

TOWN OF WALKER
MINUTES

April 13, 2009

7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held at the Walker Town Hall on April 13, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Present were Mayor Bobby Font, Aldermen Elton Burns, Scarlett Major, James Phillips, Jack Summerell and Richard Wales.

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

Mayor Bobby Font led the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Mr. James Phillips, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to accept the March 9, 2009 minutes as presented.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Due to illness, employee recognition was tabled until the May 11, 2009 Council Meeting.

Mr. Elton Burns made a motion to approve the Proclamation declaring the month of April, Flood Awareness Month. Mr. Jack Summerell seconded the motion.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. James Phillips made a motion approving the Proclamation declaring the month of April, Fair Housing Month. Mr. Elton Burns seconded the motion.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. James Phillips made a motion to accept the Organizational Chart for the Town of Walker as written. Ms. Scarlett Major seconded the motion.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Summerell

Mr. Jim Ryan, of Government Consultants of Louisiana addressed the Board of Aldermen concerning the issue of refinancing bonds. Mr. James Phillips made a motion to adopt a resolution to proceed with the process of applying for bond refinancing. Mr. Richard Wales seconded the motion.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

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Mr. Fred Raiford addressed the Board concerning Surplus Property. A public hearing was set for May 11, 2009 Council Meeting.

Mr. Elton Burns made a motion to enter into a public hearing. Mr. Richard Wales seconded the motion.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales
Nays: None
Absent: None

Mr. Fred Raiford explained Mr. Harry Boswell's request for the ordinance on Revocation of Right-of-Way. Mr. Raiford stated that the right-of-way adjacent to lots 5, 6, 7, 13 and 14 of Buff Acres has never been used or maintained by the Town of Walker or the public for any purpose, nor does the Town of Walker have any present or expected use for said Right-of-Way. After all discussion was heard, Mr. Jack Summerell made a motion with a second by Mrs. Scarlett Major to close the public hearing.

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

There being no objections, Mr. Jack Summerell made a motion to close the public hearing. Ms. Scarlett Major seconded the motion.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales
Nays: None
Absent: None

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion to approve the request for the Ordinance on Revocation of Right-of-Way. Mr. James Phillips seconded the motion.

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

Mr. James Phillips made a motion to approve the Capital Outlay Request in the amount of \$62,620.00 for the purchase of a Case Compact Excavator with Dozer Blade, installed Werk-Brau Rigid Thumb (Pin Mounted) and Werk-Brau 42" Cleanout bucket with Bolt on Cutting Edge; as well as a Belshe 18,000LB Triple Axel Trailer, all of which will be used for the Public Works Department. Mr. Elton Burns seconded the motion.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales
Nays: None
Absent: None

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Mrs. Cindy Breau, Town of Walker Finance Director, addressed the Board explaining the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. The Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire is required by our auditors to complete our yearly audit. A motion was made by Mr. Jack Summerell, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major, to approve the Questionnaire.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales
Nays: None
Absent: None

Mr. John Ware, representing LEDC, addressed the Board regarding the Livingston Tomorrow program and what the donation represented. Mr. James Phillips made a motion to approve the donation of \$10,000.00 as requested from the Town of Walker to Livingston Tomorrow for the year 2009. Mr. Phillips requested Livingston Tomorrow report to the Board of Aldermen more frequently than just annually to the Board of Aldermen Mr. Richard Wales seconded the motion.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales
Nays: None
Absent: None

Mayor Bobby Font addressed the Board concerning the Town's \$351,000.00 outstanding warrants for unpaid traffic tickets and court fines. The Thinkstream program would cost the Town \$5,000.00 and would allow for our outstanding warrants to be collected more efficiently. Mr. Elton Burns made a motion to purchase the Thinkstream system. Mr. James Phillips seconded the motion.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales
Nays: None
Absent: None

Chief Hunter Grimes thanked the Board for their approval on the Thinkstream program stating that this would help the Police Department greatly in executing warrants. Chief Hunter Grimes reported 840 citations in the month of March.

Mayor Bobby Font reported to the Board that the Town has sent the submittals to DHH and DEQ requesting funding the Sewer and Water Projects. The Mayor stated; there is also a possibility that the Town may be able to get a grant to pay for these projects.

Mayor Bobby Font informed the Board of the survey Mr. John Dardis, Economic Development Consultant; has passed out to businesses and citizens of Walker. The survey addresses desires of businesses and individuals as to the future growth of the Town of Walker. Mr. John Dardis will collect this data and report to the Board the results.

The Mayor Bobby Font stated that the Beautification project was almost completed. The FFA club (Future Farmers of America) of Walker High School has offered to become partners with the Town on the Beautification process. They will purchase plants with their resources and plant them along the highway when the plants become mature.

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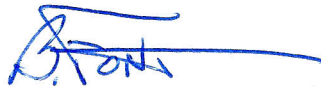
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A citizen in the audience questioned the statue of the water lines and fire hydrants in the Greenwich Village area. Mayor Font asked Mr. Fred Raiford to address the question. Mr. Raiford indicated that Greenwich Village was the project that the Town was petitioning DEQ & DHH to secure funding from to perform the necessary work on sewer and water.

There being no further business to discuss Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jack Summerell seconded the motion.

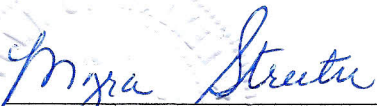
Yeas:	Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



MAYOR BOBBY FONT

ATTEST:



Myra Streeter, Clerk
CMC, CMA, CAA