessment against the property, with the assessment being a lien against the property and enrolled in the office of the circuit clerk of Leake County.

SO ORDERED this the 5th day of July, 2016.

ATTEST:


CLERK




MAYOR

PROPERTY COMPLAINT

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 LENA ROBERTS, owner of parcel numbers 13427DB07 & 13427DB08 at 191 Main Street, of the setting of a hearing on August 2, 2016, 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,

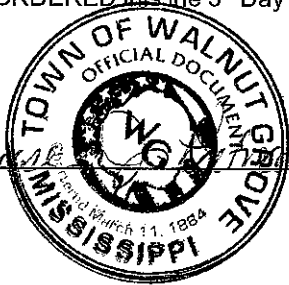
YES Jerry Darby, Teresa Darby, Mike Johnson, Chip Jones, Cindy Jones
NO None

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 July, 2016.

ATTEST:

[Signature]
CLERK



[Signature: Bri Gull]
MAYOR

PERSONNEL

Public Works Coordinator Michelle Anderson presented the Mayor & Board of Alderman with her resignation. She will continue to work the following 2 weeks with her last day being July 15, 2016.

On a motion made by Alderman Chip Jones, duly seconded by Alderwoman Teresa Darby, the resignation was accepted with the following vote;

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.

OPERATION HOURS

Mayor Gomillion brought the before the Board the recommendation of furlough by going to a 32 hour work week for Town Hall. The operation hours for Town Hall will be Tuesday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning July 18, 2016.

On a motion made by Alderman Chip Jones, duly seconded by Alderman Jerry Darby, the new operational hours were approved with the following vote;

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

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.

FY 2017 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

The Board requested the budget discussion be tabled until the next meeting in order for them to have more time to review all the information given to them.

On a motion made by Alderman Mike Johnson, duly seconded by Alderwoman Cindy Jones, the FY 2017 Budget discussions were tabled till the next meeting with the following vote;

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.

WATER & SEWER

FLAT RATES	(First 2000 Gallons)		Per Additional 1000 Gallons
	FROM	TO:	
Residential W:	10.00 / mo	15.25 / mo	\$3.35 per 1000 gallons
Residential S:	10.00 / mo	15.25 / mo	\$3.35 per 1000 gallons
Small Commercial W:	12.00 / mo	19.00 / mo	\$3.45 per 1000 gallons
	S: 12.00 / mo	25.00 / mo	\$4.19 per 1000 gallons
Large Commercial W:	15.00 / mo	30.00 / mo	\$3.60 per 1000 gallons
	S: 15.00 / mo	50.00 / mo	\$4.38 per 1000 gallons
Industrial: (Tyson)	W: 75.00 / mo	100.00 / mo	\$3.85 per 1000 gallons
	S: 100.00 / mo	125.00 / mo	\$4.69 per 1000 gallons
Institutional: (Prison)	W: 500.00 / mo	750.00 / mo	\$3.85 per 1000 gallons
	S: 750.00 / mo	1000.00 / mo	\$4.69 per 1000 gallons

Due to increased cost of operation and significant revenue loss the Board was presented with the above listed rates for water and sewer effective on bills due on September 5, 2016.

On a motion made by Alderman Chip Jones, duly seconded by Alderman Mike Johnson, the rate increase was approved with the following roll call vote;

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"

None voted "Nay".

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

GARBAGE COLLECTION

Proposed Garbage rates were presented to the Board representing a \$1.00 per month increase effective on bills due September 5, 2016.

- 1 - CAN \$13.00
- 2 - CAN \$23.50
- 3 - CAN \$34.00
- 4 - CAN \$44.50
- 5 - CAN \$55.00

On a motion made by Alderman Chip Jones, duly seconded by Alderman Mike Johnson, the garbage collection rate was proposed to advertise and the approve at the August 2nd meeting with the following roll call vote;

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"

None voted "Nay".

