

City of Walton
Council Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. Walton Senior Center

Call to Order/Roll Call

The common council of the City of Walton, Kentucky August 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. with the following present: Mayor Gabe Brown, Council Members Howard Stevens, Bobby McDonald, Terri Courtney, Sherry Snowden, Dan Martin, and Matt Brown. Also present were City Attorney Mike Duncan, Assistant City Clerk Tammy Wilhoite, City Engineer Matt Bogen, Fire Chief Joey Vest and Boone County Sheriff Major Bill Mark. Guest present: State Senator John Schickel, State Representative Sal Santoro, Boone Co. Parks Director David Whitehouse, Administrative Assistant Gevana Hicks, Lauren O'Brien NKADD, Margie Stewart, Don McMillian, Wayne Morse and Barb Farrow.

Mayor Gabe Brown gave the invocation and pledge.

Announcements made were as follows:

Movie night at Walton City Park August 14, (Wonder Woman 1984).

Old Fashion Day Planning Meeting August 25, 6:00 p.m. at Senior Center

Movie night at Walton City Park August 28, (Tom and Jerry)

City Hall closed for Labor Day September 6.

Caucus Meeting at 6:30 September 7, at Senior Center.

Old Fashion Day event September 11, starts with parade at 12:00 end with fireworks 10:00 p.m.

Council meeting September 14, at 7:00 p.m. Planning meeting starts at 6:15 p.m. both at Senior Center.

Approval of Agenda

Council member Howard Stevens made a motion to approve the agenda. Council member Dan Martin seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following council members voted “yes”: Howard Stevens, Bobby McDonald, Terri Courtney, Sherry Snowden, Dan Martin and Matt Brown.

Approval of Minutes

Council member Bobby McDonald motioned to approve the minutes of the caucus meeting on July 6, 2021, council meeting July 13, 2021, Special called council meeting July 15, 2021 and Special called council meeting July 19, 2021. Council member Terri Courtney seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following council member voted “yes”: Howard Stevens, Bobby McDonald, Terri Courtney, Sherry Snowden, Dan Martin and Matt Brown.

Citizen Comments

State Senator John Schickel introduced himself and answered questions from the audience.

State Representative Sal Santoro introduced himself and let everyone know of his role in Frankfort, he informed everyone that he is on the Transportation Committee that oversees all of the roads throughout the state of KY. He also stated that KY has a budget surplus. KY will see new roads coming, Walton is well overdue for new roads in their area. He also made mention that the state is looking for contractors to bid for snow removal in Boone Co.

Dave Whitehouse gave an update on the maintenance at the City Park in Walton.

Major Bill Mark of the Boone Co. Sheriff Dept. gave updates on sheriff activity performed within the City of Walton for the month of July, 2021.

Walton Fire Chief Joey Vest gave updates on Fire Department activity performed within the city for the month of July and the Chief gave updates on the ISO rating for the Fire Department. The current rating is a 4 and the new rating in November will be going to a 3. The Fire Chief has a goal to get the Walton Fire Department to a rating of a 2.

City Engineer Matt Bogen gave updates on High Street Bridge. He also gave updates on 2021 road projects: completed work consist of Short Needmore Main St. at Church, Locust, and Haley. Milling on Percival to begin this week, Short Needmore to begin next week. Locust will depend on the water main work completion. Matt informed that Cardinal staff would be out performing annual major outlet inspections in the coming weeks. He also gave updates tennis court bids that were received from both bid openings on June 4, and July 23. The last thing mentioned was the Owens property, Cardinal met with contractors for spillway repairs and dredging on the lake. The Fire Dept. has offered to drain the lake once the spillway is patched.

Mayor Comments

The Mayor read and apology for some recent social media comments that were made pertaining to current and past council members, a business member and the CARES money that was given out by the city in late 2020.

Review and Approve Bid for Tennis Court

The Mayor went over the information from the two bids for council before they made their decision. Council member Bobby McDonald made a motion to accept the bid by Riegler Blacktop, in the amount of \$101,611.00. Council member Howard Stevens seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following council members voted “yes”: Howard Stevens, Bobby McDonald, Terri Courtney, Sherry Snowden, Dan Martin and Matt Brown. The work on the tennis courts will begin spring of 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-08 FIRST READING - AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WALTON, KENTUCKY.

Council member Bobby McDonald motioned to approve ordinance 2021-08. Council member Dan Martin seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following council members voted “yes”: Howard Stevens, Bobby McDonald, Terri Courtney, Sherry Snowden, Dan Martin, and Matt Brown.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-09 FIRST READING - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WALTON, KENTUCKY, ANNEXING A PORTION OF A PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE CURRENTLY OWNED BY RONALD R. AND BRENDA A TACKETT, LOCATED ALONG AND ADJOINING THE CURRENT SOUTH BOUNDARY OF THE CITY, AND LOCATED AT AND KNOWN AS PART OF 13173 DIXIE HIGHWAY, ALL AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AND ILLUSTRATED IN THE EXHIBITS TO THIS ORDINANCE.

Council member Bobby McDonald motioned to approve ordinance 2021-09. Council member Howard Stevens seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following council members voted “yes”: Howard Stevens, Bobby McDonald, Sherry Snowden. The following Council members voted “no”: Terri Courtney, Dan Martin and Matt Brown. Mayor Gabe Brown broke the tie by voting “yes”.

CITY OF WALTON RESOLUTION 2021- 07 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WALTON, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WALTON AND THE KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING RECREATIONAL FISHING ON THE CITY OF WALTON LAKE AT THE FORMER OWENS REAL ESTATE.

Council member Matt Brown motioned to approve Resolution 2021-07. Council member Dan Martin seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council members voted “yes”: Howard Stevens, Bobby McDonald, Terri Courtney, Sherry Snowden, Dan Martin, and Matt Brown.

CITY OF WALTON RESOLUTION 2021-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CORONAVIRUS (CDBG-CV) UTILITY RELIEF PROGRAM. Council member Howard Stevens motioned to approve Resolution 2021-08. Council member Bobby McDonald seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council members voted “yes”: Howard Stevens, Bobby McDonald, Terri Courtney, Sherry Snowden, Dan Martin, and Matt Brown.

CITY OF WALTON, RESOLUTION NO. 2021-09 WHEREAS, a recipient of a Kentucky Community Development Block Grant funding, it is in the interest of the City of Walton that it implements a number of HUD/CDBG program requirements to further community and economic development, especially related economic development. Council member Bobby McDonald motioned to approve Resolution 2021-09. Council member Dan Martin seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council members voted “yes”: Howard Stevens, Bobby McDonald, Terri Courtney, Sherry Snowden, Dan Martin, and Matt Brown.

Council Comments

Council member Bobby McDonald brought up the issue of the loud noise that is coming from the south end of town in the industrial park. The mayor let everyone know that it is being looked into and addressed. Council member Terri Courtney thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Council member Howard Stevens presented awards to Assistant City Clerk Tammy Wilhoite, Administrative Clerk Gevana Hicks, City Engineer Matt Bogen, City Attorney Mike Duncan, Boone Co. Sheriff Major Mark, Walton Fire Chief Vest.

Adjourn

Council member Terri Courtney motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Council member Bobby McDonald seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council member voted “yes”: Howard Stevens, Bobby McDonald, Terri Courtney, Sherry Snowden, Dan Martin and Matt Brown.

Attest:

Approve:

Tammy Wilhoite, Assistant City Clerk

Gabe Brown, Mayor