

TOWN OF WALKER
MINUTES

May 11, 2009

7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held at the Walker Town Hall on May 11, 2009 at 7:00 PM. 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 Mr. Richard Wales.

Aldermen Elton Burns led the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Mr. James Phillips, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to accept the April 13, 2009 Council Meeting Minutes and the April 27, 2009 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes as presented.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Darren Blevins, Public Works Director, recognized Mr. Freddie McMorris for 29 years of service to the Town of Walker by presenting a service plaque and a Town of Walker flag to his wife Mrs. Shirley McMorris. Mayor Font extended his condolences to the family and state that the Town of Walker employee and citizens would surely miss Mr. Freddie.

Mayor Bobby Font announced appointments for the Alcohol Beverage Control Board. The Board members were as follows: Mr. John Sharp, Mr. William Aydell, Mr. Ken Hano, Mr. Dewey Lofton, Mr. Eddie Melson, Mrs. Myra Streeter, and Ms. Bernie Torres. Mr. Elton Burns made a motion to approve the appointments to the ABC Board. Mr. Richard Wales seconded the motion.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced the Ordinance to refinance the Town of Walker Bonds. The public hearing was scheduled for the June 8, 2009 Council Meeting.

Mr. Fred Raiford introduced a resolution needed to complete the refinancing of the Town of Walker bonds. The resolution appoints a director to represent the Town of Walker on the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Board of Directors. Mayor Bobby Font will represent the Town of Walker. Mr. James Phillips made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Richard Wales seconded the motion.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

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Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion to approve the resolution for the 2008 Environmental Audit. Mr. Elton Burns seconded the motion.

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

Mr. James Phillips made a motion to enter into a Public Hearing to discuss the Ordinance of Surplus Property. Mr. Richard Wales seconded the motion.

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

Mr. James Phillips made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Mr. Richard Wales seconded the motion.

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

Mr. James Phillips made a motion to adopt the Surplus Property Ordinance. Mr. Richard Wales seconded the motion.

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

Chief Hunter Grimes reported 700 citations issued for the month of April.

Mayor Bobby Font reminded the audience of the Centennial Celebration located at Walker High School and Westside Junior High on July 9-11, 2009.

Mr. Jack Summerell asked that the Clerk, Myra Streeter, read into the meeting a document he presented concerning three items: the proper hiring and firing of department heads, that Town of Walker vehicles be properly identified, and the agenda be approved by the Board of Aldermen before each meeting.

There was much discussion on the appropriate way to have such occurrence's placed on the agenda. It was decided that a motion needed to be made and a unanimous vote of the board must be received in order to continue discussion.

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Mr. Jack Summerell made a motion to add the items to the agenda for further discussion. Mr. Elton Burns seconded the motion.

Yeas: Burns, Summerell

Nays: Major, Phillips, Wales

Absent: None

During public comments, Mr. Clyde Palmer stated that he would have appreciated being notified that trees were going to be planted on his property. Mayor Font informed Mr. Palmer that the trees were planted within the state right-of-way and that it was being done by the state, however in the future all attempt would be made to notify individual property owners.

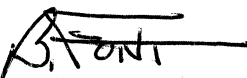
There being no further business to discuss. Mr. Elton Burns made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Scarlett Major seconded the motion.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



MAYOR BOBBY FONT

ATTEST:



Myra Streeter, Clerk
CMC, CMA, CAA