

TOWN OF WALKER
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

November 2, 2009

6:00PM

The Town of Walker Finance Committee Meeting was held at the Walker Town Hall on November 2, 2009 at 6:00pm. Present were Mayor Bobby Font, Clerk Myra Streeter, Finance Director Cindy Breaux, and Aldermen Elton Burns, Scarlett Major and Jack Summerell. Absent were Aldermen James Phillips and Richard Wales.

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Chief Grimes.

Mayor Bobby Font led the pledge of allegiance.

Following discussion regarding the Livingston / Ascension corridors, Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion to reject the resolution for the commitment of funds to the project. Mr. Jack Summerell seconded the motion.

Yeas: Breaux, Burns, Font, Major, Summerell and Streeter

Nays: None

Absent: Phillips and Wales

Discussion of budgetary matters included;

- The Mayor made a recommendation that a budget amendment was not needed at this time, that each department needed to use caution regarding spending.
- The 3% cost of living increase will be figured into the 2010 budget.
- Henry Powell, with Wright and Percy, will be bringing the new insurance proposal to the Council. Mayor Font indicated that if the information that BlueCross has provided thus far holds true he will recommend changing to BlueCross.
- Chief Grimes presented his proposal for the salary increase for the Police Department to the committee. The salary increase will be approximately \$35,000 annually. Mayor Font indicated that even though he thought that this was a need, he feels that it is his responsibility to let the committee know that we don't just have the funds lying around. We will have to find the funds for this salary increase.
- Chief Grimes requested the committee consider approving the purchase of a new software system for record keeping. The software program that is currently in use is no longer being supported or upgraded. The cost of the software is \$49,550. The Police Department has been awarded a reimbursement grant that will pay \$28,500, therefore he is seeking and additional 21,050 from the Town for the software purchase.
- The Police Department will be getting 3 new police units this coming year that will need to be equipped; these will also cost approximately \$30,000 – \$40, 000.

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion to bring the recommendation to budget the increase in salary for the year 2010 to the Board of Alderman for approval at the next council meeting.

It was requested that Mr. Robert Graves, Town Attorney, research the proper structure and protocol for the Finance Committee.

There being no further comments or business to discuss, Mrs. Myra Streeter made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Mrs. Scarlett Major.

Yeas: Breaux, Burns, Font, Major, Summerell and Streeter

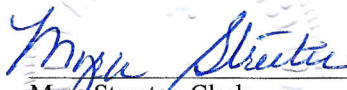
Nays: None

Absent: Phillips and Wales

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED


MAYOR BOBBY FONT

ATTEST:


Myra Streeter, Clerk
CMC; CMA; CAA