

CITY OF WALKER
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

June 10, 2019

6:00PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on June 10, 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. David Clark to adopt the minutes from the May 13, 2019 meeting as presented.

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

Mr. Jamie Etheridge, Chief of Operations presented the Animal Control Report, introducing Ms. Mary Gray as Animal Control Director. Ms. Gray has been with Animal Control for 12 years and holds licenses with the LA Board of Pharmacy, LA Board of Veterinary Medicine and a DEA license for control substance. Ms. Gray also serves on the LACCA Board (LA Animal Care & Control Association). There are 4 employees in the Animal Control Department to handle all calls and cares for all animals. This departments operates 7 days a week. The influx of animals has decreased over the years from approx. 800 per year to 300 per year, due in most part to the prosecution of animal owners for abandonment. We have also partnered with Pet Smart, who helps to adopt out animals, Last year alone they helped with over 100 animal adoptions. We also work with all breads of rescue organizations. All animals are spayed or neutered before being adopted out. Ms. Gray and Council Member Ms. Scarlett Major have worked diligently to secure grant funds for the actual shelter and operational expenses.

Mr. Mike Cotton presented the Council with the monthly financial reports.

Mr. Eric Cook introduced an ordinance on establishing District 4 Fire Prevention Bureau, to be set for a public hearing at the July 8, 2019 regular meeting.

Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to enter into a public hearing period for all of the ordinances that were introduced at the May 13, 2019 meeting.

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

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to approve Budget Amendment Ordinance #4 for the purchase of an Excavator in the amount of \$34,150.57 for the Gas Department.

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

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to approve an amendment to the Animal Control Ordinance pertaining to surrender of animals with known owners.

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

Mr. David Clark made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to approve an ordinance amending the Occupational License Ordinance to allow the suspending and or revoking of a business' occupational licenses.

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

Mrs. Scarlett Major a made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook, to end the public hearings and return to the regular agenda.

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

During additional comments, it was announced, that the City would hold a Special Meeting on June 24, 2019 for the purpose of adopting the LA Compliance Questionnaire and the 2018 Final Audit along with deciding on the suspension or revocation of a business license.

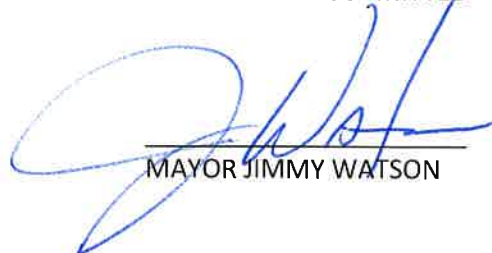
Updates were given on Keith, Brown, Elm and Travis Street projects.

Sherrie Marino from 12669 Pendarvis Lane, expressed her concerns regarding the drainage on Pendarvis Lane and her property, as well as the projects to put sidewalks and overlay Pendarvis Lane. Ms. Marino was assured that the City was concerned also. She was informed that some adjustment may be needed to the Pendarvis Lane projects.

There being no additional comments or 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.
Nays: None
Absent: None

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



MAYOR JIMMY WATSON

ATTEST:



Myra Streeter, Clerk
MMC; CMA; CAA

CITY OF WALKER
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

June 24, 2019

6:00 PM

The City of Walker held a Special Council Meeting on Monday, June 24, 2019 at the Walker City Hall at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Jimmy Watson, Council Members David Clark, Eric Cook, Gary Griffin, Scarlett Major and Richard Wales.

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire.

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

Mr. Trey Sanders, with the Auditing Firm of Hannis T. Bourgeois, presented the Final Audit of the 2018 Financial Statements to the Board.

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to approve and accept the 2018 Final Audit.

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

Ms. Haitao Wang, owner of New Eva Paradise Spa, was present to represent her business. Mr. Bobby King, City of Walker Attorney, read his report and stated that the business was operating without a license issued by the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy as well as operating after an order to Cease and Desist was issued. Ms. Wang admitted that she was not licensed. Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to permanently revoke the occupational license for New Eva Paradise Spa.

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

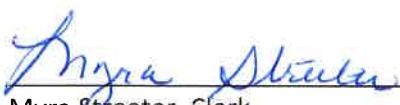
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Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales
Nays: None
Absent: None

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