

**CITY OF WALKER
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

December 14, 2020

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Jimmy Watson and Council members: David Clark, Eric Cook, Gary Griffin, Scarlett Major and Richard Wales.

The meeting was opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wales, to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2020 council meeting.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. Griffin, to accept the Engagement/ Agreement Letter with Hannis T. Bourgeois for the years ended December 31, 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Finance Director, Mike Cotton, presented the revenue and expense statements for October 2020. It was brought to the council's attention the net profit loss government-wide deficit of (\$3,671,131).

It was motioned by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Wales, to open the meeting for public hearings.

Ms. Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clark to approve Final Budget Amendment No. 2 to the 2020 Operating Budget [Ordinance #12-2020-01]

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Wales made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clark, to approve the 2021 Operating Budget. [Ordinance #12-2020-02]

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Ms. Major, to approve the Ordinance to amend Article II of Section 19-17: Gas Service surcharge /add water services surcharge for customers outside of the City Limits.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

It was motioned by Wales, seconded by Griffin to close the public hearing.

Gas Supervisor, Larry Williams, provided a status on new projects and other related gas services throughout our service area.

Mr. Clark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wales, to approve the Resolution to declare Walker Police Department vehicle (FA 14) as surplus. [Ordinance #12-2020-03]

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Ms. Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook, to approve the Walker Police Report. Additionally, Chief Addison requested of the council to approve the re-hiring of Wesley Clarkson as a full-time police officer.

Under additional comments, Ms. Major commented that due to the cancellation of public Christmas functions due to COVID-19, that the Walker Council will sponsor a Christmas decoration contest for City of Walker residents. A panel of judges will select three winners for the best Christmas decorations and award each winner with a cash prize.

Assistant Chief Black announced that the Walker Police Department will deliver Christmas baskets to local residents.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Wales made a motion, seconded by Ms. Major, to adjourn.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,


MAYOR, JIMMY WATSON

ATTEST:


Tammy Payton