

CITY OF WALKER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 13, 2024

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jimmy Watson, followed by prayer led by Councilman, Richard Wales. Municipal Clerk, Tammy Payton, proceeded with the roll call of the council members.

The following council members were present: David Clark, Eric Cook, Gary Griffin, Scarlett Milton-Major and Richard Wales.

Mayor Watson called for a motion to adopt/approve the minutes of the May 6, 2024 special council meeting. With no comments or objections to adopt the minutes, a motion was made by Mr. Wales, seconded by Mr. Cook, to approve.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Finance Director, Mike Cotton, presented to the council the March 2024 financial report. Total net profits for the period ending March 31, 2024 were \$2,283.084; sales tax increased 5% and gas revenue increased 17%.

City attorney, Bobby King, proclaimed the *Procès Verbal* of the Canvass of the Votes casted for the *Half-Cents Sales Tax* special election held on April 27, 2024 which declared there were 233 votes FOR the proposition and 106 votes AGAINST the proposition—339 total votes.

Thereafter, Mr. King presented before the Mayor and the members of the council the Resolution to Declare the Results of the Special Election Authorizing the Renewal of the Levy and Collection of One-Half of One Percent Sales and Use Tax for a period of twenty-five years beginning April 25, 2025.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Cook, the resolution was approved as presented.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Clark introduced the Ordinance Directing the Renewal of the Renewal of the Levy and Collection of One-Half Percent Sales and Use Tax Within the City for a Period of Twenty-five Years Beginning April 1, 2025. This was an introduction only with no discussion.

A motion was made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Wales, to lift the agenda and enter into a public hearing.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Griffin brought before the council the 2024 Annual Budget Amendment No. 3 [Ordinance 05-2024-02] to purchase a six-foot trailer mounted trash pump for the Sewer Department in the amount of \$70,000.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Major, seconded by Mr. Wales, Ordinance #05-2024-02, was approved as presented.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

A motion was made by Mr. Wales, seconded by Mr. Cook, to close the public hearing.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

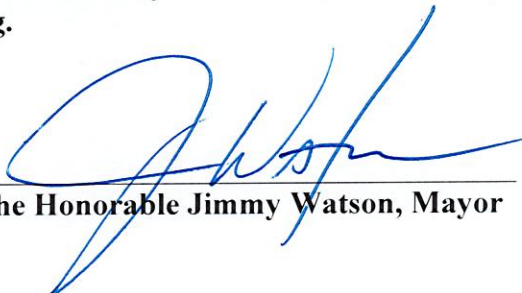
NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Additional Comments

- ◆ Mayor Watson announced the City of Walker's Independence Day Event (4th of July) at Sidney Hutchinson Park will be held on Saturday, June 29, 2024. More details will be posted on the city's website and Facebook page.
- ◆ Comments on the Fishing Rodeo were made. The attendance this year was not as large as the year before; but, noticeably was attended by more families participating in the event.
- ◆ Club Outreach will host a Spay & Neuter Clinic on June 7th – 9th, 2024 (Fri, Sat., Sun).
- ◆ Local resident, Michael Scott, publicly commended the crew of the gas and water departments for the quick response to repair the cut gas line and broken water vein damage created by another service company working around Johnson/Travis St. last month.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Wales, seconded by Mr. Cook, to adjourn the May 13, 2024 council meeting.


The Honorable Jimmy Watson, Mayor

Attest: 
Tammy Rayton, Municipal Clerk