

Walnut Grove, MN

August 20, 2025

The City Council met in a special session on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Walnut Grove City Council Room.

Present: Ron Stubbe, Yeng Yang, Sue West, Dylan Albertson & Dale Shannon

Also present: Beth Bjorklund, Andy Foster, Randy & Darla Larson, Joey & Carol Johnson, Barbara Baxter, Mark Johnson

Mayor Stubbe presided at the meeting

The primary purpose of the special meeting was to review the contract presented by the sheriff's department and determine whether or not the city should contract with the Redwood County Sheriffs Department for law enforcement. Additionally, the clerk is asking for council direction as to what next steps they would like to her to make to proceed with hiring a police chief.

After reviewing the contract, the council determined that they would prefer going with a contract where the city would pay for any calls made by residents or the city per call at the agreed upon hourly rate. Motion by Dylan Albertson, seconded by Dale Shannon to approve a contract with Redwood County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement to pay for calls to Walnut Grove. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The council discussed different options and advertising methods and determined they would like to post an add on the MN POST Boards website, the city website and face book. They also agreed they should place an ad in the Sentinel, the Tracy paper, Marshall Independent, and the Redwood Falls paper.

The council briefly discussed the 2026 budget for the police and determined they would leave the budget the same as 2025 and make any necessary adjustments on the 2027 budget.

The council was reminded that the September

Motion by Dylan Albertson, seconded by Sue West to adjourn. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Paula McGarvey
Clerk-Treasurer