CITY OF WALKER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2017

6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on September 11, 2017 at 6:00 pm. Present were Mayor Jimmy Watson, council members; David Clark, Eric Cook, Gary Griffin, Scarlett Major and Richard Wales.

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

Mrs. Scarlett Major led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to adopt the minutes from the August 14, 2017 as presented.

Yeas:

Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Mr. David Clark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to adopt the minutes from the August 28, 2017 special council meeting as presented.

Years:

Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Mr. Jamie Etheridge updated the council on the Sunset & Ballard Street project indicating that the project has been put up for bid. The bid opening is scheduled for October 12th with a start date of November 1st. The project is set for 60 days which would be right on schedule for completion of the project.

Mr. Jamie Etheridge informed the council that Fields Inc., the company that will be actually building the Challengers Field, had arrived on scene, they were having equipment delivered and should have the project completed within 4 to 6 weeks once they started the project.

Mr. Jamie Etheridge updated the council on information that was handed out at the special meeting on August 28th, indicating that Chad with UMS had provided the documentation that was needed in order to provide this system as a service rather than having to buy it out right from the company. The City Attorney is reviewing the documentation to make sure we stay in compliance with the law. Mr. Etheridge also informed the council that the number of meter that had been provided to UMS was incorrect and that we in fact have more meters which will mean that the cost may vary some. Once the accurate amount is known we will bring it back to the council.

Brett Bennett with Coburn Supply gave a presentation on Badger Meter and the software that will work with the UMS for the city water system. After the presentation questions were asked and answered.

Following a public hearing Mr. David Clark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to approve an ordinance for Budget Amendment #7 -Improvements to the Water Main from Hwy 190 – Florida Blvd to Molly Melissa Dr.

Yeas:

Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major and Wales

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

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Chief David Addison presented the police report indicating that 661 citations, 1249 calls for service and 75 arrests were made during the month of July 2017.

Mr. Jody Stanford reported that Pastor Stevens with St. Marks Church has started a program with youth at the church and within the community called CATS – Community Action Team. During their first outing they picked up 48 bags of trash and on their second outing they picked up 38 bags of trash. Because of issues with trash Mr. Stanford indicated it would be wonderful if more people would get involved and more pro-active in keeping our streets clean. Mr. Stanford wanted Pastor Stevens and CATS to know how appreciative we were for their efforts.

Mr. Jody Stanford explained that due to the large amount of rainfall we've had, grass cutting was a little behind. Mr. Stanford indicated that they have completed grass cutting from Wal-Green's on Hwy 190 east to the city limits, Red Oaks, Colyell, Magnolia, Pendarvis Lane, Hodges Lane, Bergeron and would soon be completed with Burgess Avenue.

There being no additional comments and no additional business to discuss, Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook 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