

CITY OF WALKER
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

December 9, 2019

6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. 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 approve the minutes from the November 12, 2019 meeting as presented.

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

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to approve Fire Chief James Wascom's request to re-appoint Mr. Darren Blevins to the board for Fire District 4.

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

Mr. Mike Cotton, Finance Director presented the financial reports to the City Council.

Mr. David Clark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, 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 final budget adjustment #9 to the 2019 budget.

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

Following a public hearing Mr. David Clark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to adopt an ordinance setting the 2020 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures.

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

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to end the public hearing and return to the regular agenda.

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

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mr. David Clark, to approve the request of Chief Addison to hire Mr. Raul Sandoval as a full-time police officer.

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

During additional comments Mr. John Stewart with the United State Census was asking for recruits for the Baton Rouge and surrounding area to work on the census count for 2020.

Mr. Kreston Brown with Forte & Tablada presented the updates on the bridge projects throughout the City;

- Travis Street Bridge – construction signs are up, they are surveying and locating property corners, utilities are being located. Work should start soon.
- Keith Street Bridge – contractors are mobilized and equipment is on site. Working with the railroad on a few problems as well as coordinating with getting a flag man for the project. Work should start very soon.
- Brown and Elm Street Bridges – the permits came back, will be submitting the plans to FEMA and GOESPH for review. When the plans are approved, then we will proceed to the bid process.

Council member Mrs. Scarlett Major asked if Mr. Jody Stanford could explain the reason for the breaks in the water mains that had resulted in the boil orders for the citizens of Walker. Mr. Stanford explained that a 3rd party contractor was performing a boar and their bit caught the main and causing the leak. The second leak was cause by Traffic Solution placing a sign for the construction in the area. While they were putting their signs in the ground, they hit our lines and caused the leak.

Mrs. Mary Maiden asked how were the citizen informed that a boil order was put in place. Mr. Jody Stanford stated that it was put out on social media and the new channels were notified.


Mr. Mike Cotton stated that the Livingston Parish Chamber, Leadership Livingston Alumni would be holding a blanket drive for Council on Aging, students and other nonprofits. You can bring new blankets to the following locations, Livingston Parish Chamber and Walker or Denham Springs City Halls.

Mr. Watson stated that the bid openings for the new City Hall will be December 18, 2019.


Mr. Kreston Brown reported that the contracts for construction were sent to DOTD on October 31, 2019. They usually take about 60 days to be signed. Construction should begin sometime in January 2020.

There being no additional comments and no new business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Richard Wales and 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; CMC; CAA