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

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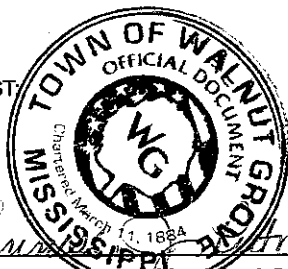
On a motion made by Alderwoman Cindy Jones, duly seconded by Alderwoman Teresa Darby, the meeting was recessed at 6:40 p.m. until Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at 6:00 pm, with the following vote;

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

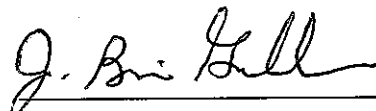
NAY: None.

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

ATTACHMENT
MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Municipal Clerk

Balances as of June 30, 2016:

General Fund	\$40,825.13
Street Tax	\$62,970.44
Fire Protection	\$31,359.04
Water Revenue	\$66,258.26
Water Meter Deposit	\$11,299.65
Gas Revenue	\$103,147.31
Gas Meter Deposit	\$46,693.87
Police Department	\$3,026.81
General Town M/M	\$29,072.60
Special Fund M/M	\$10,378.97
Fire Protection M/M	\$96,981.91
Recreation Fund M/M	\$47,781.69
Water M/M	\$34,129.79
Gas M/M	\$74,293.60
TOTAL	\$658,219.07

Received by June 30, 2016:

Water Deposits (\$50)	Gas Deposits (\$250)	Privilege License	Building Permits
Quylia Applewhite	Karen Anderson Justin R. Harris Sol Johnson Laura Lee Darby Glen Vanderslice	Kasenthia H. Bloodsaw Debbie Graham Tunya Jones	Sarah Dickerson Marbeth Carter

FIRE REPORT (JUNE 1 - 30)

- 3 - Structure Fires
 - 0 - Motor Vehicle Accidents
 - 4 - Other Fires & Medical Assistance
- Total of 7 calls**

COURT REPORT

- 89 - Cases presented to Judge Ken Adcock on 6/8/2016
- \$9,732.35 - Amount collected in fines
- \$300.01 - AMS Collected Amount

POLICE REPORT

OFFICER	CITATIONS ISSUED	MILES PATROLLED	# OF REPORTS	ARRESTS
POLK	0	1427	2	4
LEWIS	1	1794	1	1
CHIPLEY	3	1041	0	1
Cash				
W. Lewis				
C. Sanders	3			
S. John				
D. Cooks				
D. Hanford				
H. Wolf	6			

PART-TIME TOTAL: 9 956 4 1



Town of Walnut Grove

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2016 6:00 PM

A member of the public requesting to address the Mayor and Board of Aldermen must request to be on the agenda in advance of the meeting by contacting the Municipal Clerk's Office with the subject of the comment. Up to three (3) minutes will granted during public comment.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Debra Petty "Water & Gas Deposits"

6. REAPPOINTMENT OF AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS

Teresa Withers
Chasity Richmond

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the previous meeting minutes
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- a. 252 Main Street Abandoned Property of Bonnie Sims L/E
- b. 193 Main Street Abandoned Property of Emmateen Greenwood
- c. 113 East Street Abandoned Property of Larry Young

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL
POTENTIAL LITIGATION**

10. OPERATION HOURS

11. FY 2017 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

12. WATER & SEWER OPERATIONS

13. GARBAGE COLLECTION

14. RECESS UNTIL TUESDAY, JULY 12 6:00 PM

July 5, 2016

Mayor and Board of Alderman

Please accept this letter as my official resignation as Public Works Coordinator with the Town of Walnut Grove, as of July 15th, 2016. After six years, this was a difficult decision for me, but one that I feel is best for me as well as the Town at this point in my career as I become the new Municipal Clerk of the Town of Sebastopol.

Walnut Grove and each of you will always have a special place in my heart and I will always be available to help.

