

CITY OF WALKER

MINUTES

June 13, 2011

7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held at the Walker City Hall on June 13, 2011 at 7:00 PM. Present were Mayor Bobby Font, Alderman Elton Burns, Scarlett Major, James Phillips, Jack Summerell and Richard Wales.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Font.

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jack Summerell, to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2011 meeting as presented.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillip, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Elton Burns made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major, to approve the minutes of the special meeting on May 23, 2011 as presented.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Jack Summerell, representing the Walker Kiwanis Club, presented a check for \$1,000.00 as a donation to Parks and Recreations for the purchase of playground equipment.

Mayor Font recognized Mr. Joe Crowell, with Winn Dixie, and thanked him for all the support that he gives to the City of Walker as well as the donation of \$1,000.00 for the Parks and Recreation department.

Mr. Sherman Mack was present to ask the Mayor, Board of Alderman and the audience for their support in the up coming election for State Representative.

Mr. John Spink with American Coach Works was present to ask the Mayor and Board of Aldermen if there was a reason as to why his company was not on the rotation list of wreckers for the City of Walker Police Department. Mayor Font deferred the question to Chief Hunter Grimes. Chief Grimes indicated that there is not as great a need for wrecker services as in the past. It was decided that Mayor Font would get with Chief Grimes to resolve the situation and then contact Mr. Spink.

Mr. Chance Ballard addressed the Board regarding his on going problem with the lighting behind his house. Mr. Fred Raiford indicated that the wattage in the lights were 1000 watts. Mr. Raiford requested that the Board of Alderman adopt a Resolution to give him the authority to contact Entergy to reduce the wattage from the 1000 watts to 400 watts, to eliminate the nuisance for Mr. Ballard.

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elton Burns, to approve the Resolution to contact Entergy on Mr. Chance Ballard's behalf.

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

Mr. Robert Graves updated the Mayor and Board regarding the condemnation proceeding on property located at 13647 Travis Street; belonging to Jewell and Joel Butler. Mr. Graves showed pictures where the house had been consumed by a fire. Mr. Graves stated that the City was proceeding with the order to clean the property and would send the Butlers a bill for the clean up and then place a lien on the property.

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scarlett Major, to approve a Resolution appointing the Livingston Parish News as the official journal of record.

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

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to approve a Resolution adopting the City of Walker's Body Armor Policy.

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

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jack Summerell, to approve a Resolution to apply for funds for the U.S. Department of Justice – Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant.

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

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elton Burns, to approve a Resolution adopting the City of Walker's Fatigue Policy.

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

Mr. Jack Summerell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to approve a Resolution adopting the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Audit.

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

Mr. Elton Burns introduced an ordinance for a public hearing at the July 11, 2011 meeting adding Section 4-28 “Dangerous and Vicious Dogs” to the code of ordinances.

Mr. James Phillips introduced an ordinance for a public hearing at the July 11, 2011 meeting, adding Section 13-197 “Obscenity” and amending Section 13-194 “Massage” of the code of ordinances.

Mr. Jack Summerell introduced an ordinance for a public hearing at the July 11, 2011 meeting, for the subdivision of property located at Hwy 190 and Stafford Rd; belonging to Elton Burns and Wilson Palmer.

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to approve the bids from Spinks Construction Inc. in the amount of \$667,893.00 for the work on the Eastside Force Main (Phase 1 and 2). The contract is to be awarded and is subject to the availability of funds and concurrence of LDEQ CWRLF.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chief Grimes presented the Walker Police Report indicating 260 citations were issued in the month of May 2011.

Mayor Font stated that the public works report was presented in the council meeting booklet.

Mayor Font commented on the following:

1. Our Lady of the Lake Hospital will start hauling in dirt on June 20, 2011.
2. Rotolo’s Restaurant will open on June 30, 2011.
3. The new construction along Walker South, in front of Snap Fitness, is a new Verizon Wireless store.
4. Gilcrist Asphalt Plant is moving right along. This is a huge project and a much needed facility in this area.
5. Patten Metal Steel Company will start construction in the next few weeks in the Co Mar Industrial Complex.
6. Saturday, July 2, 2011 is the date set for the July 4th celebration for the City of Walker. The location is Sidney Hutchinson Park; hours are from 3:00 PM until the fireworks display is over. The community is encouraged to bring their tents and grills to enjoy a day of fun. There will be inflatables, water slides, train rides and hot air balloons rides for the kids to enjoy. Several local churches will be cooking. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a good time.

There being no further comments, Mr. Richard Wales made a motion to adjourn with a second by Mr. Jack Summerell.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

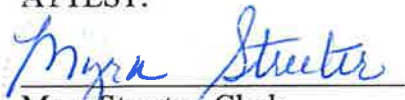
Absent: None

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



MAYOR BOBBY FONT

ATTEST:


Myra Streeter, Clerk
CMC; CMA; CAA