

CITY OF WALKER
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

November 13, 2018

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on November 13, 2018 at 6:00pm. Present were Mayor Jimmy Watson, Council Members David Clark, Eric Cook, Scarlett Major and Richard Wales. Absent was Gary Griffin.

Mr. Eric Cook made a motion seconded by Mr. David Clark to adopt the minutes from the October 13, 2018 meeting as presented.

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

Mr. Sam Nixon gave the Department of Public Works report indicating that over the last quarter the Water and Wastewater department employees have, repaired 21 water leaks, installed 16 new water meters, responded to 30 water service calls, made 6 new water taps. No sewer leaks were reported. There were also 6 new grinder pumps installed, 4 new sewer taps, 8 sewer inspections and 21 sewer service calls answered.

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

Mr. Jamie Etheridge, reported that the walk bridge on Brown Street and the bridge on Elm Street were being lumped together as one project and once the project was completed it would be the last of the FEMA projects for the flood of 2016.

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to table the subdivide for the property belonging to Mike Grimmer and Linda Marquette until the December 10, 2108 meeting.

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

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an ordinance to be set for a public hearing on December 10, 2018 on the adoption of the 2018 Final Budget Adjustment #8.

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Mr. David Clark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to enter into a Public Hearing.

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

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. David Clark, to adopt an ordinance to transfer \$500,000.00 from the Enterprise Fund to the General Fund to reflect a more positive fund balance for the S & P Ratings.

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

Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to close the public hearing and return to the regular agenda.

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

Chief David Addison presented the police report indicating that there were 683 citations, 1233 calls for service and 100 arrest performed in the month of September 2018.

Assistant Chief, Kenath Black requested on behalf of Chief Addison, that Seth Dillion and John Taylor be hired as a full-time officer for the Walker Police Department and that Officer Gerald Sicard be promoted to Sergeant and Officer Brant Villenureve be promoted to Corporal.

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to hire Seth Dillon as a full-time officer with the Walker Police Department.

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

Mr. David Clark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to hire John Taylor as a full-time officer with the Walker Police Department.

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

Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. David Clark to promote Officer Gerald Sicard to Sergeant.

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

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to promote Officer Brant Villenurve to Corporal.

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

Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to enter into a public hearing.

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

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion seconded by Mr. Erick Cook to adopt an ordinance authorizing the City of Walker to proceed with the financing through the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority for acquiring, construction, equipping and furnishing a building to serve as a City Hall.

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

Mr. David Clark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to close the public hearing.

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

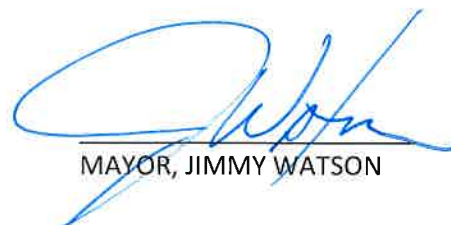
Mr. Jamie Etheridge reported on the following:

- The Jurisdictional Determination Permit has been approved on the Keith Street Bridge. Now we will send off for the Nationwide Army Core of Engineering permit. Once we receive that we will put the bit proposals out and move forward.
- A contract has been signed on the condemnation for the Harper property, trailers 1 & 2. Once the weather permits it should take about a day to complete.
- Property tax notices were mailed out today 11/13/18.
- 1st Annual Fishing Rodeo has approximately 200 participants.
- The off the leash dog park has been constructed. The fencing and gates are finished, we still have some signage and the water to complete before it is opened.
- The vehicle leasing agreement with Enterprise Fleet is in full swing. We gotten all but 1 or 2 of the vehicles. Once the insurance is in place we will get them on the road.
- The work on the Safe House should start sometime within the next couple of weeks and take about 10 months to a year to complete, weather permitting.

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

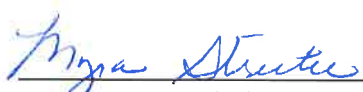
Yeas: Clark, Cook, Major and Wales
Nays: None
Absent: Griffin

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



MAYOR, JIMMY WATSON

ATTEST:



Myra Streeter, Clerk
MMC; CMA; CAA