

TOWN OF WALKER

MINUTES

December 13, 2010

7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held at the Walker Town Hall on December 13, 2010 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 Font led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to adopt the November 8, 2010 minutes as presented.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elton Burn, to lift the agenda at the request of Mayor Font.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Font explained that he had just received notice from DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) of possible harmful ingredients in synthetic products sold at local convenience stores. DEA will be issuing an emergency order on the suspected ingredients on December 22, 2010. The Mayor was requesting to inform the local stores of the DEA Order and the probability of the Town passing an ordinance to outlaw such synthetic products /drugs. Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jack Summerell, to approve Mayor Font's request.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elton Burns, to return to the regular agenda.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Font presented a certificate of appreciation and a key to the City to Ms. Marian Luzier. Ms. Luzier is an eleven year old student at North Corbin Elementary who out of an unselfish act requested items for the animal shelter for her birthday in lieu of gifts for herself.

Mayor Font presented a certificate of appreciation and a key to the City to Mr. Marc Kelly, as well a certificate of appreciation to Boy Scout Troop 205. Mr. Kelly, along with his Boy Scout Troop, worked to construct several dog runs at the Animal Shelter. In accomplishing this work Mark Kelly was to earn his eagle status with the Boy Scouts.

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jack Summerell, to approve the recommendation of Mayor Font to switch the Town of Walker's Employee Retirement Program with Principal Financial to Primerica. Mrs. Shannon Bernard will serve as the plan's representative and the plan will be funded through American Funds.

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

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to approve the recommendation of Mayor Font to accept the health insurance quote and change to Blue Cross for the Town of Walker's employee health care provider.

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

Mr. Elton Burns made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major, to approve amending the contract with Meyer, Meyer LaCroix & Hixson to reflect the increase from \$5,000.00 to \$12,000.00 for the Facility Plan and Environmental Information Document required by LDEQ for the Eastside Force Main Wastewater Improvements.

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

Mr. James Phillips introduced an ordinance for the Designation of One-Way Streets, be set for a public hearing at the January 10, 2011 meeting.

During the public hearing for the ordinance to amend Section 20-41 and 20-56 to add RC-CAB-1 and RC-CAB-2 zoning classifications, it was brought to the Board's attention that an error had been made in the ordinance regarding zoning regulations for alcohol establishments. Mr. James Phillips made a motion to change the error to read 1000 square feet minimum and not 5,000 square feet minimum. Mr. Elton Burns seconded the motion.

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

Following the public hearing on amending the zoning ordinance, Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to approve the ordinance with the amendment of 1000 square feet to amend Section 20-41 and 20-56 to add RC-CAB-1 and RC-CAB-2 Zoning Designations and to amend Section 3-11 C-1 Zoning.

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

Following a public hearing, Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major, to approve the ordinance to amending the 2010 Budget.

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 the ordinance approving the 2011 Budget.

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

Chief Grimes presented the Walker Police Report indicating 477 citations were issued in the month of November 2010.

Chief Grimes requested that the Board give approval to hire Robert Butler as a reserve officer for the Walker Police Department. Mr. James Phillips made a motion to approve the hiring of Mr. Robert Butler contingency upon completion of his firearm training. Mr. Jack Summerell seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Font's comments were as follows:

- CSD Collection Specialist has recovered \$3,777.58 in delinquent account for the 2009 year.
- The Town will host a Country Christmas at Sidney Hutchinson Park on December 18, 2010 starting at 4:00 pm with 6 tons of snow. At 6:00 pm Santa will be at the Park for all the kids to visit. There will be inflatables, hot cocoa and plenty of lights to see.
- The design phase on the 2nd phase of the sidewalk project has been started.
- Winners for the Deck the Town Contest are as follows:

- 1st Place Subdivision – Pleasant Ridge
- 2nd Place Subdivision – The Meadows
- 1st Place Interior – Hancock Bank
- 2nd Place Interior – Distinctive Gifts, Music Man Music Mart & Lemione Photography
- 1st Place Exterior – Distinctive Gifts, Music Man Music Mart & Lemione Photography
- 2nd Place Exterior – Southeast Tire

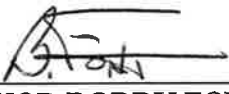
There being no further comments or business to discuss, Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mr. James Phillips, to adjourn.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

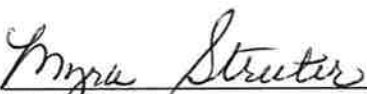
Nays: None

Absent: None

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED


 MAYOR BOBBY FONT

ATTEST:


 Myra Streeter, Clerk
 CMC; CMA; CAA