

CITY OF WALKER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 12, 2024

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Jimmy Watson called the meeting to order which was followed with prayer by council member, Richard Wales. Municipal Clerk, Tammy Payton, followed with the roll call of the council members.

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

Mayor Watson called for a motion to adopt/approve the council minutes of the January 8, 2024 council meeting. With no comments or objections, a motion was made by Mr. Wales, seconded by Mr. Cook, to approve the minutes.

YEAS: Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Clark

Finance Director, Mike Cotton, presented the council the December 2023 financial report before the council. It was reported that the total net assets ending December 31, 2023 was \$2,462.24; sales taxes decreased 1.8% and gas revenue increased 2.6%.

Trey Sanders of Hannis T. Bourgeois, reviewed the Audit Engagement Letter and the Engagement Letter for the Agreed Upon Procedures for the upcoming audit for the year 2023. Both agreements must be signed accepting the terms of engagements and confirming the understanding of the services they will provide for the audit years of 2023, 2024, and 2025.

A motion was made by Mr. Wales, seconded by Mr. Griffin, to accept the terms (with the nature and limitations) of the services specified in the engagement letter for SAUP (Statewide Agreed Upon Procedures; Audit law, LA. R.S. 24:513) and the Audit Engagement Letter.

YEAS: Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Clark

Mr. Griffin made an introduction for the Ordinance Revoking the Servitude – Greenburg District. There was no discussion. This will be on the March 2024 agenda for public hearing.

Jamie Etheridge presented before the council the proposed Resolution Approving the Appointment of Darren Blevins to Fire District No. 4 Board.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Cook and seconded by Ms. Major, the resolution approving the appointment of Darren Blevins was accepted.

YEAS: Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Clark

Jamie Etheridge presented before the council the Resolution Revising the Sexual Harassment Policy as required in R.S. 42:342-344 which states that the city provides annual employee training and annual reporting.

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

YEAS: Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

NAYS: None

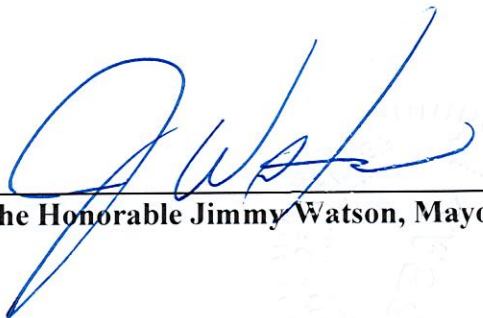
ABSENT: Clark

Mayor Watson read the 2024 Flood Awareness Proclamation declaring March flood awareness month. The City of Walker's participation in the Multijurisdictional Program for Public Information (PPI) gives us credit in our Community Rating System Program. Last year, the citizens of Walker received a 15% discount on flood insurance premiums.

Additional Comments:

- ◆ A video was shown of the Kroux of Barkus/Bark in the Park parade held on Saturday, February 10, 2024 @ Sidney Hutchinson Park.
- ◆ Ms. Major commented on the great success of the Spay & Neuter Event held at Club Outreach, January 12th – 14th, 2024. She expressed her appreciation to Club Outreach for the use of their facility and acknowledged the officers of the Walker Police Department for their assistance during the three-day event.
- ◆ Paul Roberts addressed Mayor Watson and the members of the council regarding disturbances in his neighborhood which he states he has brought to the attention of the police department and other city officials in the past. Chief Addison commented on the actions he stated his department had taken to resolve Mr. Robert's concerns. Chief Addison stated that he will do a follow-up.

With no further comments, a motion was made by Mr. Wales, seconded by Mr. Cook, to adjourn the February 12, 2024, council meeting.


The Honorable Jimmy Watson, Mayor

Attest: 
Tammy Payton, Municipal Clerk