

## TOWN OF WALKER

### MINUTES

August 9, 2010

7:00PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held at the Walker Town Hall on August 9, 2010 at 7:00pm. 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 Font led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Jack Summerell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to adopt the July 12, 2010 minutes as presented.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Ms. Beverly Wesley was present to voice complaints and concerns regarding an incident that had occurred between Chief Grimes and herself. The Board listened to her comments, however no action was taken.

District Attorney Scott Perrilloux addressed the Board regarding the help and support that the DA's office could provide for the Town of Walker and the Walker Police Department.

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jack Summerell, to lift the regular agenda for the purpose of business pertaining to a resolution for Conservation and to hear a request from Ms. Haley Johnson.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Town Attorney Robert Graves explained that the Land Water Conservation Fund State Project Agreement for the period of June 29, 2000 through February 28, 2003, had not been signed by the administration during that period. The project had been completed and all funds have been received. The signing of this document was just a formality; therefore Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elton Burns, to authorize the Mayor to sign said document.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Ms. Haley Johnson explained to the Board that the I-Run Campaign is a program that she is encouraging and requesting support and participation from the Town of Walker and its citizens. The proceeds from this walk a thon will go to help the families in Venice, Louisiana who have been affected by the oil spill.

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

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

Following a public hearing Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jack Summerell, to approve an ordinance adding section 13-154 "Simple Criminal Damage to Property" to the Walker Town Code of Ordinances.

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

Mr. Fred Raiford presented the Board with a list of businesses that applied to renew their Beer/Alcohol licenses. Mr. Raiford stated that the Town of Walker Alcohol Beverage Control Board had approved the following business for renewal: Class A – Los Sombreros. Class B – Best Stop #6; Circle K Store #9734; C.V.S. Pharmacy; Hit-N-Run #4; LeBlanc's Pay-Less Food Store #015; Murphy Express # 8500; On The Run # 18; S & R Shell LLC 2; Swiftly #16; Wal-Mart supercenter #2822; Winn-Dixie #1591 and Walgreens Pharmacy.

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major, to approve the renewal of the Alcohol licenses for the above mentioned business.

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

Mr. Elton Burns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to approve a resolution to apply for a Community Development Block Grant that will be used to help drill a water well and erect a water tower to serve the needs of Our Lady of the Lake Hospital and any future annexation south of Interstate 12.

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

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to approve a resolution to adopt the Procurement Policy for the procurement of supplies, equipment, construction services and professional service for the CDBG in relations to the Resiliency Grant.

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

Mrs. Scarlett Major, introduced an ordinance pertaining to amending sections 9-29 and 9-30 and adding section 9-31 and 9-32 entitled Article III: "Abandoned Motor Vehicles on Property"; and adding section 9-33 through 9-43 entitled Article IV: "Abandoned, Inoperative Motor Vehicles on Private Property"; be set for a public hearing at the September 13, 2010 meeting.

Mr. James Phillips introduced an ordinance pertaining to adding section 12-24 entitled "License & Registration" to the Walker Code of Ordinances be set for a public hearing at the September 13, 2010 meeting.

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an ordinance pertaining to adopting the request of Our Lady of the Lake Hospital, Inc. to zoning the property located on Highway 447 South as RC, be set for a public hearing at the September 13, 2010 meeting.

Chief Grimes presented the Walker Police Report indicating that 473 citations were issued in the month of July 2010.

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. James Phillips to approve the recommendation of Chief Grimes to hire Officer Mitchell Fouse as a full time police officer.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Darren Blevins presented the Public Works Report.

Mayor Font began his report with the recognition of Mr. Darren Blevins, Mr. Larry Williams & Mr. Jamie Etheridge along with all of their employees. Mayor Font presented them with a plaque that was awarded to the Mayor on behalf of the Town of Walker Waste Water System. Mr. Blevins explained the Entergy Conservation Award for the Southern Parish Regions had been given by the Louisiana Rural Water Association to the Town of Walker.

Mr. Jack Summerell commented on an act of kindness that Mr. Larry Williams has performed toward a citizen.

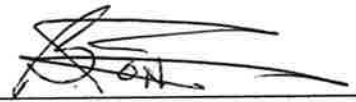
There being no further comments or business to discuss, Mr. Richard Wales made a motion to adjourn with a second by Mr. Jack Summerell.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

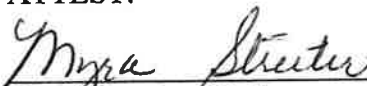
Nays: None

Absent: None

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

  
MAYOR BOBBY FONT

ATTEST:

  
Myra Streeter, Clerk  
CMC; CMA; CAA