

TOWN OF WALKER  
MINUTES

August 10, 2009

7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held at the Walker Town Hall on August 10, 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 and seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to accept the July 13, 2009 minutes as presented.

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

Mr. James Phillips made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Robert Graves as Town Attorney. Mr. Elton Burns seconded the motion. This appointment is a full time in house position with an annual salary of \$70,000.00.

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

Mayor Bobby Font addressed the Board regarding the issue with WYSA (Walker Youth Sports Association), stating the organization was no longer in existence, and that a CD with a balance of \$22,697.16, bearing WYSA's name with the Town of Walker's federal tax identification number, at Capital One Bank needed to be resolved. Mayor Font explained in a letter, along with a resolution that was sent to WYSA Board members, the steps needed to either relinquish the money to the Town of Walker or close the account and remove the Town's tax id number. After the discussion it was decided that Mr. Bob Jones would go to Capital One and take the necessary actions to proceed in resolving this matter.

Mr. Elton Burns made a motion to approve a proclamation regarding the protection of the Social Security and Medicare Programs. Mr. Jack Summerell seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an ordinance for a public hearing on September 14, 2009 regarding the exchange of Town property with Mr. Clay Young.

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an ordinance for a public hearing on September 14, 2009 regarding the placement of fire hydrants.

Mr. Jack Summerell introduced an ordinance for a public hearing on September 14, 2009 regarding changes to code of ordinances Section 5-1, 5-2 and 5-3 of the Buildings and Building Regulations.

Mr. James Phillips made a motion to enter into a public hearing for the purpose of discussing the ordinance on LCDGB Program 2010-2011. Mr. Jack Summerell seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Jim Ryan with Jim Ryan LLC; explained the need for the ordinance is to allow the Mayor to sign and execute on the behalf of the Town any and all documents for the application for the FY 2010-2011 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG), which is part of the process for applying for this grant.

Following the public hearing Mr. Jack Summerell made a motion to return to the regular agenda with a second by Mr. Elton Burns.

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

Mr. James Phillips made a motion to the ordinance to authorize and direct the Mayor to sign and execute all necessary documents to apply for the FY 2010-2011 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG). Mr. Elton Burns seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Jim Ryan with Government Consultants of Louisiana, Inc, updated the Board of the progress on the refunding of bonds. Mr. Ryan explained that refunding the bonds at this time would free up approximately \$899,000.00 that could be put back into the General Fund right now and that it would also reduce our yearly budgeted debt service by \$345,000.00. The motion was made by Mr. James Phillips and seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to approve the refunding of the bonds.

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

Captain Marliam Lee presented the police report, stating that 954 citations were issued in the month of July. Capitan Lee stated Chief Grimes' request of the Board's approval to hire as a full time officer, Bradley J. Lawrence. Mr. Elton Burns made a motion, with a second by Mr. Richard Wales, to hire Mr. Lawrence as a full time officer for the Walker Police Department.

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

Mayor Bobby Font informed the Board that the Livingston Parish Soccer Association will soon be up and running at the Ball Park Fields.

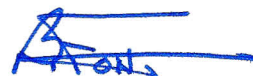
Mayor Font reported the warrants program is currently under a grace period until September 1, 2009, at which time it will go live and be connected with all other police agencies across the state. If an individual has a warrant they can come in and pay the fine without the \$50.00 dollar court cost. The grace period will end September 1, 2009

Mayor Font praised the Department of Public Works for the great job they are performing. Mayor Font stated that in the month of July 58 new customers have been added to our utility system, which means that Walker is still growing and our tax base is still doing good.

There being no further comments or business to discuss, Mr. Jack Summerell made a motion to adjourn with a second by Mrs. Scarlett Major.

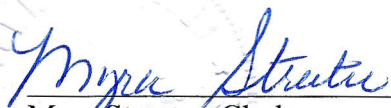
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| Yeas:   | Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales |
| Nays:   | None                                        |
| Absent: | None                                        |

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



MAYOR BOBBY FONT

ATTEST:



Myra Streeter, Clerk  
CMC; CMA; CAA