Michelle Anderson

Michelle Anderson

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER
CLEANING PRIVATE PROPERTY**

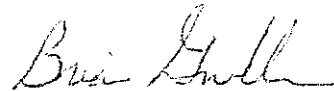
EMMATEEN GREENWOOD
193 MAIN ST
Walnut Grove, MS 39189

This notice is to advise you that in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, that a hearing has been scheduled at **6:00 p.m. on July 5, 2016 at the Walnut Grove Town Hall located at 139 Main Street, Walnut Grove, Miss.** to determine whether or not a parcel(s) of land owned by you and located at 193 Main Street, Walnut Grove, Mississippi 39189, and being parcel numbers 13427AB11 is in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community. If at such hearing, the Board of Alderman shall determine that said parcel of land is a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community, the Board of Alderman shall, if you do not do so yourself, proceed to clean the land, by the use of municipal employees or by contract, by cutting grass and weeds, removing rubbish, dilapidated fences, dilapidated buildings and personal property.

Thereafter, the Board of Alderman may determine the actual cost of cleaning the property and may also impose a statutory penalty in an amount not to exceed 50% of the actual cost or \$1,500.00, whichever is more. The cost and any penalty may become a civil debt against you, or, at the option of the Board of Alderman, an assessment against the property. The cost assessed against the property means either the cost to the Town of using its own employees to do the work or the cost of any contract executed by the Town to have the work done plus administrative costs and legal costs.

Further, an adjudication at the hearing that the property or parcel of land is in need of cleaning will authorize the municipality to reenter the property or parcel of land for a period of one (1) year after the hearing without any further hearing if notice is posted on the property or parcel of land and at city hall or another place in the municipality where such notices are generally posted at least seven (7) days before the property or parcel of land is reentered for cleaning. This action is taken pursuant to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

This the 7th day of June, 2016.



Brian Gomillion, MAYOR
Town of Walnut Grove

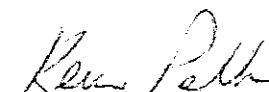
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kevin Polk, Police Chief, certify that:

(1) I have mailed this Notice to the property owner by United States mail two (2) weeks before the date of the hearing to the address of the subject property and to the address where the ad valorem tax notice for such property is sent by the Leake County Tax Assessor's office; and

(2) I have posted this notice for at least two (2) weeks before the date of a hearing on the property or parcel of land alleged to be in need of cleaning and at city hall.

So Certified, this the 10th day of June, 2016.



Kevin Polk, Police Chief

THIS NOTICE AND CERTIFICATION TO BE PLACED IN MINUTES ON DATE OF HEARING

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER
CLEANING PRIVATE PROPERTY**


Larry Dean Young, Jr.
P O BOX 1763
ORANGE BEACH AL36561

This notice is to advise you that in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, that a hearing has been scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on July 5, 2016 at the Walnut Grove Town Hall located at 139 Main Street, Walnut Grove, Miss. to determine whether or not a parcel(s) of land owned by you and located at 113 East St, Walnut Grove, Mississippi 39189, and being parcel number 13427AA23 is in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community. If at such hearing, the Board of Alderman shall determine that said parcel of land is a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community, the Board of Alderman shall, if you do not do so yourself, proceed to clean the land, by the use of municipal employees or by contract, by cutting grass and weeds, removing rubbish, dilapidated fences, dilapidated buildings and personal property.

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Brian Gomillion, MAYOR
Town of Walnut Grove

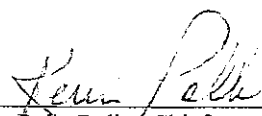
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(2) I have posted this notice for at least two (2) weeks before the date of a hearing on the property or parcel of land alleged to be in need of cleaning and at city hall.

So Certified, this the 10th day of JUNE, 2016.



Kevin Polk, Police Chief

THIS NOTICE AND CERTIFICATION TO BE PLACED IN MINUTES ON DATE OF HEARING

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER
CLEANING PRIVATE PROPERTY**

SIMS BONNIE JEAN L/E
% JUNE HILL
6239 AMBLEWOOD DR
JACKSON, MS 39213

This notice is to advise you that in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, that a hearing has been scheduled at **6:00 p.m. on July 5, 2016, at the Walnut Grove Town Hall located at 139 Main Street, Walnut Grove, Miss.** to determine whether or not a parcel(s) of land owned by you and located at 250 Main Street, Walnut Grove, Mississippi 39189, and being parcel numbers 13427AA01 is in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community. If at such hearing, the Board of Alderman shall determine that said parcel of land is a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community, the Board of Alderman shall, if you do not do so yourself, proceed to clean the land, by the use of municipal employees or by contract, by cutting grass and weeds, removing rubbish, dilapidated fences, dilapidated buildings and personal property.

