

CITY OF WALKER

MINUTES

April 9, 2012

7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held at the Walker City Hall on April 9, 2012 at 7:00pm. Present were Mayor Bobby Font, Alderman Arthur Israel, Scarlett Major, James Phillips, Jack Summerell and Richard Wales.

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Mr. Richard Wales.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Font.

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jack Summerell to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2012 meeting as presented.

Yeas: Israel, Major, Phillips and Summerell

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Wales

Judge Crain was present to address the Board and audience regarding the coming election in which he is a candidate for the First Circuit Court of Appeals.

Mrs. Scarlet Major made a motion to lift the agenda so that Mayor Font could introduce the new City Attorney. Mr. Richard Wales seconded the motion.

Yeas: Israel, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Font introduced Mrs. Irys Allgood as the new City Attorney. Mrs. Allgood gave a brief description of her qualifications as well as expressed her delight at being a part of the City of Walker.

Mr. Arthur Israel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jack Summerell to approve Mayor Font's appointment of Mrs. Irys Allgood as City Attorney.

Yeas: Israel, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to return to the regular agenda.

Yeas: Israel, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Font proclaimed April as RSD/CRPS Awareness Month with a symbolic balloon release on April 29th in honor of Brianna Manuel, a young lady stricken with this disease.

Mayor Font proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Mayor Font proclaimed April as Flood Awareness Month.

Mayor Font proclaimed April as Fair Housing Month.

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mr. Arthur Israel to approve a resolution for the application for funds from the FHWA Recreational Trails Program.

Yeas:	Israel, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jack Summerell, to approve a resolution authorizing acceptance of the playground equipment from Tracy Kincade/Kincade Recreation for Punk Smith Park.

Yeas:	Israel, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Arthur Israel, to approve a resolution authorizing acceptance of the proposal for Peaks Crossing Subdivision Sewerage System Re-Route.

Yeas:	Israel, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. James Phillips, to approve a resolution authorizing acceptance of the proposals for a Lift Crane at the Walker Wastewater treatment plant.

Yeas:	Israel, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

Mr. Arthur Israel introduced an ordinance for a public hearing at the regular scheduled meeting in May for the purpose of amending Section 19-82, Discharge of Stormwater, ect to Sanitary Sewers Prohibited.

Mr. Arthur Israel introduced an ordinance for a public hearing at the regular scheduled meeting in May for the purpose of adding section 19-97 Sewer Pump System (Grinder Pump) Maintenance Responsibility.

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an ordinance for a public hearing at the regular scheduled meeting in May for the purpose of amending the City of Walker’s Alcohol Beverage Control Ordinance.

Chief Grimes presented the Walker Police Report, indicating 412 citations were issued in the month of March 2012.

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to approve the request of Chief Grimes to change Mr. Cullie Miller’s status from reserve office to part time officer.

Yeas:	Israel, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

Mayor Font indicated that the public records report was available in the council books if there were any questions he would be happy to answer them. Mrs. Alice Dowty requested explanation on the adoption numbers. Mayor Font explained that not only do we adopt out to individuals but we also adopt to animal rescues.

Mayor Font commented on the following:

- The City held an auction of surplus property on March 24, 2012 which yielded approximately \$25,000.00.
- Construction will soon begin on installing the new playground equipment at Punk Smith Park with a Grand Opening within a couple of weeks.
- The City has started a new Challenger Base Ball Program for challenged children. This program is to allow children with disabilities to participate in team activities and learn what teamwork is. The opening ceremonies will be held on April 10, 2012 at 6:00 pm.

During public comments Mr. Clyde Palmer asked how much the cost of the grinder pump maintenance would cost. Mr. Raiford informed him that the cost may vary depending on the extent of the damage to the pump. Mrs. Stephanie Manual reminded everyone about the balloon release at 12:00 on April 29th for RSD/CRPS Awareness. Ms. Nickie Morrow with CASA thanked the Mayor and City of Walker for their support in making the public aware of Child Abuse and their fight against it.

There being no additional comments or business to discuss Mr. Richard Wales made a motion with a second by Mr. Jack Summerell to adjourn.

Yeas:	Israel, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED


BOBBY FONT, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Myra Streeter, Clerk
CMC; CMA; CAA