

CITY OF WALKER
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

May 13, 2019

6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on May 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Council Members David Clark, Eric Cook, Gary Griffin, Scarlett Major and Richard Wales. Absent was Mayor Jimmy Watson.

Mayor Pro Temp, Mrs. Scarlett Major presided over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Watson.

Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. David Clark, to adopt the minutes from the April 8, 2019 meeting as presented.

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

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to adopt the minutes from the April 29, 2019 special meeting as presented.

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

Representative Mack's discussion was tabled until the June meeting.

Mr. Jamie Etheridge, Chief of Operations presented the DPW report focusing on the Park and Recreation department. Ms. Traci Westmoreland, Park Director, along with 1 maintenance supervisor, 1 maintenance worker and 2 grounds keepers maintain our park system on a regular basis. During the ball seasons there will be approximately 35 part-time employees to work concession, score keepers, umpires and field preparation. We have approximately 600 kids participating in our ball programs. Two of the ball field should have lights installed anytime. Asphalt has been installed on the new walking trail. The off-leash dog park is now open and several pet waste stations have been placed thought-out the park for owner to be able to clean up after their pets. The first flag football season was last fall with approximately 70 kids participating. The park system also houses FC Galaxy Group's soccer league. The City also has a basketball program which has approximately 250 participates. Mr. Etheridge went on to state some of the future plans for the park and recreation dept; the existing playgrounds at the parks will be renovated with new all-inclusive equipment and soft surfaces added in the future, lighting systems for all fields, 3 new ball fields will be added for coaches pitch and T-ball, a couple of large pavilions will be built, planning for the next annual fishing rodeo and we are working on getting exercise stations installed on the walking trail.

Mr. Mike Cotton, Finance Director presented the financial report.

Mr. Mike Cotton read a proclamation, proclaiming June as Health Awareness Month.

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook, to approve a resolution on Healthy Life Style Initiative.

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

Mr. David Clark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to approve a resolution amending the City of Walker's handbook on Over-time and Comp-time for exempt employees.

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

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. David Clark, to approve a resolution for the application for funds from the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (FWCF) to construct a Challenger Playground and Ancillary Items at Sidney Hutchinson Park.

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

Mr. David Clark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gary Griffin, to adopt a resolution for the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Audit (MWPP).

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

Mr. David Clark introduced an Ordinance for budget amendment #4 for the purchase of an Excavator for the Gas Department to be set for a public hearing at the June 10, 2019 meeting.

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an Ordinance for the amendment to the Animal Control Ordinance, Article I- Animals and Fowl, Section 4.15- Adoption Policies and Fees, to be set for a public hearing at the June 10, 2019 meeting.

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an Ordinance for the amendment to Chapter 11-22 of the City of Walker Code of Ordinances – Occupational Licenses, to be set for a public hearing at the June 10, 2019 meeting.

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to approve Chief David Addison's request to hire Mr. John Taylor as a full-time employee with the Walker Police Department.

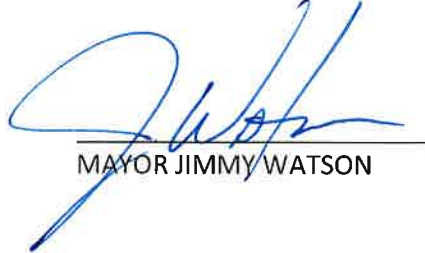
Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales
Nays: None
Absent: None

During additional comments, Mrs. Mary Maiden informed the Council that Club Outreach would be holding their summer program June 3rd – June 14th, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., for ages 5-15. Mrs. Maiden asked for support from the Council and stated that if anyone wanted to make a monetary contribution, it would be greatly appreciated.

There being no additional comments or 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