

CITY OF WALKER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES

January 11, 2016

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on January 11, 2016 at 6:00pm. Present were Mayor Rick Ramsey, Council members, Jonathan Davis, Tracy Girlinghouse, Gary Griffin, Scarlett Major and Paul Roberts.

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Mr. Gary Griffin.

Mayor Rick Ramsey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Paul Roberts made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to adopt the minutes of the December 14, 2015, meeting with the correction of adding David Sylve's name as the officer who status changed from Reserve to Full-time.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Jim Ryan, Bonding Attorney with Governmental Consultants Inc. was present to discuss options of reducing the City's long term debit by refinancing City Bonds. Mayor Ramsey suggested the City choose option 2, an early payoff of two years and that Mr. Ryan would provide the council with a Resolution at a later meeting. It was also discussed that a special meeting may need to be held. Following discussion, Mr. Paul Roberts made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to move forward with the refinancing of the bonds by choosing option 2 of the proposed options.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to adopt a resolution accepting the bid of eight hundred eighty-two thousand dollars (\$882,000.00) from Layne Christensen Company for the construction of water well #5.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to adopt a resolution approving the 2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan in Livingston Parish.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gary Griffin to adopt a resolution approving a cooperative endeavor agreement between the State of Louisiana and the City of Walker for the Industrial Park Road Extension, Planning and Construction.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Fred Raiford addressed the council regarding drainage improvements planned to help address drainage issues within the City. Mr. Raiford indicated that some of the streets that were being addressed were Smith Drive, Duff Road, Keith Street, Clark Street, Aydell Street and Pendarvis Lane.

Following a public hearing Mr. Paul Roberts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to adopt an ordinance repealing, amending, enacting and / or reenacting Walker Code of Ordinance, Chapter 10, Article III, Section 30 through 41, and Chapter 13, Article XI, Section 13-278.1 and 13.278.2 as well to include wording of; noise level of 70(seventy) decibels.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

Chief Marliam Lee presented the police report indicating that 432 citations issued, 905 calls for service and 82 arrests took place in the month of November 2015.

Mayor Ramsey reported that Rainbow Trout had been delivered to the pond at Sidney Hutchinson Park. Fish were being caught sometime in excess of the suggested limit of 3. Mayor Ramsey asked that Mrs. Scarlett Mayor serve on a sub-committee along with another council member of her choosing to address various issues at the parks such as signage, use of park and activities that should or shouldn't be allowed at the park. Mayor Ramsey asked that Ms. Major get with Mr. Fred Raiford and Ms. Traci Westmoreland, Park Director and himself to discuss issues before presenting a plan to the Council next month.

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse nominated Mr. Eric Cook to fill his council member position for the rest of the term. Mr. Girlinghouse spoke very highly of Mr. Cook indicating that he was an upstanding individual within the community and active with school and church events. Mr. Cook is a lifelong resident of Walker and is well liked among his peers.

There being no additional nominees, Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gary Griffin to appoint Mr. Eric Cook as council member to fill the vacancy.

Yeas: Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts  
Nays: Davis  
Absent: None

Ms. Mary Johnson informed the council that the Martin Luther King Day Parade will be January 18, 2016. Parade starts at 9:00 am and program at 10:30 at Club Outreach. She invited all to come out and participate.


There being no additional business and nothing further to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to adjourn.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

  
MAYOR RICK RAMSEY

ATTEST:

  
Myra Streeter, Clerk  
MMC; CMA; CAA