

CITY OF WALKER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES

August 8, 2016

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on August 8, 2016 at 6:00pm. Present were Mayor Rick Ramsey, Council Members Erick Cook, Jonathan Davis, Gary Griffin, Scarlett Major and Paul Roberts.

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Mr. Eric Cook.

Mayor Rick Ramsey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis to adopt the minutes from the July 11, 2016 meeting as presented.

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

Mr. Eric Cook and Lt Kenath Black presented Nathaniel Vise with a Community Service Award. Nathaniel is a 9-year-old who voluntarily cleaned the area around the graves for the two K-9 officers. Nathaniel was presented with a certificate of appreciation, bicycle, police cap and a bag of other gifts of appreciation for his service to our community.

Mrs. Myra Streeter announced the beginning of the public hearing for the purpose of considering levying additional millage rates without further voter approval and or the adopting of the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year maximum. Following all discussion regarding the millage the public hearing was closed.

Resuming with the public meeting, Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to adopt a resolution approving the adjusted millage rate of 2.06 for the 2016 tax year.

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

Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis to adopt a resolution to set for the adjusted millage rates and roll forward to the millage rate of 2.20 not to exceed the maximum, authorized rate for 2016.

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

The public hearing pertaining to the Ordinance to annex 33.42 acres belong to DBM Holdings was tabled until the September meeting.

Lt. Kenath Black presented the police report in Chief Lee's absence. Lt. Black reported 437 citations, 1050 calls for service and 100 arrests were made during the month of June 2016.

Lt. Black reported that 6 Walker Police Officer has gone to Baton Rouge to assist law enforcement on the recent attack of Police Officers. He went on to say how grateful the entire Walker Police Department was for to the public out pouring of support and encouragement from the citizens of Walker and Walker leaders. The police department sent several officer to represent the City of Walker to all 3 fall officer's funeral services.

Lt. Black reported on the Walker School Uniform Drive indicating that the drive was able to help approximately 450 students obtain clothing for the new school year. This program has been in existence for 10 years.

Lt Black, on behalf of Chief Marliam Lee made the request to hire Mr. Richard Williams on as a reserve officer for the City of Walker Police Department.

Mr. Paul Roberts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis to hire Mr. Richard Williams as a reserve office based on Lt. Blacks recommendation.

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

Mr. Fred Raiford updated the Council on the following:

- Industrial Park Project – Phase II – met with Hwy Department, project was accepted for completion on August 8, 2016, came in under budget.
- Industrial Park Project – Phase III – bids were advertised July 28, bids will be opened August 30<sup>th</sup> and will be brought to the council for approval at the September meeting. At this time there are already 7 contractors wishing to bid on this project.
- Sidewalk Project – Phase III – adding more sidewalks on Burgess Ave from Peak Lane to Walker High School, Walker North to Ball Park Rd, down Ball Park Rd to the Sidney Hutchinson Park. Bids on the project will be received on September 15, 2016 and will then be submitted to the council for approval at October meeting.
- Ballard Street Bridge – work has been finished on the extension of the bridge as well as the widening, and the top overlay. Mr. Raiford spoke with Parish President, Layton Ricks about widening of Ballard Street and Sunset Lane and indicated the work should be completed by October or November of this year.

During public comments, Mayor Ramsey indicated he had spoken with OEP Director, Mark Harrell and they were working on pre-construction bid for a project in Live Oak, once that process was completed, they would begin the pre-construction bid work for the Walker Safe House.

Mr. Eric Cook asked how much wider had Travis Street been made. Mr. Raiford indicated it had been increased by 10-12 feet, stating he had received all the right- a- way that could be given in order to allow for vehicles to enter and exit on to Walker North without having to wait for one car at a time to turn.

Mr. Richard May stressed concerns regarding the sidewalk in front of Murphy Oil indicated that there were big bulks of concrete along and on the sidewalks making for some dangerous situations. The Mayor stated that is was a state hwy., however the City would look into it. Mr. May also questioned as to whether the Water-Well Project was completed and what was the reason for all of the different levels of drilling. He was informed that we were still waiting to make some of the final tie ins and that the different levels of drilling were so that the city could obtain the best quality of water.

Mr. Mark Ragar, candidate for Councilmen for district 1, was present and addressed the council regarding his desire to serve the community as councilmen stating that he had a servant's heart and that he wanted to see Walker continue on its current path and stay the type of community he and his family are proud to be a part of.

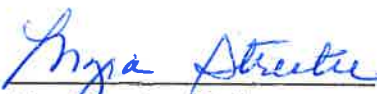
There being no additional business and nothing further to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Jonathan Davis and seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to adjourn.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

  
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MAYOR, RICK RAMSEY

ATTEST:

  
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Myra Streeter, Clerk  
MMC; CMA; CAA