

CITY OF WALKER

MINUTES

February 13, 2012

7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and Board of Alderman was held at the Walker city Hall on February 13, 2012 at 7:00pm. Present were Mayor Bobby Font, Aldermen Scarlett Major, James Phillips, Jack Summerell and Richard Wales. Absent was Mr. Elton Burns.

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

Boy Scout Troop 174 presented the colors and Mayor Font led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jack Summerell to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2012 meeting as presented.

Yeas: Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: Burns

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to approve the resolution authorizing the final acceptance of the Federal Energy Efficiency Conservation Fund Grant.

Yeas: Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: Burns

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. James Phillips to approve the resolution authorizing the final acceptance of the Landscape Grant Phase II with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

Yeas: Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: Burns

Mr. James Phillips introduced an ordinance for a public hearing at the next regular scheduled meeting on March 13, 2012, amending Chapter 8 Flood Damage Prevention and Control of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Walker.

Mrs. Scarlett Major stated that the ordinance to change the variance at 9701 Florida Blvd had been rescinded and there would not be a public hearing.

Chief Grimes presented the Walker police report indicating 346 citations were issued in the month of January 2012.

Chief Grimes presented the 2011 yearly report.

Chief Grimes requested the approval of hire for 2 reserve officers. Prior to a motion, Attorney, Robert Graves requested a motion to go into executive session to discuss issues

related to the new hires. Mr. Jack Summerell made a motion to enter into executive session. The motion died for a lack of a second. Mr. Graves then asked Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse and Mr. William Lawson if they were in agreement of discussing personal issues related to their hiring. Mr. Girlinghouse and Mr. Lawson both indicated they were ok with an open discussion.

Once discussion was concluded, Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to approve the hiring of Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse and Mr. William Lawson as reserve officers.

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

Chief Grimes indicated that he would be submitting an application for Mr. Sam Montgomery as a new hire for reserve office. The application would be in the human resource office for review.

Mr. Darren Blevins presented the public works report.

Mayor Font reported on the following:

- The 2011 Annual Report was availed for distribution.
- Sales tax is up 39% year to date.
- Collection agency has collected an additional \$3100.00 of old uncollectable debit.
- The Walker Mayor's Court will start operating with day-time hours effective April 3' 2012 @ 9:00 AM. Jail call will begin @8:15 AM.
- Parish Councilman Ricky Goff informed the Mayor that the Parish road project would completely overlay Pendarvis Road from Hwy 190 to Walker South Road. The original overlay program only allowed for a partial overlay.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



BOBBY FONT, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Myra Streeter, Clerk
CMC; CMA; CAA