

CITY OF WALKER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES

December 10, 2018

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on December 10, 2018, at 6:00 PM. Present were Mayor Jimmy Watson, Council Members David Clark, Eric Cook, Gary Griffin, Scarlett Major and Richard Wales.

Mr. David Clark made a motion seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to adopt the minutes from the November 13, 2018 meeting as presented.

Yeas: Clark, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: Cook

Mr. Joe McLin, Street Supervisor presented the DPW report indicating that there were 370' of ditches and culverts cleaned, 180' of culverts installed, 78 bags of cold mix used to repair pot holes and streets, 166 bags of litter picked up from City streets and 120 hours of mowing during the month of November. Mr. McLin also stated that the drainage for the entire subdivision of Pen Val, consisting of 35 lots, had been upgraded from 12" metal pipes to 15" plastic pipes.

Mr. Mike Cotton provided the monthly financial report to the council.

Mr. Eric Cook arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to approve the subdivide of property belonging to Mr. Mike Grimmer and Ms. Linda Marquette located on Pendarvis Lane which consist of a 16.66-acre tract and a 1-acre tract into Tracts A, B and C.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Richard Wales introduced an ordinance set for a public hearing at a Special Meeting on Monday, December 17, 2018 at 6:00 pm for the purchase of 4.043 acres from Bodie and Cindy Ferrington Sibley.

Mr. David Clark made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to approve a resolution to commence with condemnation proceeding at 13466 East Railroad Avenue, Reginald Parker et al and Tommy Perkins Heirs.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook, to enter into a public hearing.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Following a public hearing Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to adopt an ordinance for the 2018 Final Budget Amendment #8.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Following a public hearing Mr. David Clark made a motion seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to adopt an ordinance for the 2019 Annual Budget.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to close the public hearings.

Yeas: Clark, Cook., Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chief David Addison presented the police report indicating that there were 738 citations, 1301 calls for service and 126 arrest were performed in the month of October 2018.

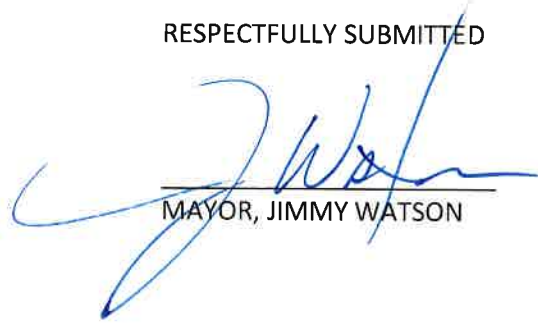
During additional comments the following comments were made:

- Captain Sharp discussed the issues of calls involving individuals in a mental health crisis and the current method of just arresting them. The police department learned of The One Mind Campaign thru the International Chief of Police Association and are working on bringing this program on line. The One Mind Campaign is Law Enforcement partnering with mental health care providers to help educate officers to recognize these types of cases going into the situation from the onset, thus getting the individual the correct help, they need and not just arresting them and sending them to jail.
- Mayor announced the City would be holding a Special Meeting on Monday, December 17, 2018, at 6:30 pm following the Planning and Zoning Meeting for the purpose of finalizing and updating some of the projects by the end of the year that weren't ready for this agenda.
- Mrs. Mary Maiden requested a street sign on East Railroad for drivers to be aware of an autistic child at play. Mr. Jamie Etheridge stated this had been requested before and we had reached out to our engineers. They stated that the guidelines from DOTD do not recommend placing a sign up. First Autism is not an approved signage from DOTD. Second, the more signs you put up drivers may become oblivious to them and not observe them. The City will look into it further to see if anything else can be done.
- Mr. Leon Goldmon spoke on the issue regarding the One Mind Campaign – Mental Health and on the need for special signage indicating they were both good ideas and both needed.

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

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



MAYOR, JIMMY WATSON

ATTEST:



Myra Streeter, Clerk  
MMC; CMA; CAA