

CITY OF WALKER
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

June 13, 2016

6:00PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on June 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Rick Ramsey, Council Members Eric Cook, Jonathan Davis, Gary Griffin and Scarlett Major. Absent was Mr. Paul Roberts

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

Mr. Eric Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis to adopt the minutes of the May 9, 2016 meeting as presented.

Yeas: Cook, Davis, Griffin and Major

Nays: None

Absent: Roberts

Mr. Eric Cook, along with Chief Marliam Lee recognized Walker Police Officer, Pfc. Gerald Sicard, for his outstanding service and ability to aid an individual attempting suicide. Mr. Cook thanked Officer Sicard for being the type of officer that the Walker Police Department is proud to count as one of their own. Officer Sicard was also presented with a Certificate of Commendation.

Officer William Lawson announced his candidacy for Chief of Police for the Walker Police Department in the upcoming election.

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to re-appoint Mr. Darren Blevins to the board for Fire District No.4 for the 2016-2018 term.

Yeas: Cook, Davis, Griffin and Major

Nays: None

Absent: Roberts

Mrs. Myra Streeter informed the council that the re-assessed millage rate for the City would be 2.06, which is less than last year's millage rates. Mrs. Streeter stated that 2016 was a re-assessment year and if we didn't roll back to our old rate, then we would bring in less money than last year. 2.06 mills (new assessed rate) will generate revenue of \$102,300 and 2.20 mills (old assessed rate) will generate revenue of \$109,252. Mrs. Streeter also informed the council that as required by state law the city will be holding a public hearing at a public meeting on August 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. to adopt the millage rates for 2016. Mrs. Streeter will start the process for the roll forward in preparation for the adoption of the rate of 2.20 mills.

Mr. Jonathan Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to adopt a Resolution to appoint the Livingston Parish News as the Official Journal for the City of Walker for 2016-2017.

Yeas: Cook, Davis, Griffin and Major

Nays: None

Absent: Roberts

Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to adopt a Resolution for the updated AXA retirement plan.

Yeas: Cook, Davis, Griffin and Major

Nays: None

Absent: Roberts

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to adopt a Resolution accepting a servitude and right-of-way agreement for Travis Street.

Yeas: Cook, Davis, Griffin and Major

Nays: None

Absent: Roberts

Mr. Jonathan Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to adopt a Resolution authorizing acceptance of the Illinois Central Railroad agreement in regards to the Industrial Park Extension.

Yeas: Cook, Davis, Griffin and Major

Nays: None

Absent: Roberts

Mr. Eric Cook made a motion seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major, to adopt a Resolution approving the variance request for Lot 13, Forest Park Subdivision.

Yeas: Cook, Davis, Griffin and Major

Nays: None

Absent: Roberts

Mr. Gary Griffin introduced an ordinance to be set for a public hearing at the July 11, 2016 meeting for the adopting of an annexation of 6.0 acres for the Milton Family property off of Old Walker South Road.

The annexation of DBM Property was tabled until the July 11, 2016 meeting.

Following a public hearing Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis to adopt an Ordinance approving the rezoning of 11.64 acres from C-3 to T for the owners of Herring Drive Mobile Home Park.

Yeas: Cook, Davis, Griffin and Major

Nays: None

Absent: Roberts

Chief Marliam Lee presented the police report indicating that 469 citations, 1011 calls for service and 73 arrests were made in the month of April 2016.

Mr. Jonathan Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to approve Chief Lee's request to hire Mr. Wesley Clarkson as a full time police officer.

Yeas: Cook, Davis, Griffin and Major

Nays: None

Absent: Roberts

Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to approve Chief Lee's request to hire Mr. Brett Savant as a full time police officer.

Yeas: Cook, Davis, Griffin and Major

Nays: None

Absent: Roberts

Mr. Jonathan Davis made a motion, seconded Mr. Eric Cook to approve Chief Lee's request to hire Mr. Brant Villenurve as a full time police officer.

Yeas: Cook, Davis, Griffin and Major

Nays: None

Absent: Roberts

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis approving Chief Lee's request to hire Mr. Blake Bryant as a reserve police officer.

Yeas: Cook, Davis, Griffin and Major

Nays: None

Absent: Roberts

During public comments Mr. Leon Goldmond questioned as to why the land along East Railroad was being cleared out. Mayor Ramsey explained that it was land owned by the City and it was being done to create a green area and hopefully it would become an additional park area.

Mr. Jimmy Watson addressed the council and announced his candidacy for Mayor for the City of Walker in the upcoming election.

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 and Major

Nays: None


Absent: Roberts

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



Mayor Rick Ramsey

ATTEST:



Myra Streeter, Clerk
MMC; CMA; CAA