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Brian Gomillion, MAYOR
Town of Walnut Grove

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kevin Polk, Police Chief, certify that:

(1) I have mailed this Notice to the property owner by United States mail two (2) weeks before the date of the hearing to the address of the subject property and to the address where the ad valorem tax notice for such property is sent by the Leake County Tax Assessor's office; and

(2) I have posted this notice for at least two (2) weeks before the date of a hearing on the property or parcel of land alleged to be in need of cleaning and at city hall.

So Certified, this the 10th day of June, 2016.


Kevin Polk, Police Chief

THIS NOTICE AND CERTIFICATION TO BE PLACED IN MINUTES ON DATE OF HEARING

TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE
OFFICIAL MINUTES
RECESSED MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Tuesday, July 12, 2016

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Walnut Grove met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, 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 Cindy Jones.** Staff recorded as present were **Jeff Webb, Dennise J. Putnam, Michelle Anderson and Kevin Polk.**

General Public recorded as present: **Debra Petty.**

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AGENDA

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
 2. **INVOCATION**
 3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 4. **APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA**
 5. **AUTHORIZATION TO PAY CLAIMS**

Buildings & Property	\$ 22,487	Liberty Mutual
Grant / Enviro Work	\$ 1598.54	Professional Grant Management Services
 6. **OLD STATION BUILDING RENTAL (Advertise for Bids to Lease)**
 7. **RESIGNATION FROM DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

Pamela Gill
 8. **PERSONNEL**

Rate per Hour based upon upcoming 32 hour work week*		
Municipal Operations Manager	19.23	
Deputy Municipal Clerk / Court Clerk	15.02	
Utility Operations Level 1	11.50	
Rate per Hour		
Chief of Police	19.16	(polk)
Lieutenant	15.00	(lewis)
Sargent	12.33	(chipley)
 9. **FY 2017 ITEMS**
 - AllState Short-Term Disability Coverage added 2015
 - Board - Health Insurance Coverage
 - Mid-Mississippi Regional Library System Allocation
 - Leake County Development Association
 10. **Set FY2017 Budget and Amended FY2016 Hearing for 6:00 PM August 2nd**
 11. **RECESS UNTIL TUESDAY, JULY 26, 6:00 PM**

On a motion made by Alderwoman Cindy Jones, duly seconded by Alderman Jerry Darby, the meeting agenda was approved with the following vote;

**YEA: Alderwoman Cindy Jones,, 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.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY CLAIMS

Buildings & Property	\$ 22,487.00	Liberty Mutual
Grant / Enviro Work	\$ 1,598.54	Professional Grant Management Services

On a motion made by Alderwoman Cindy Jones, duly seconded by Alderman Jerry Darby, approval to pay the above listed claims was given with the following vote;

**YEA: Alderwoman Cindy Jones,, 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.

OLD STATION BUILDING RENTAL

Mayor Gomillion brought before the Board the option to advertise for bids to lease this building on a month to month basis. On a motion made by Alderman Chip Jones, duly seconded by Alderwoman Cindy Jones, this was approved with the following vote;

YEA: Alderwoman Cindy Jones,, 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.

RESIGNATION FROM DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Mayor Gomillion presented the Board with a letter of resignation for Pamela Gill from the Leake County Development Association Board. On a motion made by Alderman Chip Jones, duly seconded by Alderman Jerry Darby, the resignation was accepted with the following vote;

YEA: Alderwoman Cindy Jones,, 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.

PERSONNEL

Mayor Gomillion presented the Board with the following changes to payroll to be implemented on July 22, 2016:

Rate per Hour based upon upcoming 32 hour work week*	
Municipal Operations Manager	19.23
Deputy Municipal Clerk / Court Clerk	15.02
Utility Operations Level 1	11.50

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On a motion made by Alderman Chip Jones, duly seconded by Alderman Jerry Darby, the changes to payroll were approved with the following vote;

YEA: Alderwoman Cindy Jones,, 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.

