

CITY OF WALKER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2022

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Jimmy Watson called the meeting to order. Afterwards, he proceeded to led everyone in prayer. Mayor Watson invited all present to remain standing for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. The Municipal Clerk followed with roll call.

The following council members were present: David Clark, Eric Cook, Gary Griffin, Scarlett Major. Absent was council member, Richard Wales.

A motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Griffin, to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2021 council meeting.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Wales

Finance Director, Mike Cotton, reviewed before the council members the November 2021 Financial Report. He reported the city's net profit/loss for the period ending November 30, 2021, was (\$690,755). Factored in is \$2.5 million for the new city hall. Natural gas revenue increased by 12%. Sales tax revenue increased by 14%. No motioned was called for the November 2021 financial report.

Mr. Wales arrived during the presentation of the financial report.

Additional comments:

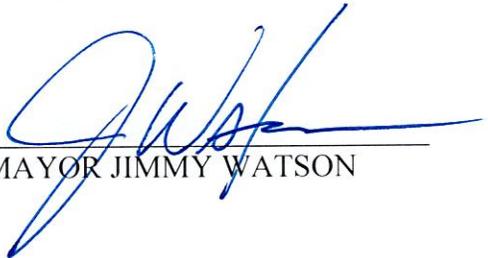
1. Mayor Watson commented on the success of the Christmas Parade and the Christmas Celebration that followed at Sidney Hutchinson Park. Some of the activities were moved indoors into the Safe House.
2. Ms. Major remarked on the success of the Christmas Lights Contest. Ms. Major stated that the winners were very excited when presented with their prize.
3. Jamie Etheridge informed the council that starting January 11, 2022 @ 2:00 p.m., the city will be accepting bids for the 3rd floor construction project. Also, Mr. Etheridge informed the council that at future meetings each department will attend a council meeting to introduce the workers in that department. The intent is to acquaint the council with employees who perform the day-to-day duties which keep the city functioning and operational.
4. Wendy Montalbano addressed the council about water discoloration issues that occurred primarily in the Pleasant Ridge area. She explained that it was chemistry issue in which the phosphate used to neutralize the coloring of the water was off. After adjusting the solution, unidirectional flushing was used to resolve the discoloration problem. The city accepted full responsibility in the matter. A maintenance crew worked diligently to flush the tower. Ms. Montalbano was available to address the concerns of residents that were affected to provide additional details. She wished to reassure them of the water's safety. It was stressed that the wells are checked daily, and the water is tested. LDH collects samples monthly as part of our bacteriological compliance guidelines to ensure our water is safe.
5. Mayor Watson announced that there will be a Krewe of Barkus parade at the Sidney Hutchinson Park walking trail. The Mardi Gras celebration will commence February 11 – 12, 2022. The event will feature Zydeco music and other vendors.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,


MAYOR JIMMY WATSON

ATTEST:


Tammy Payton – Municipal Clerk