

CITY OF WALKER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 13, 2023

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at Walker City Hall on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jimmy Watson, followed with prayer led by Councilman Gary Griffin. Municipal Clerk, Tammy Payton, followed with the roll call of the council.

The following council members were present: David Clark, Gary Griffin, Scarlett Major and Richard Wales. Absent was Council member, Eric Cook.

Mayor Watson called for a motion to adopt the minutes for the council meetings held on October 9, 2023.

With no comments or objections, a motion was made by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Wales, to approve/adopt the minutes for the October 9, 2023 council meeting.

YEAS: Clark, Griffin, Major, Wales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Cook

Financial Director, Mike Cotton, presented the September 2023 financial report before the Mayor and Council. Total net assets for the period ending September 30, 2023 was \$1,502,720. Gas revenue increased 7% and sales tax decreased 2%.

Mr. Griffin made an introduction of an ordinance for 2023 Budget Amendment No. 3/Year ending 2023. There was no discussion.

Ms. Major made an introduction of an ordinance for the 2024 Operating Budget. There was no discussion.

Chief of Operations, Jamie Etheridge, presented to the Mayor and Council the **Resolution to Adopt Changes to the Employee Handbook to Update Retirement Benefits.**

Upon a motion made by Ms. Major and seconded by Mr. Clark, the resolution was approved.

YEAS: Clark, Griffin, Major, Wales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Cook

Jamie Etheridge presented to the Mayor and Council the **Resolution to Declare City of Walker Equipment as Surplus.** Nine items are outlined in the resolution to surplus to be disposed of in accordance with La. State Law.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Wales and seconded by Mr. Griffin, the resolution was approved.

YEAS: Clark, Griffin, Major, Wales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Cook

A motion was made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Wales, to enter a public hearing.

YEAS: Clark, Griffin, Major, Wales
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Cook

Mr. Griffin presented the Ordinance to Adopt the LA DOTD Complete Streets Policy. Additional comments were made by Jamie Etheredge that explained the significance of having this policy in place for existing and future infrastructure projects, maintenance and construction improvements that will accommodate a diverse, multimodal transportation network.

It was motioned by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Ms. Major, to adopt **Ordinance 11-2023-01**.

YEAS: Clark, Griffin, Major, Wales
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Cook

Mr. Clark presented the Ordinance to Adopt the Permanent Pavement Marking Policy. An overview was given by Jamie Etheridge regarding the policy as it pertains to pavement markings and striping on all roadways owned and maintained by the City of Walker now and in the future.

It was motioned by Ms. Major, seconded by Mr. Wales, to adopt **Ordinance 11-2023-02**.

YEAS: Clark, Griffin, Major, Wales
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Cook

A motion was made by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Clark, to close the public hearing.

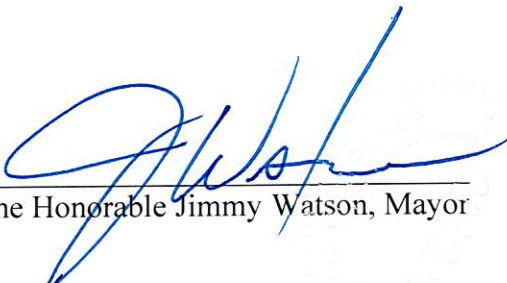
YEAS: Clark, Griffin, Major, Wales
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Cook


Additional Comments:

- An update was given for Aydell Lane. The latest completion date is estimated at two to three more weeks.
- The Walker Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 2, 2023 starting at 11:00 a.m. It will be followed by Christmas in the Park at Sidney Hutchinson Park from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- Gas Superintendent, Larry Williams, was recognized and congratulated for his appointment as the new president of the Louisiana Municipal Gas Authority.

With no further business or comments, the motion was made by Mr. Wales, seconded by Mr. Griffin, to adjourn the November 13, 2023 council meeting.

YEAS: Clark, Griffin, Major, Wales
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Cook


The Honorable Jimmy Watson, Mayor

Attest: 
Tammy Payton, Municipal Clerk