

CITY OF WALKER
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

March 9, 2020

6:00 PM

The regular monthly meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Jimmy Watson, Council Members: Mr. David Clark, Mr. Eric Cook, Mr. Gary Griffin, Mrs. Scarlett Major and Mr. Richard Wales.

Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to adopt the minutes from the February 10, 2020 meeting as presented.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Ms. Erika Sledge, candidate for District Court Judge was unable to attend.

Mr. Rick Swartz candidate for Court of Appeals was present and addressed the Council, asking for support from all in attendance with the election.

Mr. Trey Sanders with Hannis T. Bourgeois was present and explained to the Council that the Legislator had set up some new guide lines for the audit, therefore a new engagement letter needed to be signed including the changes.

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. David Clark to authorizing the Mayor to sign the new engagement letter including the new guide lines.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Mike Cotton present the monthly financial reports.

Mr. Jamie Etheridge gave and update on the Ball Park improvements stating; approximately 200 yards of concrete was poured for the three new ball field that are being built; all fence posts were installed, weather permitting the wire for the fences will be installed soon. Musco Lighting has installed the poles for field 4 and the Challengers field they are in the process of getting the control panels connected to the actual poles.

Mr. Gary Griffin, made a motion seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to adopt a resolution authorizing the agreement with Avenu Insights for the processing and collecting Occupational Licenses.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mr. David Clark, to enter into a public hearing.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Following a public hearing, Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mr. David Clark, to adopt an Ordinance authorizing approval to engage in an application for Flood Mitigation Assistance grant in the amount of \$861,360.51 for FY 18 for the elevation of 5 properties in the City.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Following a public hearing, Mr. David Clark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook, to adopt an Ordinance authorizing approval to engage in an application for Flood Mitigation Assistance grant in the amount of \$454,273.20 for FY 19 for the elevation of 3 properties in the City.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Following a public hearing, Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to adopt an Ordinance repealing, amending, enacting and /or reenacting Division 7, Section 2-72, 2-74 and 2-76 "Departments and Department Head" of the Code of Ordinances, for the City of Walker regarding reorganization of Public Works, & Utility Department.

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 for 2020 Budget Amendment #1, increasing Parks and Recreation department settlement expenditures \$55,000.00 for proposed settlement in regards to damaged scaffolding stage.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. David Clark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, 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, Mr. Mike Cotton stated that the Livingston Parish Chamber would be holding their trash pick-up on March 28th.

The council was also given up dates on the following:

- Travis Street Bridge culverts have been set and pavement would be poured any day now.
- Keith Street crossing, should start this week or the first of next week.
- Brown and Elm Street Bridges still waiting approval from FEMA.
- Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse – Parish Council Member for the Walker district stated that Travis Street would be overlaid, and there was a project to widen West Coyell thru the City.
- Mr. Jarvis Rye requested if there was some way that the Keith Street Bridge could be closed off until after the project was complete due to the foot traffic on it.

- Boy Scout - Troop 158 was present and by attending the meeting it would go toward earning their merit badges.

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

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

ATTEST:



Myra Streeter, Clerk
MMC; CMA; CAA

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



MAYOR JIMMY WATSON