

CITY OF WALKER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES

March 12, 2018

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on March 12, 2018 at 6:00pm. Present were Mayor Jimmy Watson, Council Members David Clark, Eric Cook, Gary Griffin, Scarlett Major and Richard Wales.

Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. David Clark to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2018 meeting as presented.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Jamie Etheridge, Chief of Operations and Mr. Mike Cotton, Finance Director presented a vehicle fleet plan analysis, from Enterprise Fleet Management. During the presentation of the plan they discussed the cost savings of lease to purchase verses outright purchasing, maintenance, insurance, fuel and re-sale cost. The information provide was to be reviewed. This item will be placed on the agenda for the Special Meeting, on March 19, 2018, where a vote will be taken.

Mr. Brian Farlow, presented a slide show of pictures updating the Council on the progress of the renovations at the ball park. Concrete, asphalt and fencing are within weeks of completion. Crews will start dressing up the field next week. Mr. Farlow also showed a picture of the new pole barn that is being constructed to store materials such as sand, dirt, gravel and equipment.

Mr. Jamie Etheridge gave an update on the Safe House Project indicating the engineers are in the final stages of the design and it will be going out for bid sometime in May with construction projected to start in June or July with approximately a 10-month completion deadline.

Mr. Larry Smith, supervisor with the water department, presented the DPW report. Mr. Smith gave an overall description of the activities performed by the water department, indicating the different types of test that are performed daily, weekly and monthly. He mentioned the types of chemicals tested for, reports that were required by state agencies, and procedures to follow if deficiencies were found.

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook, to adopt a resolution approving the name changes for the lock boxes at Whitney and Capital One Banks.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook, to adopt a resolution to approve the request from Chief Addison to declare FA938 as surplus property for the purpose of donating it to Ward 2 Marshall office.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Mike Cotton provided information on Retail Strategies Group, which provides Retail Market Analysis & Recruitment for Cities. In other Cities, Retail Strategies has matched Retail Companies and Restaurant Franchises with property owners, thus bringing additional revenue, employment opportunities and variety of shopping choices for citizens. Mr. Cotton indicated the contract is for a three (3) term, renewable in one (1) year increments, with a total cost of \$120,00.00, \$40,000.00 per year.

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an ordinance, amending the budget, to be set for a public hearing at a special meeting on Monday, March 19, 2018 for the purpose of funding the agreement with Retail Strategies Group.

Following a public hearing Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to adopt an ordinance declaring property belonging to the City of Walker, located on Ball Park Road as surplus property.

Yeas:	Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

Following a public hearing Mr. David Clark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gary Griffin to adopt an ordinance re-zoning property belonging to Mr. Cliff Marsh, located at 10799 Florida Blvd. tract 1-A-1-A from R-PG to RC.

Yeas:	Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

Chief David Addison presented the police report indicating that there were 660 citations, 1175 calls for service and 106 arrests performed during the month of January 2018.

Mayor Watson informed the Council and audience that the group the City had contracted with to prepare the property tax sale would be sending out notices and if the taxes were not paid a sale would be held in June of 2018.

Chief Addison mentioned the tragic shooting that had taken place in Florida. Chief Addison stated that the City had two officers who were trained in active shooting situations and that during the Easter break there would be a mock active shooting event at the Walker Freshman High and any Council member that wanted to could come and observe.

Mr. Jamie Etheridge gave a progress report on the Travis Bridge project, stating that the project was on hold due to the fact they had ran into a problem and the project had to be pulled from its place in line, now that it is shovel ready it will have to go at the bottom of the list. Mr. Etheridge stated, we are not sure if it will be funded this year or next, we are waiting on the State.

Mr. Jarvus Ryes asked, what action was being taken to address blighted property? Mayor Watson informed him that the City had contracted with Civic Source to handle the blight issues throughout the whole City.

Mayor Watson announced there would be a special meeting on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 6:00pm.

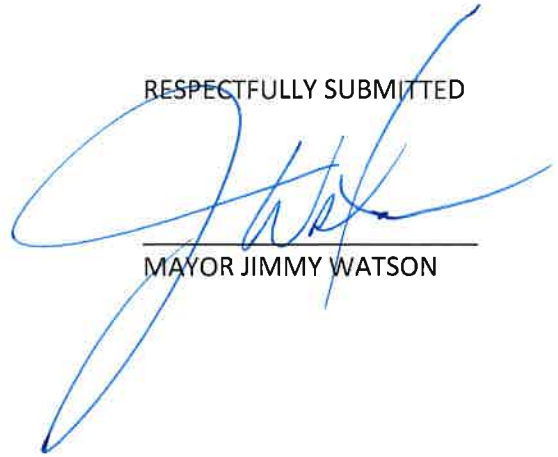
Mr. Jamie Etheridge congratulated the Walker High Boys Basketball team on winning the State Tournament.

Mr. David Clark announced there would be a parade honoring the Basket Ball team on Tuesday, March 13th starting at the Freshmen High, going to the High School with a ceremony at the High School.

There being no additional comments and no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Richard Wales and seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to adjourn.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin Major and Wales  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



MAYOR JIMMY WATSON

ATTEST:



Myra Streeter, Clerk  
MMC; CMA; CAA