

CITY OF WALKER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES

May 14, 2018

6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on May 14, 2018 at 6:00pm. 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 April 9, 2018 meeting as presented.

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

Mr. Jody Stanford presented the DPW report indicating that 819 feet of culvert/ditches were cleaned, 194 culverts were installed, 65 bags of cold mix were used for road repairs, 168 bags of litter were collected and there had been 66 hours of mowing performed. Mr. Stanford also reported that the street employees had been helping with the re-construction of the ball fields and that fields 2,3,4 and 5 were complete.

Mr. Jamie Etheridge reported on the status of the Challenger's Field, stating the fields were near completion. There was a lot of hard work that had gone into the construction of not just the Challenger's field but all of the ball fields. There will be an Opening Ceremony on May 24, 2018 at 5:00 pm for the Challenger's Field and at the same time our Ball Program would get underway for the summer.

Mr. Jamie Etheridge reported on the Travis Street Bridge indicating that the work probably would not get started until the third quarter of 2019. This is due to the fact that the project had to be pulled from the lineup with DOTD and once it was ready to go again we had to be placed back on the list.

A public hearing was held on the adopting of the millage rate for 2018. Following the public hearing Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gary Griffin to adopt a resolution to approving the 2.2 mills rate for the 2018 millage.

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

Mr. David Clark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to adopt a resolution approving the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Audit for 2018.

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

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to authorize the City of Walker to prepare and submit a pre-application to the Statewide Flood Control Program for assistance in the implementation of a project for the purpose of reducing existing flood damages; providing for the necessary documentation of said flood damages; and providing for other related matters in connection therewith.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. David Clark introduced an ordinance to be set for a public hearing at the June 11, 2018 regular meeting for the subdividing of property belong to Mr. Thomas Watson located on Carroll Street.

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an ordinance to be set for a public hearing at the June 11, 2018 regular meeting for the re-zoning of property located on Hartman Lane from R-80 to RC (Residential Commercial).

Mr. David Clark made a motion to enter into a public hearing for next nine items on the agenda. Mrs. Scarlett Major seconded the motion.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Following a public hearing Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion to adopt an ordinance amending the UDC Code to change the day and time of the meetings for the Planning and Zoning Committees, from the second Monday of the month at 5:00 pm to the third Monday of the month at 6:00 pm.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Following a public hearing Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major, to adopt an ordinance to re-zone property belonging to DBM Holding located on Florida Blvd at Co-Mar from R-80 to Industrial.

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 the re-zoning of 6 acres of property belonging to the Milton Family, from R-80 to RC (Residential Commercial).

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Major

Following a public hearing Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to adopt an ordinance for the re-zoning of property along Walker South Road below Interstate 12 from R-80 to RC (Residential Commercial).

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Following a public hearing Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to adopt an ordinance to enact/add Chapter 21, Stormwater Management: During Construction and Post-Construction for New Development and Redevelopment to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Walker.

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

Following a public hearing Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to adopt an ordinance to enact/add Chapter 22, Stormwater Management: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination to the Code of Ordinance for the City of Walker.

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

Following a public hearing Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to adopt an ordinance to amend the employee pay schedule.

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

Following a public hearing Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. David Clark to adopt an ordinance to amend Division 7 "Departments and Department Heads" Section 2-71(b), Division of Administration/Chief of Operations to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Walker.

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

Following a public hearing Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to adopt an ordinance amending the ordinance related to the appointment by the Mayor for the positions of the Finance Director and Department of Public Work in regards to setting salaries.

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

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to close the public hearings.

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

Assistant Chief Keanth Black presented the police report indicating that 843 citations, 1342 calls for service and 131 arrests were performed in March 2018.

Assistant Chief Black requested on behalf of Chief Addison that Jonathan Oliver be hired as a reserve office for the Walker police department.

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mr. David Clark to approve the request to hire Mr. Oliver as a reserve office for the City of Walker police department.

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

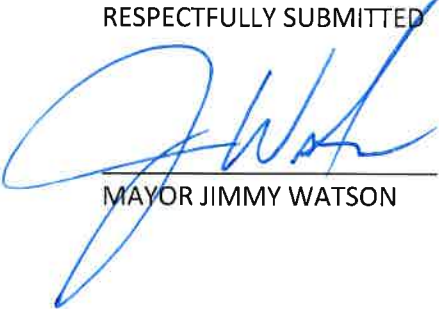
During public comments, Mrs. Mary Maiden made the announcement that Club Outreach would be honoring the 2018 State Basketball Champions as well as the High School and College Graduates. She also announced that Club Outreach Summer Camp would be starting on June 4 2018. The campers would be attending the Lion King, the fee is \$40.00, any and all donations would be welcomed.

Chief Addison announced that the Jody Ann Benton Foundation presented a scholarship to a girl who graduated from Walker High School this year.

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