

CITY OF WALKER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES

January 8, 2018

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on January 8, 2018 at 6:00 pm. 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. Eric Cook to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2017 meeting as presented.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Thomas Mowery was on the agenda to discuss parking violations but was not present.

Mayor Jimmy Watson gave condolences to Mr. Glenn Webster who served on the Planning and Zoning Commission for many years and had recently passed away.

Mayor Jimmy Watson introduced Mr. Marc Rager as his appointment for the open seat on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. Jody Stanford presented the Department of Public Works report for December 2017 indicating; 909 feet of ditches/culverts were cleaned, and 60 feet of culverts were installed, 29 bags of cold mix were used to repair pot holes and 147 bags of debris were picked up along City streets. Mr. Stanford also reported that phase III of the sidewalk construction has been completed from Ballpark Road south to East Railroad. The Street Department has been working on freeze protection procedures, clearing obstructions from city water ways to keep it flowing, setting up Christmas displays and removing broken limbs and trees after the snow fall.

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to adopt a resolution to amend the City of Walker Employee Handbook to add Good Friday and Acadiana Day to all 8-hour employee's holidays.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. David Clark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to enter into a Public Hearing.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Following a public hearing Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. David Clark to approve the request from Mr. Cliff Marsh to re-subdivide his property located at 10799 Florida Blvd.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Following a public hearing where there was much protest for the re-subdividing of property belonging to Mr. Jeff Pendleton located at corner of Pleasant Ridge and Pendarvis Lane, a motion was made by Mr. Gary Griffin and seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to deny the subdividing request due to concerns of the impact of flooding, drainage issues, aesthetics of the subdivision and public opposition.

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

Chief Addison presented the police report indicating that there were 459 citations, 1072 calls for service and 119 arrests performed during the month of November 2017.

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to approve Chief Addison's request to hire Mr. Kris Tamplet as a reserve officer.

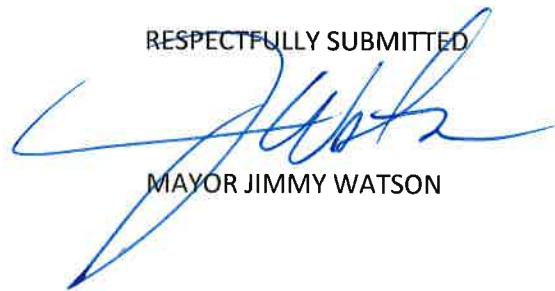
Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

During public comments, Mr. Sam Pourciau stated he thought Chief Addison was doing a good job. Ms. Cheri Rayburn asked if Mr. Pendleton could come back and try to re-subdivide again? Mayor Watson informed her that he would have to wait a year, but yes, he could. Mrs. Mary Maiden wanted to commend the Police Department for donating a big box of toys at Christmas for the community and she announced that January 15, 2018 was Club Outreach's annual Martin Luther King Day Program with the march beginning at 9:00 am and the program at 10:00 am.

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.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



MAYOR JIMMY WATSON

ATTEST:



Myra Streeter, Clerk  
MMC; CMA; CAA