ALLSTATE SHORT-TERM DISABILITY COVERAGE

AllState Short Term Disability Insurance for employees paid for by the Town will be discontinued at this time. Municipal Clerk will notify the Insurance Company and complete the needed paperwork for this. On a motion made by Alderman Chip Jones, duly seconded by Alderman Jerry Darby, this was approved with the following vote;

YEA: Alderwoman Cindy Jones,, 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.

BOARD HEALTH COVERAGE

Discussion on the health care coverage for the Board concerning the FY 2016 Budget was tabled at this time to revisit in a later meeting concerning FY 2016 Budget issues.

On a motion made by Alderman Chip Jones, duly seconded by Alderman Jerry Darby, the tabled issue was approved with the following vote;

YEA: Alderwoman Cindy Jones,, 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.

MID-MISSISSIPPI REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

FY 2016 Budget allocation for the Library will be changed from \$55,125 per year to \$25,000 per year. On a motion made by Alderman Jerry Darby, duly seconded by Alderman Chip Jones, the budget cut was approved with the following vote;

YEA: Alderwoman Cindy Jones,, 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.

LEAKE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

FY 2016 Budget allocation for the Leake County Development Association will be changed from \$3,000 per year to \$1,000 per year. On a motion made by Alderman Chip Jones, duly seconded by Alderman Jerry Darby, the budget cut was approved with the following vote;

YEA: Alderwoman Cindy Jones,, 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

On a motion made by Alderwoman Cindy Jones, duly seconded by Alderman Jerry Darby, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm with the following vote;

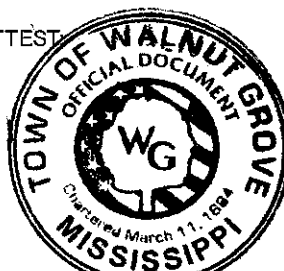
YEA: Alderwoman Cindy Jones,, Alderman Mike Johnson,
Alderman Jerry Darby, Alderman Chip Jones


NAY: None.

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


Dennise J. Putnam, Municipal Clerk

ATTEST




Brian Gomillion, Mayor



Town of Walnut Grove

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016 6:00 PM

A member of the public requesting to address the Mayor and Board of Aldermen must request to be on the agenda in advance of the meeting by contacting the Municipal Clerk's Office with the subject of the comment. Up to three (3) minutes will granted during public comment.

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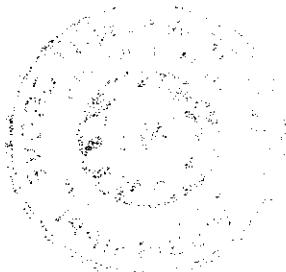
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PROOF OF PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
LEAKE COUNTY

Personally came before the undersigned Authority Brenda B. Howell duly qualified for Leake County, Mississippi Waid Prather Publisher of THE CARTHAGINIAN, a newspaper, published in the City of

NOTICE TO INCREASE SOLID WASTE FEES
Pursuant to Section 21-19-2 of the Miss. Code of 1972 as amended, the Town of Walnut Grove hereby publishes this notice of intent to adopt an order at its regular meeting at 6:00 pm on August 2, 2016 to increase the fees for the collection of municipal garbage collection.
The purpose of the proposed increase is to cover the costs associated with the collection and removal of solid waste by single family residential and small commercial generators of garbage in the Town due to increased costs of collection.
The proposed increase is to \$13.00 for first 95 gallon container, \$ 23.50 for two 95 gallon containers, \$24.00 for 3 95 gallon containers, or 43.50 for 4 gallon containers.
The proposed rate is an increase of 8%, and it is anticipated to increase total revenues for garbage collection and disposal services fees by 8%.
This the 5th day of July, 2015.
/s/ Dennise J. Putnam
CLERK

Carthage, State and County aforesaid, who being duly sworn, deposes and swears that the foregoing is true and correct. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office, of which the annexed is a copy, has been given to the undersigned Authority 1 times consecutively, to wit.

