

CITY OF WALKER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES

September 10, 2018

6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on September 10, 2018 at 6:00pm. Present were Mayor Jimmy Watson, Council members David Clark, Eric Cook, Gary Griffin, Scarlett Major and Richard Wales.

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mr. David Clark to adopt the minutes from the August 13, 2018 meeting as presented.

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

Mr. Jody Stanford, DPW Director presented the DPW report indicating there were 3455 ft of ditches/culverts cleaned, and 320 ft of culverts installed; 15.5 bags of cold mix used to repair pot holes, 375 bags of debris picked up along City highways and 70 hours of tractor mowing. Mr. Stanford also reported the repair of sink holes in Three Lakes Subdivision as well as repair of drainage for the entire subdivision of Pen-Val where the 12" metal pipe was replaced with a 15" plastic pipe and 267 ft of ditches were sloped to grade.

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the documents and agreements required in implementing grants under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program through the Restore Louisiana Infrastructure: FEMA Public Assistance Non-Federal Share Match Program, in the aftermath of the 2016 severe flooding events.

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

Mr. David Clark made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply with the Office of Community Development for funding through Louisiana Government Assistance Program (LGAP) for the purpose of acquiring 30 automatic line flushing devices.

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

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to adopt a resolution approving the development request for Terrell Investments, L. L. C. – Sherwin Williams Paints to be located on Walker South Road.

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

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. David Clark to adopt a resolution approving the development request for Lake Urgent Care to be located at 33973 Walker South Road.

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

Mr. David Clark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to adopt a resolution indicating the intention of the City of Walker to reaffirm its membership as a participating political subdivision in the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority ; approving the appointment of a director to represent the City on the Board or Directors of the Authority and otherwise providing with respect thereto as provided by Chapter 10D of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 as amended.

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

Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gary Griffin to adopt a resolution to authorize the sale and issue, not to exceed \$10,000.000 Revenue Bonds. For the City Hall Project, which will be used to finance the costs of the project, fund a reserve fund or purchase a surety bond, if required and pay the cost of issuance of the bonds, including the cost of a bond insurance policy if necessary.

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

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an ordinance to be set for a public hearing at the October 8, 2018 regular meeting for the purpose of amending the budget to purchase of a Ford F-150 from the Livingston Parish Tourism in the amount of \$7,500.00.

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an ordinance to be set for a public hearing at the October 8, 2018 regular meeting for the purpose of amending the budget to purchase additional police units in the amount of 15,000.00.

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to enter into a Public Hearing for the next 6 items on the agenda.

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 a resolution to approve the subdivide of property belonging to Mr. Lewis Jackson off of Pendarvis Lane and Red Oak Drive into tracts LJ-1, LJ-2, LJ-3, LJ-4, LJ-5, LJ-6 and LJ-7.

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

Following a public hearing, Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to adopt a resolution to approve the subdivide of property located at the corner of Walker North Road and Ball Park Road for Dorsey Development on behalf of Joseph Peak.

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

Following a public hearing a motion was made by Mr. Richard Wales, seconded by Mr. Gary Griffin to continue the condemnation proceeding for 30 days on trailer # 1 located 30230 Walker North, Joseph Harper Heirs.

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

Following a public hearing a motion was made by Mr. Richard Wales, seconded by Mr. Gary Griffin to continue the condemnation proceeding for 30 days on trailer #2 located at 30230 Walker North, Joseph Harper Heirs.

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

During the period of the public hearing for the condemnation proceeding for the property located at 13466 East Railroad Avenue, the City was unable to determine the true ownership of the property. Mr. Bobby King, City Attorney, indicated that an attorney adhoc would need to be appointed for the property. Mr. King stated the item needs to be tabled until further notice due to the continued work that needed to be done before we could continue with condemnation proceeding.

Following a public hearing a motion was made by Mrs. Scarlett Major, seconded by Mr. David Clark to adopt an ordinance to amend the budget to purchase land off of East Rail Road from the Livingston Activity Center in the amount of \$18,000.00.

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

Mr. Gary Griffin 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

Chief David Addison presented the police report indicating 769 Citations, 1339 calls for service and 177 arrests were made during the month of July 2018.

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to approve the request by Chief Addison to hire Ms. Ashley Graves as a full-time dispatcher with the police department.

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

Mr. David Clark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to approve the request by Chief Addison to hire Ms. Rhonda Rayborn as a full-time dispatcher with the police department.

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

Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to approve the request by Chief Addison to hire Ms. Shella Chutz as a full-time officer with the police department.

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

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to approve the request by Chief Addison to hire Mr. Seth Dillion as a Reserve Officer with the police department.

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

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to approve the request by Chief Addison to hire Mr. John Taylor as a Reserve Officer with the police department.

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

Finance Director Mike Cotton provided the Council with the financial report.

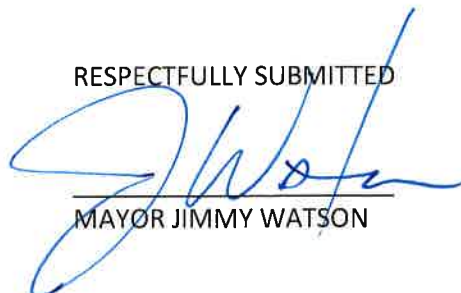
During additional comments Mayor Watson reported that Mr. Richard Grainger had resigned from the Planning and Zoning Board and he had appointed Mr. Joey Boothe to fill the vacated position.

Mr. Jamie Etheridge addressed the recycling bin that was located on Ball Park Rd. He stated that we would be getting with our garbage collector to discuss if there were other ways that recycling could be achieved. The recycling bin was not working due to the fact that people put all types of waste in the bin and this contaminated the recyclables and therefore everything has to go to the dump and is not recycled. One of our options to discuss is individual recycling.

Mr. Jamie Etheridge reported the Keith Street Bridge would be going out for bid. Mr. Etheridge also explained the reason for the lock on the gate at the park leading to the walking trail. The ball fields are under construction and there have been several things vandalized at the park as well as things stolen. Once construction is complete and the road has been re-routed so that the park area, walking trail and pond can be accessed without having to enter the ball field area the gate will be unlocked or removed.


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.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



MAYOR JIMMY WATSON

ATTEST:



Myra Streeter, Clerk  
MMC; CMA; CAA