

CITY OF WALKER
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

February 10, 2020

6:00 PM

The regular monthly meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 6:00p.m. Present were Mayor Jimmy Watson, Council Members: David Clark, Gary Griffin, Scarlett Major and Richard Wales. Absent was Eric Cook.

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major, to adopt the minutes of the January 13, 2020 meeting as presented.

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

Mayor Jimmy Watson read a proclamation declaring March 2020 as Flood Awareness Month.

Mr. Mike Cotton, Finance Director presented the financial report to the City Council.

Mr. Jamie Etheridge reported on the award that the City received for its Parks and Recreations from the Louisiana Recreation and Parks Association.

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to adopt the resolution allowing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Rokit Science Agency in the amount of \$12, 950.00 to provide service to update the City logo design graphics for business cards, letterhead, envelopes, etc.

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

Mr. David Clark made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major, to approve a resolution accepting the low bid and awarding the contract for the new City Hall in the amount of Five Million, Six Hundred-Seventy-four Thousand dollars (\$5,674,000.00) to Stuart & Company General Contractors, LLC.

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

Mr. Gary Griffin introduced an ordinance for a public hearing at the March 9, 2020 meeting for a Flood Mitigation Grant FY18.

Mr. Gary Griffin introduced an ordinance for a public hearing at the March 9, 2020 meeting for a Flood Mitigation Grant FY19.

Mr. David Clark introduced an ordinance for a public hearing at the March 9, 2020 meeting for the Reorganization of Public Works and Utility Departments.

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an ordinance for a public hearing at the March 9, 2020 meeting for amendment #1 to the 2020 Budget.

Mr. David Clark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to lift the agenda to hear discussion regarding the condemnation of the George Perkins property since heir, Mr. Ronnie Perkins, was present and wanted to address the council.

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

Mr. David Clark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to enter into a public hearing for the purpose of discussion of the Perkins property.

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

Following the public hearing and the discussion from Mr. Ronnie Perkins and council, Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. David Clark, to table the issue with regards to the continued condemnation proceeding until Mr. Ronnie Perkins could obtain an elevation certificate to see if repairs to existing home would be possible.

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

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gary Griffin, to close the public hearing and return to the regular agenda.

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

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to promote Lieutenant Chris Dufour to Captain as per Chief Addison request.

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

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gary Griffin, to promote Sergeant Christopher "Bull" Gunter to Lieutenant as per Chief Addison request.

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


Mr. Kreston Brown with Forte and Tablada gave updates on the following projects;

- Keith Street – Safety issues have been worked out and they have given the Contractor notice of 60 days until completions.
- Brown & Elm Street Bridges – Still waiting on approval from FEMA and GOHSEP on the projects. Once approval is receive, the bids are ready to go out.
- Travis Street Bridge – is under construction and should be completed within a few weeks, weather permitting and nothing goes wrong.

There being no additional comments and no new business to discuss Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to adjourn.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



MAYOR JIMMY WATSON

ATTEST:



Myra Streeter, Clerk
MMC; CMA; CAA