

TOWN OF WALKER

MINUTES

May 9, 2011

7:00PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held at the Walker Town Hall on May 9, 2011 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 Mr. Richard Wales.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Font.

Mr. Robert Graves addressed the Board regarding the progress with the condemnation of property belonging to Jewel and Joel Butler, heirs of Rosalie J. Butler. Mr. Graves stated that some work had been performed; however it was not to the satisfaction of the conditions in the condemnation order.

Following discussion, it was decided to allow a thirty (30) day extension for the clean up to be completed. If this was not accomplished, then the Town will step in and finish the work with the understanding that any associated cost will be the responsibility of the heirs of Rosalie Butler who are Jewel & Joel Butler.

Mr. Fred Raiford addressed the Board regarding and unresolved filing of a plat map showing the subdivision of property belonging to Mrs. Brahlio Ruiz. Mr. Raiford explained that in June of 1999, the Town Council passed an ordinance to subdivide the Ruiz property; however the map was never signed nor were the documents filed at the court hours.

Mr. Elton Burns made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major, to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Font to sign and file the appropriate documents needed to correct the above mentioned situation.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Jack Summerell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major, to adopt a resolution to approve the results of the 2010 census.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to re-appoint Mayor Font as a director on the Board for (LCDA) Louisiana Community Development Authority.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jack Summerell, to adopt a resolution to apply for funding from FHWA Recreational Trails Program of Louisiana.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Following a public hearing, Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jack Summerell, to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 14 entitled "Planning", to add section 14:37 entitled "Bylaws of the Planning and Zoning Commission"; which will change the day and time of the planning and zoning meeting from the last Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm to the second Monday of the month at 6:00 pm.

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

Following a public hearing, Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major, to approve the adoption of an ordinance amending Section 2-52 through 2-57, Disciplinary Actions.

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

Captain Marliam Lee presented the Walker Police Report indicating 439 citations issued in the month of April 2011.

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

Mayor Font made no comment.

During public comments, Mr. Rick Wentzel, resident of Ina Drive, voiced his concerns of raising the speed limit to 25 mph. Mr. Fred Raiford explained the process of how speed limits are raised and informed Mr. Wentzel that he and the Mayor have discussed the situation and the limit will be increase to 20 mph, the same as any school speed limit.

There being no further comments or business to discuss, Mr. Richard Wales made a motion to adjourn with a second by Mr. Elton Burns

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED


MAYOR BOBBY FONT

ATTEST:


Myra Streeter, Clerk
CMC; CMA; CAA