

# CITY OF WALKER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2023

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on Monday, January 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jimmy Watson, followed with prayer led by Council member, Eric Cook. Municipal Clerk, Tammy Payton called the roll of the council after the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The council members present were: David Clark, Eric Cook, Gary Griffin, Scarlett Major and Richard Wales.

Following opening comments, Mayor Watson called for a motion to adopt the council minutes for the December 12, 2022 meeting.

It was motioned by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Griffin, to accept the minutes from the December 12, 2022 council meeting.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Financial Director, Mike Cotton, presented before the mayor and members of the council the November 2022 finance report. Assets as of November 30, 2022 were \$2,458,271. Gas revenue increased 19%; sales tax revenue increased 5%.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Wales, to enter a public hearing.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Griffin presented before the council an ordinance authorizing to advertise for and solicit sealed bids to sell to the highest responsible bidder, surplus city-owned immovable property and all improvements thereon located at 13179 Burgess Avenue, Walker, Louisiana (old Walker Police Department building).

A motion was then made by Ms. Major, seconded by Mr. Cook, to approve **Ordinance #01-2023-01** as presented.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Ms. Major presented before the council an ordinance to approve and to adopt amendments as recommended by Resolution adopted on November 21, 2022 by the Planning and Zoning Commission to the City of Walker Unified Development Code (UDC). However, the proposed exception to the UDC amendments will be to Section 5.27 in regard to the variance to signage height as outlined in the revisions.

A motion was made by Ms. Major, seconded by Mr. Wales, to approve **Ordinance #01-2023-02** with the proposed changes.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

A motion was made by Mr. Wales, seconded by Mr. Clark, to close the public hearing.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Additional Comments:


- ☉ Ms. Major announced the winners of the Annual Christmas Decoration Contest in each category: Reason for the Season: Mr. & Mr. Winner; Traditional: Mr. & Mrs. Morales; Clark Griswold: Mr. Mrs. McKey. Pictures of the winners' home were shown and with the gift baskets each winner was awarded. Mr. Major expressed her appreciation, again, for all the sponsors who participated and for their generosity.
- ☉ Mr. Cook announced that the observance program for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be held at Unity C.O.G.I.C. The march will begin in 9:00 a.m. followed by the program at 10:00 a.m. The keynote speaker will be Walker's Assistant Chief, Kenath Black.
- ☉ Jamie Etheridge commented on the overlay projects that are underway on Keith Street, Buff Street, Park Street and King Street as part of the parish overlay program.
- ☉ A collaborative presentation concerning the latest gas system issue that occurred during our last bout of cold weather. Jamie Etheridge, Kresten Brown, Larry Williams and Brian Suberbielle of SJB Group who presented an informative slide show on the Gas System Modernization/Improvement Projects which explained the past and present pressure issues of our gas system.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Wales, seconded by Mr. to adjourn.


YEAS: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



Jimmy Watson, Mayor

Attest:   
 Tammy Payton - Municipal Clerk