

CITY OF WALKER
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

December 11, 2017

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on December 11, 2017 at 6:00 pm. Present were Mayor Jimmy Watson, council members, Eric Cook, Gary Griffin, Scarlett Major and Richard Wales. Absent was David Clark.



The meeting was opened with prayer led by Mr. Richard Wales.

Mrs. Scarlett Major led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2017 council meeting as presented.

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

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2017 special meeting as presented.

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



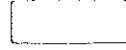
Mr. Trey Sanders with Hannis T. Bourgeois presented the agreement letter between the City of Walker and Hannis T. Bourgeois for the next three years of audits. Mr. Sanders also updated the council on the new auditing standards set forth by the Legislative Auditor that the City would have to comply with on the next audit.

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to enter into the proposed agreement with Hannis T. Bourgeois.

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

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to approve the issuance of a City credit card to Mr. Robert Ricks with a credit limit of \$10,000.00 which will replace the credit card issued to Mr. Claude Ezell.

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



Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gary Griffin to reappoint Mr. Darren Blevins to Fire District 4's Board.

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

Mr. Jody Stanford presented the DPW report indicating that 480' of ditches/culverts were cleaned, and 272' for culverts were installed; 8.5 bags of cold mix were used to fix pot holes; 277 bags of debris were picked up within the City; 33 hours were performed for mowing; 120 hours were performed on ball park field maintenance and sidewalk construction has been completed from east side of Ball Park west to end of Ball Park Road.

Mr. Jamie Etheridge informed the Council that the Sunset / Ballard project was completed. The railroad crossing at Sunset is permanently closed and the bridge at Ballard Street is open. Mr. Etheridge also reported that this job was complete a month early.

Mr. Jamie Etheridge reported that the Walking Trail was basically complete with a small punch list that the contractor and city had to go over.

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to adopt a resolution declaring property located on Ball Park Road as surplus. This property is land locked between two residents and is of no use to the City.

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

No one was present to represent Mr. Cliff Marsh for the resolution for the re-subdividing of property located at 10799 Florida Blvd.; and the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning was to deny the request, therefore, Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to table until the January 8, 2018 regular scheduled meeting to give the council time to review the issue.

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

Following discussion regarding a re-subdividing of property belonging to Mr. Jeff Pendleton, lot 2B Pleasant Ridge/ Pendarvis Lane, and the denial to approve by the planning and zoning board, a motion was made by Mr. Richard Wales and seconded by Mr. Gary Griffin to table until the regular scheduled meeting on January 8, 2018 to give the council time to review the issue.

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

Following a public hearing, Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to approve an ordinance for amendment #9 for the 2017 Budget.

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

Following a public hearing, Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Richard Wales to adopt an ordinance for the 2018 Annual Budget.

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

Chief David Addison presented the police report indicating that there were 594 citations, 1298 calls for service and 115 arrests performed during the month of October 2017. Chief Addison also indicated that the police department would be establishing a scholarship in honor of Ms. Jodie Benton.

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to approve the request of Chief Addison to hire Mr. Cody Davis as a Reserve Officer for the Walker Police Department.

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

Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to approve the request of Chief Addison to hire Mr. Kollin Cox as a Reserve Officer for the Walker Police Department.

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


Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to approve the request of Chief Addison to hire Mr. Clebert Boudreaux as a Crossing Guard for the Walker Police Department.

During public comments Mr. Lynn Fickle expressed concerns regarding the traffic and speed of vehicles traveling on Gaylord Road.

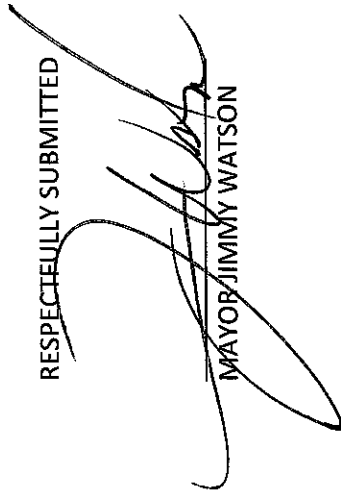
There being no additional comments and no additional business to discuss, Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to adjourn.

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

ATTEST:


Myra Streeter, Clerk
MMC; CMA; CAA

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED


MAYOR JIMMY WATSON