

CITY OF WALKER

MINUTES

August 8, 2011

7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and Board of Alderman was held at the Walker City Hall on August 8, 2011 at 7:00PM. Present were Mayor Bobby Font, Alderman Elton Burns, 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. Richard Wales to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2011 meeting as presented.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Lonnie Watts, candidate for Representative for the newly developed District 95, was present to request the support from the Mayor and Board in the coming election.

Mr. Scott Jones, candidate for Parish Council District 6, was present to request the support from the Mayor and Board in the coming election.

Mr. Will Clark, candidate for Parish Council District 7, was present to request the support from the Mayor and Board in the coming election.

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elton Burns, to lift the agenda for the purpose of presenting date sensitive resolutions.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jack Summerell, to approve a resolution to apply for the Delta Regional Authority Grant through the State's Economic Development Assistance Program. This grant will be used to help fund the drilling of a new water well to help service Our Lady of the Lake Hospital and future annexation of property south of I-12.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elton Burns, to continue with the lifted agenda to propose a resolution regarding vacation for the Police Department.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillip, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major, to approve a resolution adopting the vacation leave policy for the police department.

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

Mr. Elton Burns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jack Summerell, to return to the regular agenda.

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

Mr. Jack Summerell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major, to approve the proposed City of Walker Handbook to become effective on August 9, 2011.

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

Mr. Elton Burns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to approve the resolution to apply for the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Program which could provide funding of up to \$10,000.00.

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

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mr. James Phillips accepting Proclamation No. 56 BJ 2011 from the office of Governor Bobby Jindal declaring the Town of Walker is now to be classified as the City of Walker.

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

Mr. Richard Wales introduced an ordinance to be set for a public hearing at the September 12, 2011 meeting regarding the classification of Town of Walker to City of Walker.

Mr. Jack Summerell introduced an ordinance to be set for a public hearing at the September 12, 2011 meeting regarding dangerous & vicious dogs.

Mr. Jack Summerell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major, to approve the ordinance setting the salary of the Municipal Clerk.

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

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jack Summerell to remove from the agenda the ordinance to add Article VI, Section 13-78 "Abatement of Public Nuisances" to the code of ordinances. Therefore no public hearing was held.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to approve the change order from Spinks Construction in the amount of a \$90,000.00 saving to the City for the removal of three (3) surge tanks and piping. The new contract amount will be \$577,893.00.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elton Burns to approve the low bid from Tullier Services, LLC in the amount of \$658,000.00 for the up dating and replacing the UV system at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Jack Summerell made a motion seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to approve the bid from BJM Construction LLC in the amount of \$26,950.00 for Entergy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant received in 2010.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chief Grimes presented the Walker Police Report indicating 404 citations were issued in the month of July 2011.

Mr. Darren Blevins was available for any questions regarding Public Works and also indicated that the Second Annual Pet Adoption Day would be held on September 3, 2011 at 8:00 AM at Punk Smith Park Mr. Blevins also requested the audience remember the 30 American Troops that just lost their lives in Afghanistan.

Mayor Font commented on the following:

1. The flags through out the City will be lower to half mass in honor of the 30 fallen soldiers, whose plane was shot down in Afghanistan, two of which were from Shreveport.
2. Construction will start soon on the sewer project off of AydeLL Lane, Park Street and Hwy 190 (Florida Blvd). This project is the final aspect of the DEQ Settlement with the City of Walker.
3. DOTD will pick up where they left off at AydeLL Lane and go south to Pendarvis Lane with the Beautification Grant, planting more trees and bushes later in the month.

Mr. James Phillips thanked Mayor Font for the window in the back of the court room.

There being no additional 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