On the 14th day of July 2016
On the day of 2016
On the day of 2016
On the day of 2016

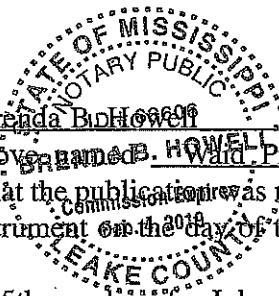
This 15th day of July 2016

[Handwritten signature of Waid Prather]

Publisher THE CARTHAGINIAN

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
LEAKE COUNTY

Personally appeared before me, Brenda B. Howell, Notary Public of said County and State, the above named Waid Prather, Publisher, who being duly sworn declares that the publication was made as stated and that he signed the foregoing instrument on the day of the year therein mentioned.



Given under my hand this 15th day of July 2016

[Handwritten signature of Brenda B. Howell], Notary Public

My commission expires on the 4th day of Feb. 2019

July 15, 2016

TO THE CARTHAGINIAN DR.
Publishing Town of Walnut Grove, Notice to Increase Solid Waste Fees

8" ad space 1 time and making Proof of Publication \$72.20

Received of Payment
in full of above account 2016.

THE CARTHAGINIAN

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LEAKE COUNTY

Personally came before the undersigned Authority Brenda B. Howell duly qualified for Leake County, Mississippi Waid Prather Publisher of THE CARTHAGINIAN, a newspaper, published in the City of Carthage, State and County aforesaid, who being duly sworn, deposes and says that publication of notice, of which the annexed is a copy, has been made in said paper 2 times consecutively, to wit.

Vol 145 No 19 On the 14th day of July 2016

Vol 145 No 20 On the 21st day of July 2016

Vol No On the day of 201

Vol No On the day of 201

This 22nd day of July 2016

[Signature]
Publisher THE CARTHAGINIAN

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
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Personally appeared before me, Brenda B. Howell, Notary Public of said County and State, the above named Waid Prather, Publisher, who being duly sworn declared that the publication was made as stated and that he signed the foregoing instrument on the day of the year therein mentioned.

Given under my hand this 22nd day of July 2016

[Signature] Brenda B Howell, Notary Public

My commission expires on the 4th day of Feb. 2019

July 22, 2016

TO PUBLISHED OF THE TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE, LEAKE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE WATERWORKS AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM OF THE TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE, LEAKE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

NOTWITHSTANDING this provision, the Town of Walnut Grove may enter into contracts with rural water systems or government agencies to provide water services outside the corporate limits at rates agreed upon and approved by order of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen

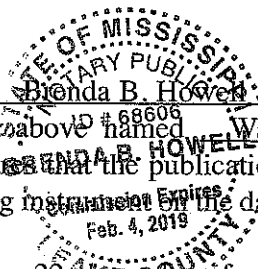
SECTION IV. The amended rates shall become effective thirty days from date of passage in force 2016.

The foregoing Amended Rates having been reduced to writing and having been read and considered by Section and then as a whole, Alderman Chip Jones moved to adopt same by as a whole. Alderman Michael Johnson seconded the motion to adopt the Rate change and the Mayor having called the question, the following vote was recorded:

Michael Johnson AYE
Chip Jones AYE
Jerry Darby AYE
Cindy Jones AYE
Teresa Darby AYE

The Motion having received the affirmative vote of all Aldermen present, the Mayor declared the same carried.

SO ORDERED this the 5 day of July 2016.
Dennise J. Putnam
Municipal Clerk



Pamela R. Gill
P. O. Box 49
Walnut Grove, MS 39189
~~601-253-2571~~

July 1, 2016

Mayor Brian Gomillion and
Town of Walnut Grove Board of Aldermen

RE: Letter of Resignation

I, Pamela R. Gill resign my seat from the Leake County Development Association (LCDA) effective August 2016.

I would like to thank Mayor Brian Gomillion and the Town of Walnut Grove Board of Aldermen for allowing me the opportunity and experience to serve in this capacity.

