

CITY OF WALKER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES

May 18, 2020

6:00 PM

The regular monthly scheduled meeting was to be held on May 15, 2020, due to the Stay in Place order issued by Governor John Bel Edwards regarding the Coronavirus. The monthly meeting was moved to May 18, 2020, 6:00 PM. The meeting was held at the Walker Freshman High so the Social Distancing Order could be observed. 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 March 9, 2020 meeting as presented.

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

Mr. Mike Cotton presented the monthly financial reports.

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to appoint Mr. William Lawson as the DPW Director.

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

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to declare police equipment (unused tasers) as surplus property.

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

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to donate the surplus tasers to the Town of Livingston Police Department.

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

Mr. Jamie Etheridge, Chief of Operations gave an update on items 7-10.

- Up-date – Ball Park Fields – Musco light for field #4 and the Challenger Field have been installed. Construction on the three new fields is almost complete, the concrete and fences are done. The grass is the only remaining portion of the project that needs to be completed.
- Up-date – City Bridges – Travis Street and Keith Street bridges are completed. The Brown Street and Elm Street bridges, the permit has been obtained and the project is pending waiting on FEMA approval.

- Up-date – Hwy 447 – Water line project is nearing completion and is already being utilized to provide water, the line is ready for the developments of Isabella Lakes and Carpenter Lane.
- Up-date – DPW Software – Dude Solutions, is a software that will allow all department to log calls for service/complaints, record hours worked and materials used. It has an inventory control for purchasing and warehousing. It has the ability to generate reports to show work progress, hours worked and cost analysis to keep supervisors and administration informed. It is a much-needed improvement from the process we not use.

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to hire Mr. Lloyd Andel III as a Part-time officer for the Police Department based on Chief Addison recommendation.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Jimmy Watson asked Mrs. Laura Jenkins if she wished to have her issues discussed in open session or executive session. She stated that she wanted to go into executive session. Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlet Major to enter into executive session.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Following the executive session, Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to return to the regular agenda.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to reverse the action taken by Chief of Police David Addison and therefore no suspension should have been given.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

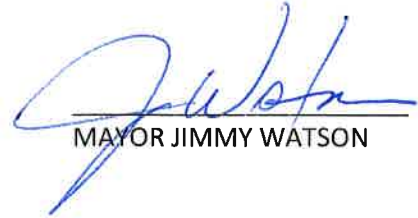
Additional comments:

- A fund raiser will be held for one of the Walker Police Officer who has suffer and illness at the old Shoppers Value parking lot on May 30, 2020.
- Officer Clint Walker thanked, Asst Chief Kenath Black, Officers of the department, the Mayor and City Council, the City Clerk, City Attorney and Citizens of the Walker Community for giving him the opportunity to service the community for 10 years, however he has submitted his resignation effective May 26, 2020. The Mayor and Council as well as other wished him well and stated he would be missed.

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