

CITY OF WALKER
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

December 12, 2016

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on December 12, 2016 at 6:00 pm. Present were Mayor Rick Ramsey, Council members Eric Cook, Jonathan Davis, Gary Griffin, Scarlett Major and Paul Roberts.

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Mr. Gary Griffin.

Mayor Rick Ramsey let the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Ramsey gave congratulations to Mr. Eric Cook for winning he's election for council member and Mr. David Addison for winning he's election as Chief of Police.

Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis to adopt the minutes from the November 14, 2016 meeting as presented.

Yeas: Cook, Davis, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Colbi Rosenthal and Mr. Scott Iness presented a proposal to the council about having a Country Fest at Sidney Hutchinson park in the summer. They also requested the council consider allowing them to sale beer at the festival, which at present has restriction on no alcohol allowed at the park. After hearing the proposal, it was decided the item would be placed back on the agenda for January 8, 2017.

Mr. Fred Raiford updated the council on the projects that the council has approved over their four-year term, as well as thanked them for their support in approving the funding for these projects.

Mayor Ramsey expressed his desire to extend the walking trail at Sidney Hutchinson Park and explained the funding would be addressed in the public hearing to adopt the 2017 Budget Ordinance further on the agenda.

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to approve a resolution authorizing final acceptance of the Industrial Park Drive Rehabilitation Project.

Yeas: Cook, Davis, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced and ordinance to be set for a public hearing at the January 8, 2017 council meeting for the rezoning of lots at 30366 Walker North.

Following a public hearing, Mr. Paul Roberts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis to approve an Ordinance for Budget Amendment #3.

Yeas: Cook, Davis, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Following a public hearing, Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gary Griffin to approve an Ordinance to adopt the 2017 Budget with the amendment to add \$112,000.00 for the extension to the Walking Trail at Sidney Hutchinson Park.

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

Chief Marliam Lee presented his final police report as Chief of Police for the City of Walker, reporting 144 citations, 928 calls for service and 34 arrests. Chief Lee expressed his thanks for the privilege of serving the Walker community as Office, Assistant Chief and Chief of Police over his 35-year career.

Mr. Jonathan Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to approve a Meritorious Service Award to Corporal Terry Taylor, Officer Brett Savant, Officer Gerald Sicard and Officer Clint Walker for their exemplary conduct during a period of extreme adversity.


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

Mayor Rick Ramsey expressed his gratitude at being able to lead Walker over the past four year. He also thanked Chief Marliam Lee for his friendship and his willingness to work together for both the City, Police Department and Community's betterment.

Mrs. Kelly Pittman, Mr. David Greer and Mr. Brett Melancon were all present and discussed the controversy between tenants and owner of the former Herring Trailer Park. Following the discussion Mayor Ramsey informed Mrs. Pittman and Mr. Greer that the property was owned by Mr. Melancon and that he was under no obligation to keep any of the tenants of the park. The Mayor also expressed that the City was in no way encouraging or mandating that Mr. Melancon evicting tenants. Mayor Ramsey encouraged Mr. Melancon to work with the tenants of the park and to take in to consideration the housing market that has be effected by the recent flooding event. Other than his suggestion the Mayor informed all parties that this was a private matter and the City took no position in the matter.

There being no additional comments and no additional business to discuss, Mr. Jonathan Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Robert to adjourn.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



MAYOR RICK RAMSEY

ATTEST:



Myra Streeter, Clerk
MMC; CMA; CAA