

Minutes for Work Session

Thursday April 17, 2018 @ 2:00 p.m.

Present:

- Mayor Lamar Lee
- Kevin Schultz
- Carol Witcher
- Linda Pilgrim
- Mark Moore
- Mike Malcom, City Attorney
- Jesse Couch, City Attorney
- Sonya Cox – Deputy Clerk

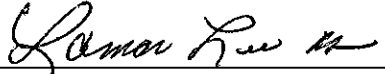
Mayor Lee turned the meeting over to Attorney Mike Malcom

Mike Malcom- Really the main reason for this meeting is because of the Tax Agreement or I.G.A. with the County it is time sensitive. Basically what this agreement is, we are going to hire Derry Boyd to collect the taxes for the City of Walnut Grove for us. The term is from year to year and the agreement will automatically renew unless we decide to terminate it. I do know that the City of Monroe has been benefiting from this for long time, and their city tax bill is included with their county tax bill. The only quirk I have with this it says that within 45 days of tax bills being mailed , the county will prepare and send the City of Walnut Grove one or more invoices setting forth the total due to Walton County. Then in return the city shall pay the invoices within 45 days of receipt thereof. The only thing is you are dealing with people who have never had to pay city property taxes before.


There was also discussion about what Derry Boyd and the County would receive for collecting the City of Walnut Groves property taxes. Attorney Mike Malcom made a phone call to Derry Boyd to get the answers to these questions. County receives 2.5% and Derry Boyd gets \$2.50 of that for each parcel that is taxed. Also there was discussion about the idea that this would be a good move for the City given the logistics of collecting property taxes would make it nearly impossible for the City to do so at a better cost/benefit for the first years, and probably for the foreseeable future.

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded by Mark Moore, passed unanimously
At 2:47 p.m.

Approved the 10 day of May, 2018.



Mayor Lamar Lee



Katherine A. Glass, City Clerk