

TOWN OF WALKER

MINUTES

July 12, 2010

7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held at the Walker Town Hall on July 12, 2010 at 7:00pm. 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 Mayor Bobby Font.

Mayor Font led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Mr. James Phillips, with a second by Mrs. Scarlett Major, to adopt the June 14, 2010 minutes as presented.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

A motion was made by Mr. Elton Burns, with a second by Mr. Jack Summerell, to lift the agenda to hear concerns from Mrs. Brenda Jackson.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Following the discussion regarding Mrs. Brenda Jackson's issues with the lighting coming from several businesses shining into her home all through the night; Mr. Fred Raiford informed her that he had contacted the business owners as well as Entergy and they have informed him that every effort has been made to correct the problem. Mr. Raiford assured Mrs. Jackson that he would yet again review the issue.

Mr. James Phillips made a motion to return to the regular agenda. Mrs. Scarlett Major seconded the motion.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

A motion was made by Mrs. Scarlett Major, with a second by Mr. Jack Summerell, to adopt the June 28, 2010 special meeting minutes as presented.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips and Summerell

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Wales

Mrs. Abigail Lefebvre, with Livingston Economic Development Council, Inc., gave a brief presentation on the status of economic development of our community.

Mr. James Phillips introduced an ordinance to be set for a public hearing at the August 9, 2010 Council Meeting regarding adding section 13-154 "Simple Criminal Damage to Property" to the Town of Walker Code of Ordinances.

A motion was made by Mr. James Phillips, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Parish of Livingston for \$48,639.00 in Federal Energy Efficiency Conservation Fund Grant Program for a building retrofit for the Town Hall Building.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chief Grimes presented the Walker Police Report indicating that 482 citations were issued in the month of June 2010.

Chief Grimes asked the Board of Aldermen to review the pre-employment packet of Mr. Mitchell Faust and requested their approval to hire Mr. Faust at the next Council Meeting on August 9, 2010. Mayor Font indicated that the packet would be available for review at the Town Hall during regular business hours.

Mr. Darren Blevins presented the Public Works Report.

Mayor Font reported on the following:

- The Greenwich Village project will be wrapped up within the next two to three weeks. All of the services are connected and they are starting the dress up work now.
- The Town of Walker's first July 4th celebration was a great success. There were approximately between 1000 to 1300 citizens in attendance for the big fireworks display.
- The Walker Museum has been the location for the Children's Art Camp. Approximately 130 children have attended art classes this summer. Art classes included: drawing, painting, recyclable, decorating Christmas ornaments, and make puppets just to name a few. Once school starts the Museum will be offered to the schools for field trips, history lessons and for scavenger hunts. In the month of October, each Saturday will feature a different music group for a free concert under the Oaks.
- The Town has been awarded a \$95,000 Resiliency Grant which will be used to continue with our Master Plan. Mr. Fred Raiford and Mrs. Katie Mitchell will be attending a kick off meeting on July 23, 2010.
- The bids for the Sidewalk Grant should come in July 21st and work should be started some 6 to 8 weeks after that. The sidewalk will be constructed between Westside Jr. High and the Walker Police Department.
- A series of alcohol education meeting will be set in order to inform the public on the referendum that will be placed on the October 2, 2010 ballot. August 5th & 10th at 6:00 pm are the first two meetings of the series. The meeting will be held at the Walker Town Hall.

- Mayor Font, Mr. Fred Raiford and Robert Graves met with Senator Dale Erdey and Representative Rogers Pope to get an amendment passed that will allow the Town of Walker or any other municipality to attach a lien to the property tax roll so that the cost of the lien may be collected at the time the property taxes are paid.

During public comments, Mr. James Phillips requested that once Mr. Raiford had investigated Mrs. Jackson's lighting issue that he report back to the Council with his findings.

Mr. Jack Summerell informed the Council that the Kiwanis Club had placed 10 AED's in the Walker Schools.

There being no further 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