

**City of Walton
Council Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting**

Call to Order/Roll Call

The Common Council of the City of Walton, Kentucky met for a Caucus meeting on Tuesday February 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. with the following present: Mayor Gabe Brown, Council Members; Howard Stevens, Sherry Snowden, Matt Brown, Terri Courtney, John Wainwright, and Dan Martin.

Others Present

City Clerk Gevana Hicks, Public Works Supervisor Roger Williams, City Attorney Mike Duncan, City Engineer Matt Bogen. Guest Present were Jim Parsons, Clay Whaley, Mary Phipps Ryan, Amy Long, Dave Howicz, Greg Adkins, Jenny, Rose, and Tooties.

The Invocation and Pledge were led by Mayor Gabe Brown

Announcements made were as follows:

- February 21, City Office Closed in observance of Presidents Day
- March 1, Caucus Meeting 6:30 pm Zoom Meeting
- March 8, Council Meeting 7:00 pm Zoom Meeting

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Council member Terri Courtney made a motion to combine and approve the minutes for the January 4, 2022 Caucus, and January 11, 2022 Council Meeting minutes. Council member Dan Martin seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following council member voted “yes”: Howard Stevens, Terri Courtney, Dan Martin, Matt Brown, Sherry Snowden and John Wainwright.

Engineer report- Matt Bogen gave his report on 2022 Road projects, Owens Property site development, and Walton MS4 Program. He answered questions on businesses absorbing some of road change cost instead of tax payers and widening road lanes.

Second Reading ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WALTON, KENTUCKY, CREATING A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE FOR THE ERECTION, LAYING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES AND APPURTENANT EQUIPMENT IN, ALONG AND ACROSS THE PUBLIC WAYS, ROADS, STREETS, ALLEYS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF WALTON, KENTUCKY: FOR FURNISHING AND SELLING ELECTRICITY BY MEANS OF SAID FACILITIES; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF SAID FRANCHISE. John Wainwright asked for explanation on the ordinance. City Attorney Mike Duncan explained and answered

questions. After discussion, Council member Howard Stevens motioned to approve ordinance number 2022-01. John Wainwright seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following council member voted “yes”: Howard Stevens, Terri Courtney, Sherry Snowden, Dan Martin, John Wainwright and Matt Brown

Second Reading ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WALTON, KENTUCKY, CREATING A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE FOR THE ERECTION, LAYING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES AND APPURTENANT EQUIPMENT IN, ALONG AND ACROSS THE PUBLIC WAYS, ROADS, STREETS, ALLEYS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF WALTON, KENTUCKY: FOR FURNISHING AND SELLING NATURAL GAS SERVICES AND PRODUCTS BY MEANS OF SAID FACILITIES; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF SAID FRANCHISE. Council member Dan Martin motioned to approve Ordinance number 2022-02. John Wainwright seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following council member voted “yes”: Howard Stevens, Terri Courtney, Sherry Snowden, Dan Martin, John Wainwright and Matt Brown.

Resolution No. 2022-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WALTON, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND REQUESTING THE BOONE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL AS TO THE TEXT OF A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE WALTON ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 3154 OUTSIDE STORAGE, DISPLAY, AND LOADING AREAS, IN ORDER TO REVISE THOSE REGULATIONS IN CERTAIN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES. Council member Dan Martin motioned to approve Resolution 2022-01. Howard Stevens seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following council member voted “yes”: Howard Stevens, Terri Courtney, Sherry Snowden, Dan Martin, John Wainwright and Matt Brown.

Citizen Comments: Amy Long stated that she was just sitting in on the meeting to see how things go.

Council Comments: John Wainwright stated that compensation for mayor and council will go back to caucus meeting. Asked about meeting with library. Mayor Brown commented that he appreciated that the library is including the community in its plans. Walton Library will be similar to Hebron Library and will have geo thermal and solar energy to help save money. There will be more steps and opportunities for community input. Opening is scheduled for 2024 and construction should start in 2023. Mayor Brown also stated that the citizens of Walton will be very well served by the new library. John also asked about Zoning for lot behind Kroger, to which he was told the meeting will be February 22, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. John also questioned how to dissolve the committee meetings. Attorney Mike Duncan said to make a motion and vote on it. John Wainwright motioned to dissolve the committees. Matt Brown seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following council member voted “yes”: Howard Stevens, Terri Courtney, Sherry Snowden, Dan Martin, John Wainwright and Matt Brown.

Dan Martin asked Roger Williams the best way to get in touch with someone concerning snow plowing issues. To which Roger replied to call him. Roger explained that the snow removal from the latest winter weather was more difficult due to the amount of ice and snow. There were also public works employees out for medical reasons leaving only 3 to cover the snow removal. Dan also mentioned the Facebook complaints about the city making money on Duke Energy Bills. City Attorney Mike Duncan said that the city does not have a franchise fee or tax that the city receives from Electric bills. Mayor Brown stated that Duke Energy had been

communicating with customers about the bills and the issues that Duke has been facing due to plant shut down and cost of fuel.

Matt Brown thanked Roger Williams and staff for all of their work to keep the roads clear during the winter weather.

Mayors Comments: Mayor Brown said to enjoy the Super Bowl.

Adjourned

Council member Matt Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Council member Terri Courtney seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following council member voted “yes”: Howard Stevens, Terri Courtney, Sherry Snowden, Dan Martin, John Wainwright and Matt Brown.

Attest:

Approved:

Gevana Hicks, City Clerk

Gabe Brown, Mayor