

**CITY OF WALKER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

November 9, 2020

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on November 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Jimmy Watson and Council members: Eric Cook, Gary Griffin, and Scarlett Major.

The meeting was opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Eric Cook to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2020 council meeting. Present were:

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

Ms. Major made a motion, that was seconded by Gary Griffin to approve the amendment to handbook regarding the removal of the carryover under MAXIMUM PAYOUT UPON TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT. There will be no maximum rollover of leave time for employees. Earned leave time will accrue and be available as needed for employees. However, upon termination, there will be a maximum payout as outlined in the revised chart.

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

Mr. Cook introduced an ordinance for Outside City Limits fees for water and gas services.

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

Ms. Major introduced an ordinance for the Final Budget Amendment to the 2020 Budget.

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

Mr. Griffin introduced an ordinance for the 2021 Budget.

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

Department of Public Works Director, William Lawson rendered an update for completed and ongoing projects throughout the city.

Ms. Wendy Montalbano did a slide show presentation called "Asset Essential" by DUDE Solutions. This is a new asset management software designed to improve operational efficiency and the monitoring the status of project completions in each department.

Mr. Mike Cotton presented to Mayor Watson and the Council the financial reports for September and October 2020 budgets.

Chief David Addison made a request to Mayor Watson and the Council to change the employment status of Bryant Ardell from reserve officer to full-time. Therefore, it was motioned by Cook, seconded by Major to hire Mr. Aydell as a full-time officer.

Yeas: Cook, Griffin, Major

Nays: None

Absent: Clark and Wales

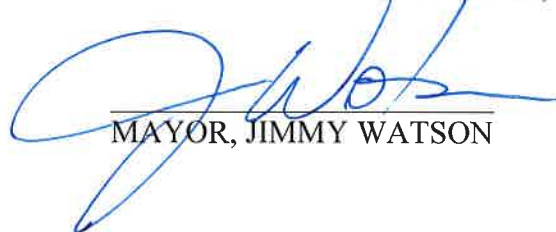
Additional comments included congratulatory wishes from Mayor Watson to Chief David Addison on his re-election as Chief of Police.

Mayor Watson reminded everyone of the Fishing Rodeo at Sidney Hutchinson Park on Saturday, November 14, 2020.

Mr. Cook asked about the availability of the Safe House. Mayor Watson stated that the ribbon cutting for the Safe House will be the first of the year 2021. When it will be open to public use has not been determined.

With no further business to discuss, it was motioned by Major, seconded by Griffin, to adjourn.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



MAYOR, JIMMY WATSON

ATTEST:



Tammy Payton