Sincerely,



Pamela R. Gill

ATTACHMENT



Management
& Training
Corporation

500 N. Marketplace Dr.
P.O. Box 10
Centerville, UT 84014
Direct: 801.693.2600
Fax: 801.693.2900
www.mtctrains.com

July 8, 2016

J. Brian Gomillion, Mayor
139 Main Street
Walnut Grove, MS 39189

Re. Mass Layoff – WARN Notice

Mayor Gomillion,

This notice is being provided pursuant to the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act of 1988 (WARN), which requires employers to give official notice to certain government units or officials of a pending mass layoff or facility shut down.

Please be advised that, Management & Training Corporation (MTC) will permanently layoff all employees who are employed at the Walnut Grove Correctional Facility (WGCF), 1650 Highway 492, Walnut Grove, Mississippi, 39189. The Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) has given notice of its intention to transfer all inmates from WGCF to other MDOC facilities and close WGCF. This will end the contract between MDOC and MTC for operation of this facility.

As a result, approximately 210 employees at this facility will be permanently laid off by MTC effective September 14, 2016. The employees at this location are not represented by any collective bargaining unit and do not have bumping rights.

You may contact me for additional information at (801)693-2624 or by mail at:

Management & Training Corporation
P.O. Box 10
Centerville, UT 84014

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Hall", written in a cursive style.

Stephanie Hall
Director, Human Resources

129 Main Street
Post Office Box 69
Walnut Grove, MS 39189

601.253.2321 Town Hall
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601.253.9492 Municipal Court
601.253.2325 Fax

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TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE

MAYOR
J. Brian Gomillion
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Jerry Darby
Teresa Darby
Mike Johnson
Marvin "Chip" Jones, III
Cindy Jones
CLERK
Denise J. Putnam

July 12, 2016

Mr. Monte Ladner, President
Leake County Development Association
PO Box 209
Carthage, MS 39051

RE: Annual Allocation to LCDA

Dear Monte:

The closure of the Walnut Grove Correctional Facility, the Town's largest employer and municipal utilities customer, by Governor Bryant and the Mississippi Department of Corrections has incredibly impacted the revenue generated to operate the general municipal government and our utility systems. The direct loss is over \$750,000 to a \$ 1.9 million budget. We have cut across the board including furloughing employees one day weekly. This impacted those employees \$ 7-10,000 annually. Further, two employees have resigned due to the furloughs. Our commitment to the Library System has been reduced from 55,000 to 25,000.

Our statutorily allowable allocation of 1-mil (equivalent to \$3000) to the Association is small in comparison to others, we are having to cut across every fund. Our board voted last night to continue to participate as we can with \$1000 to the Association.

Pamela Gill resigned as one of our two representatives to LCDA Board last week. Because of our reduction in financial support to LCDA, we will not be filling that position.

If our financial situation were to improve in the coming months, our commitment to the organization will be revisited.

Sincerely,

J. Brian Gomillion, Mayor
Town of Walnut Grove

CC: FILE
Mala Burns, LCDA Executive Director

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Mr. Richard Greene, Exec. Director
Mid Mississippi Regional Library System
Kosciusko, MS 39090

Dear Mr. Greene:

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We have cut across the board including furloughing employees one day weekly. This impacted those employees \$ 7-10,000 annually. Further, two employees have resigned due to the furloughs. We are not sure how we are going to balance budget still with the drastic cuts across all funds already.

I am truly saddened and disheartened for Walnut Grove and the area, but our allocation to MMRLS will be reduced from 55,000 to 25,000 for the upcoming budget year beginning October 1. We are so proud of our library and staff and what has been accomplished. We realize it will impact hours and staffing and more. Beyond the 25,000 to MMRLS, the Town still has an annual payment of 30,000 for the loan on the building and \$20,000+ in utilities, insurance, and upkeep.

You have my commitment and our Board's that if our budget situation improves. Our MMRLS contribution will be re-evaluated.

Again, I am extremely disappointed by the illogical actions of our State Government that have created this situation which is beyond the Town's control.

Sincerely,

J. Brian Gomillion, Mayor
Town of Walnut Grove

CC: Linda Bounds, Librarian
Walnut Grove Board of Trustees
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