

CITY OF WALKER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 11, 2022

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on Monday, October 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jimmy Watson. Councilman Gary Griffin led the meeting with prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Municipal Clerk, Tammy Payton, conducted the roll call of the council.

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

It was motioned by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Wales, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2022 meeting.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Finance Director, Mike Cotton, addressed the council with the August 2022 financial report. The net profit (loss) before transfer was \$1,778,538. Gas sales revenue decreased 3.2% and sales tax revenue decreased by 8.5%.

Mr. Clark introduced an ordinance to adopt Title 14 as Amended Related to Criminal Matters. This proposed ordinance will be discussed and voted on at the next city council meeting.

Ms. Scarlett Major introduced an ordinance to suspend Section 19-16E/Consumer Price Index (CPI) regarding gas rates. This proposed ordinance will be discussed to be voted on at the next city council meeting.

Mr. Etheridge presented before the council a **Resolution Authorizing Submission of the Loan Application 100A for DHH Emerging Contaminants/Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund** proposing that the Chief of Operations will be the official project authority who will: 1) implement, maintain, and renew all information for said project; 2) furnish information to DHH regarding the revolving loan fund; 3) have full signatory authority. Kreston Brown (Forte and Tablada) was asked to provide additional details on the revolving loan fund.

Kreston informed the council that DHH advertised a subset of the emerging contaminant drinking water fund. He is confident that the City of Walker will meet the emergent contaminate criteria that could result in up to 100% principal loan forgiveness. The city would still be financially responsible for the interest that will be assessed on the loan amount of \$2.25 million. The new filtration system will primarily deal with manganese found in water that causes brown water. The funding will allow the city to replace the current well system and provide critical upgrades.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Wales and seconded by Mr. Griffin, to approve the resolution as presented.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

NAYS: None

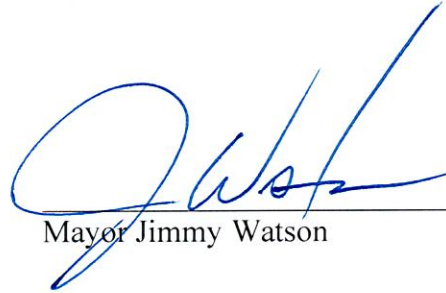
ABSENT: None

Additional Comments:


- ◆ Mayor Watson commented on the beautiful weather that made for a successful 2022 Fall Festival last week.

- ◆ He reminded everyone of the upcoming Veterans' Day Parade and activities on November 12, 2022.
- ◆ The Mayor announced the soon to come grand opening for the First Responder Monument at Sidney Hutchinson Park. The monument is near completion after lighting has been added. The schedule for the ribbon cutting event will announced in the next 30 days.

With no further business to discuss, it was motioned by Mr. Wales, seconded by Mr. Cook to adjourn the October 2022 regular council meeting.



Mayor Jimmy Watson

Attest: 
Tammy Payton – Municipal Clerk

