

CITY OF WALKER
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

August 13, 2018

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Court was held at the Walker City Hall on August 13, 2018 at 6:00 pm. Present were Mayor Jimmy Watson, Council members David Clark, Eric Cook, Gary Griffin, Scarlett Major and Richard Wales.

Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to adopt the minutes from the July 9, 2018 meeting as presented.

Yeas:	Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

Mr. Joe McLin, Supervisor over Sewer/Water Maintenance & New Construction present the DPW report indicating the following:

- Sidney Hutchinson Park upgrades for ball season and 4th of July celebration
- Installed several new Point of Collection locations
- Added a flush on Persimmon Street
- Installed a new 4" main on Westcoll
- Manhole repairs and smoke testing
- Mobil Home Units inspections
- Several lift stations received maintenance
- Assisted other departments with priority tasks

Mr. Jamie Etheridge, Chief of Operations, informed the Council the City would be issuing a letter of no objection to Mrs. Linda Ruth Jackson, with the Palmetto Cemetery Committee for the purpose of fencing in the cemetery and placing the fence in the same location it was years before. It appears that some of the graves may be on City right-of-way. Mr. Etheridge indicated this would not hinder the City from performing any work within the right-of-way.

Mr. Jamie Etheridge reported there were several properties within the City that need to be condemned. Mrs. Nancy Kimble, City Building Official had made attempt to contact all owners. This item on the agenda was the official beginning of the condemnation process.

The first property is a trailer, located at 30230 Walker North belonging to Joseph Harper. Ms. Janice Harper was present and indicated Joseph Harper, her brother, is deceased but another brother is living there and they would like to repair the trailer. Mayor Watson directed her to get with Mrs. Kimble regarding what had to be done to stop the condemnation proceeding. Mayor Watson also stated as long as the owners were willing to work with the City to get these properties cleaned up the City was willing to work with them. Mayor Watson stated they would have until the September Council meeting to make arrangements or progress or it would be placed back on the agenda for condemnation.

The second property is a trailer, located at 30230 Walker North belonging to Joseph Harper. Ms. Janice Harper indicated they would be tearing it down. Mayor Watson stated that if it was not torn down it would be placed back on the agenda for condemnation.

The third property is located at 13705 Perkins Lane. Mayor Watson indicated he had already met with Mr. Perkins about repairing the property and the City would be working with him. Mayor Watson again stated if no progress was made by the timeline set forth it would be brought back before the council for condemnation.

The fourth property is located at 13466 East Railroad. The individual that was notified of the condemnation stated he was not the owner of the property. It was determined the City would continue to locate the correct owner.

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to approve a resolution between The City of Walker and First Capital Equipment Leasing to lease tractors and mowing Equipment.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales
Nays: None
Absent: None

Mr. Gary Griffin, made a motion, seconded by Mr. David Clark to approve a resolution authorizing the final acceptance of Walker Sidewalk project phase 3.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales
Nays: None
Absent: None

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an ordinance to be set for a public hearing at the regular meeting on Monday, September 10, 2018 for the purpose of purchasing property off of East Railroad and Ball Park Roads.

Mr. Eric Cook introduced an ordinance to be set for a public hearing at the regular meeting on Monday, September 10, 2018 for budget amendment # 4 for the purchasing of East Railroad and Ball Park property.

Chief David Addison presented the police report indicating 661 citations, 1173 calls for service and 190 arrests were performed in June 2018.

During additional comments Mayor Watson mentioned that Mr. Mike Cotton, Finance Director had provided first quarter financial statements and would have the second quarter ready for next month and should be on target after that.


Mr. Jamie Etheridge updated the council on replacement of the Keith Street Bridge. After consulting with the engineers and review all aspects of construction, drainage, etc., it was decided the scope of the project was much too big for our department to handle. In order for our crews to construct it correctly it would take too long and all other work orders would have to be placed on hold, therefore the Keith Street Bridge project would be put out for bid. Mr. Etheridge indicated it would probably be 90 days before the project was shovel ready.

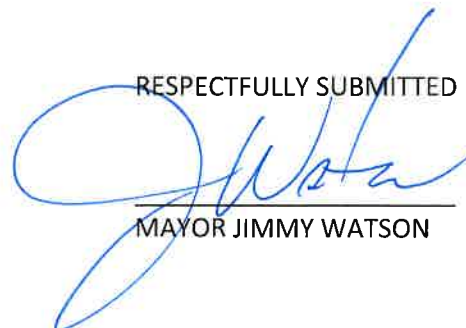
Mrs. Scarlett Major requested an update on the lighting at the ball park. Mr. Bobby King, City Attorney indicated the issue with the contractor is currently in litigation.

There being no additional comments and no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Richard Wales and seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to adjourn.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Milton and Wales
Nays: None
Absent: None

ATTEST:


Myra Streeter, Clerk
MMC; CMA; CAA

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

MAYOR JIMMY WATSON