

CITY OF WALKER
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

February 11, 2019

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on February 11, 2019 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 January 14, 2019 council meeting as presented.

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

Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to adopt a proclamation, proclaiming March 2019 as Flood Awareness month.

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

Mr. Jamie Etheridge, Chief of Operations gave a report on Animal Control indicating that the Walker Animal Shelter had received a grant in the amount of 8,400.00 from Pet Smart. The shelter has adopted out 159 animals with 87 of those being through the program with Pet Smart, 33 to other rescues and 16 returned to owners.

Mr. Jamie Etheridge presented the DPW report focusing on the Wastewater System. He explained the State of Louisiana has 4 levels of Certifications for the wastewater treatment plant and collection system operators. He indicated the Plant Operator Positions as, Operator in Training, Plant Operator I, II, and III., giving the distinguishing characteristics of each. It is a complicated process to convert the wastewater in the drains and sewers into a form that is safe to release back into the environment. Of the 11 employees in the water / wastewater department, we have 4 class 4 operators, 3 class 3 operators, 1 class 2 operator and 1 operator in Training.

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

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mr. David Clark, to adopt a resolution to give the Mayor the authorization to sign an agreement between the State of La DOTD and the Capital Regional Planning Commission for Peak Lane Improvements, State and Federal Project # H.013531.

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

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to adopt a resolution to approve the expenditure of funds that were previously authorized to acquire, construct, equip and furnish a building to serve as City Hall.

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

Mr. Gary Griffin introduced an ordinance to authorize the purchase of 4.72 acres property located on Aydell Lane and give the Mayor authority to execute the sale agreement by and between the City of Walker and vendor. A public hearing will be held at the next regular scheduled meeting on March 11, 2019.

Mr. David Clark introduced an ordinance for Budget Adjustment #1 for \$680,000.00 for the purchase of 4.72 acres of property located off of Aydell Lane. A public hearing will be held at the next regular scheduled meeting on March 11, 2019.

Mr. Gary Griffin introduced an ordinance for Budget Adjustment #2 to increase the general fund /capital outlay expenditures by \$6,500,000 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, equipping and furnishing a building to serve as a City Hall for the City of Walker. A public hearing will be held on March 11, 2019.

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an ordinance for budget amendment #3 to increase the general fund expenditures for annual dues and subscriptions for the police department by \$10,000 for the purpose of acquiring Lexipol Annual Law Enforcement Policy Manual and Updates. A public hearing will be held on March 11, 2019.

Mr. Eric Cook 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 Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook, to adopt an ordinance to update the City of Walker Employee Pay Scale.

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

Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to approve Chief Addison's request to hire Jeremy Milton as a full-time officer with the Walker Police Department.

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

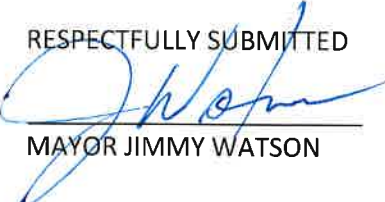
Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. David Clark, to approve Chief Addison's request to hire Mr. Thomas Jarlock as a reserve office with the Walker Police Department.

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

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

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



MAYOR JIMMY WATSON

ATTEST:



Myra Streeter, Clerk
MMC: CMA; CAA