

**CITY OF WALKER
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

February 8, 2021

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on Monday, February 8, 2021 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 January 11, 2021 council meeting.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Finance Director, Mike Cotton, presented the December 2020 Financial Report. The net profit (Loss) before transfers was (\$4,181,940) for the period ending 12/31/2020.

A resolution was presented by Jamie Etheridge to the Mayor and City Council members to update the credit card account agreement at First Guaranty Bank. The new cards issued will no longer display anyone's name. The City of Walker will be embossed on all credit cards in order to allow easier usage for making lodging reservations, registering/paying for meetings/conferences and/or other approved transactions. It was moved by Mr. Wales, seconded by Mr. Cook, to approve this resolution.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Clark introduced an ordinance requesting Budget Amendment No. 1 to purchase Utility Billing Software.

It was motioned by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Griffin, to move into a public hearing.

Yeas: Major, Wales, Griffin, Clark, Cook

Nays: None

Absent: None

A motion was made by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Wales, to approved Ordinance 02.2021.04 which updates and revises the pay schedule for the City of Walker employees as detailed in the attached document.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

Nays: None

A motion was made by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Cook, to adopt Ordinance 02-2021-03 which amends & enact Ch. 19/Articles I & II as it pertains to sewer/sewer disposal fees and to provide for all related matters under Sec. 19-99, 19-100, 19-101,19-102, and 19-103.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Wales, seconded by Ms. Major, to approve Ordinance 02-2021-01 to amend and enact Ch. 19, Article I, in general Article II Gas section 19-19 relative to natural gas fees and all related matters.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Clark to approve Ordinance 02-2021-02 which amends and enacts Ch. 19, Article I; in general Article II, Gas, Article III, Sewer/Sewer disposal; Article IV, Water, Sec 19-2, 19-3, 19-113, 19-114, 19-115, 19-166, and 19-117 relative to potable water fees and to provide for all related matters.

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

Mayor Jimmy Watson addressed the public and the City Council regarding vandalism at Sidney Hutchinson park. Surveillance footage reveals kids coming through the fences after park closure. Damages such as broken mirrors in the bathrooms and defacing fixtures in the park area. Some of individuals have been identified and are cooperating with police. It was discussed to add additional cameras to cover a boarder perimeter of the park area to help identify perpetrators. The Walker Police Department has been consulted and have agreed to assist with security and monitoring to combat future occurrences. It was stated that going forward, this will be a police matter. Lastly, Mayor Watson stated that there is no milage to support our park system.

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

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

An update was given by Forte & Tablada engineer, Kresten Brown, regarding the Elm and Brown Street bridges. The delay in repairs is due to a water line conflict with utilities. The matter is currently pending with FEMA. However, the City of Walker has decided to complete repairs without FEMA.

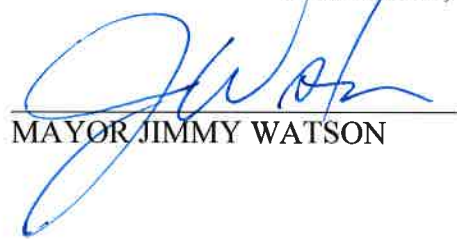
With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Wales, seconded by Mr. Clark, to adjourn.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



MAYOR JIMMY WATSON

ATTEST:



Tammy Payton - Municipal Clerk