

CITY OF WALKER

December 12, 2011

7:00PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and Board of Alderman was held at the Walker City Hall on December 12, 2011 at 7:00 PM. Present were Mayor Bobby Font, Aldermen Elton Burns, Scarlett Major, James Phillips and Richard Wales. Absent was Alderman Jack Summerell.

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

Boy Scout Troop 80 presented the colors and Mayor Font led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett major to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2011 meeting as presented.

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

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elton Burns, to approve a resolution to apply for funding with the Office of Community Development for the Community Water Enrichment Grant 2011-2012.

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

Mr. Elton Burns made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to approve a resolution on the final acceptance of the Walker Sidewalk Project, Phase I.

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

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to approve a resolution on the final acceptance of the new Department of Public Works Building for the City of Walker.

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

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elton Burns to approve a resolution on the final acceptance of Peaks Garden Subdivision.

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

Following a public hearing, where Finance Director, Mrs. Cindy Breau informed the board that she had increased the Parks & Recreation's expenditures by \$5,000.00 to keep us in compliance, Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mr. James Phillips to approve an ordinance adopting Amendment # 2 to the 2011 annual budget.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: Summerell

Following a public hearing Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to approve an ordinance adopting the Operation Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the calendar year 2012.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: Summerell

Captain Marliam Lee presented the Walker Police Report indicating 199 citations were issued in the month of November 2011.

Captain Lee introduced Mr. David Morris as a prospective new hire.

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to approve the hiring of Mr. David Morris as an officer for the Walker Police Department.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: Summerell

Mayor, Font indicated that DPW Director Darren Blevins was not present due to Christmas activities but he or Mr. Raiford would answer any questions regarding the DPW report. No questions were asked.

Mayor Font commented on the following:

- The Hwy 447 Beautification project is under way. Trees and bushes will be planted down both side of the road to Interstate 12.
- The final stage of forming up and sidewalks at the New Department of Works Building are being completed and there will be a ribbon cutting in a few weeks.
- Monday, December 26, 2011 the office will be closed in observance of Christmas.
- The City of Walker has partnered with LSU in a Christmas tree recycling project. Christmas trees can be dropped off from December 26th – January 6th at Sidney Hutchinson Park. Make sure all decorations are removed from the tree.
- There will be a meeting on the widening of Interstate 12 to Walker on Wednesday, December 14th at the Denham Springs/Walker Library at 1:00 pm.

- The City Council Meeting will be changed from Monday, January 9th to Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 7:00pm.

There being no additional comments or business to discuss, Mr. Richard Wales made a motion with a second by Mr. Elton Burns to adjourn.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



MAYOR BOBBY FONT

ATTEST:


Myra Streeter, Clerk
CMC; CMA; CAA