

CITY OF WALKER
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

February 12, 2018

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on February 12, 2018 at 6:00 pm. Present were Mayor Jimmy Watson, Council Members David Clark, Eric Cook, Gary Griffin, Scarlett Major and Richard Wales.

Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018 meeting as presented.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Jimmy Watson proclaimed March 2018 as Flood Awareness Month.

Mr. Jamie Etheridge shared letters of appreciation for the City of Walker – Gas Department helping out the parish of Iberville during their recent natural gas outage in the St Gabriel area.

Mr. Jamie Etheridge reminded the council about the Water Fluoridation Quality Award the Town received back in 2016, indicating we had just received the certificate.

Mr. Jamie Etheridge reported 29 animals had been adopted through our involvement with Pet Smart adoption program.

Mr. Larry Williams, Gas Superintendent presented the DPW Report indicating the following:

- Changed out nine (9) gas meters
- Installed ten (10) gas service with a total of 1,462' of pipe
- Turned on sixty-five (65) gas customers
- Set fifteen (15) new gas meters
- Received twenty-eight (28) request to install gas services
- Received seven hundred and seventy-two (772) locate tickets

Due to the cold temperatures, reports were received of low pressure in the Woodland Crossing and Buddy Ellis areas. The City partnered with Centerpoint Energy to obtain tanks to help keep pressure up in those areas.

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by David Clark approving a resolution to amend the City of Walker's Handbook regarding driver's license changes and suspension policy.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales approving a resolution to amend the City of Walker's Handbook regarding driver's responsibilities.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major approving a resolution to amending the plan documents with American Funds to allow for termination of the plan.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to approve a resolution to terminate the American Funds 401 (k) account, therefore transferring everything to AXA.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. David Clark introduced an ordinance to be set for a public hearing at the regular scheduled meeting on March 12, 2018 for the authorization to sale surplus property on Ball Park Rd.

Mr. David Clark introduced an ordinance to be set for a public hearing at the regular scheduled meeting on March 12, 2018 for the re-zoning of property belonging to Cliff Marsh located at 10799 Florida Blvd.

Chief David Addison presented the police report indicating that there were 387 citations, 1008 calls for service and 97 arrests performed during the month of December 2017.

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to approve Chief's Addison's request to promote Christopher Gunter to Sergeant.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mrs. Scarlet Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook, to approve Chief Addison's request to hire Mr. Chad Dupuy as a full-time officer with the Walker Police Department.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. David Clark, to approve Chief Addison's request to hire Ms. Stacy McClendon as a full-time dispatcher with the Walker 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 Chief Addison's request to hire Mr. Jeremy Milton as a reserve officer with the Walker Police Department.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chief David Addison tabled the item for Crossing Guard candidate.

In additional comments, Mr. Rufus Heyse with Heyse' Printing addressed the Council regarding the A.P. Foundation, an organization he has established for individuals with autism and special needs. An event has been set for April 22, 2018 – Evening of Memories. This event will include a Day of Pampering, Formal Dance and a Golf Tourney.

Mr. Eric Cook asked for an update on the Travis St. Bridge. He was informed that the new bridge would have to meet DOTD requirement. More right of way is needed to build the bridge to DOTD standards. The issue with that is trying to find out who owns the adjacent property around the bridge site. This is being address and the City hopes to have a resolution soon.

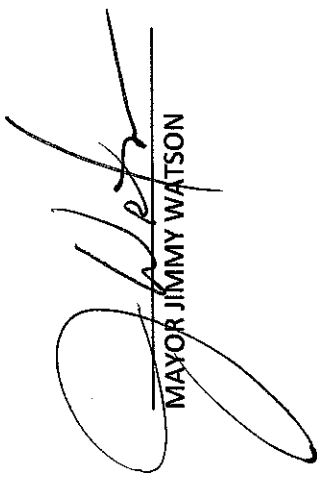
There being no additional comments and no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Richard Wales and seconded by Mr. David Clark.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None


Absent: None

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



MAYOR JIMMY WATSON

ATTEST:



Myra Streeter, Clerk
MMC; CMA; CAA