

TOWN OF WALKER
MINUTES

October 12, 2009

7:00PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held at the Walker Town Hall on October 12, 2009 at 7:00PM. Present were Mayor Bobby Font, Aldermen Scarlett Major, James Phillips, Jack Summerell and Richard Wales.

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

Mr. James Phillips led the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Mr. James Phillips, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to adopt the September 14, 2009 minutes as presented.

Yeas: Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: Burns

Mr. Jack Summerell made a motion to adopt a proclamation declaring the month of October as Head Start Awareness Month. Mrs. Scarlett Major seconded the motion.

Yeas: Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: Burns

Mr. James Phillips made a motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an amended and restated loan agreement involving the issuance of \$7,440,000 Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Refunding Bonds Series 2009, for the purpose of extending the time period within which the Town of Walker must complete their annual audits of its records and accounts. Mr. Richard Wales seconded the motion.

Yeas: Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: Burns

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jack Summerell, to enter into an agreement with the Department of Health and Hospitals on the Fluoridation of the Town's water system.

Yeas: Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: Burns

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion adopting a resolution to apply for a LGAP Grant for the purpose of improving the Town's infrastructure with the use of a SCADA system. Mrs. Scarlett Major seconded the motion.

Yeas: Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Richard Wales introduced an ordinance for a public hearing at the November 9th meeting on the annexation of property belonging to Our Lady of the Lake Hospital.

Mr. Richard Wales introduced an ordinance for a public hearing at the November 9th meeting on the rezoning of property belonging to Gloryland Church on JR Drive.

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an ordinance for a public hearing at the November 9th meeting to amend Sections 17-4 and 17-9 of the Town of Walker Code of Ordinances.

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an ordinance for a public hearing at the November 9th meeting to amend Sections 4-2 and 4-3 of the Town of Walker Code of Ordinances.

Mrs. Jack Summerell introduced an ordinance for a public hearing at the November 9th meeting to amend Section 5-28 and add Section 5-30 to the Town of Walker Code of Ordinances.

Mr. James Phillips introduced an ordinance for a public hearing at the November 9th meeting to amend Section 12-1.

Mr. James Phillips introduced an ordinance for a public hearing at the November 9th meeting to repeal Sections 12-22 and 1-8.1.

Mr. James Phillips introduced an ordinance for a public hearing at the November 9th meeting to amend Sections 13-165 & 13-251; and add Sections 13-175; 13-180; 13-187; 13-188 and 13-253.

Following a public hearing Mr. James Phillips made a motion to adopt an ordinance amending Section 2-20 "Employee Work Schedule". Mrs. Scarlett Major seconded the motion.

Yeas: Major, Phillips, Summerell and Burns

Nays: None

Absent: Burns

Following a public hearing Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion to adopt an ordinance for annexation of 3.164 acres of land belonging to Co-Mar LLC into the corporate limits of Walker, Louisiana. Mr. James Phillips seconded the motion.

Yeas: Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: Burns

Chief Grimes presented the Police Report stating that 570 citations were issued in the month of September 2009.

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion to approve Chief Grimes request for Board approval of the following individuals as new full time hires for the Walker Police Department: Jonathan Oliver, Brandon Brown and reserve officer Sam Nixon.. Mrs. Scarlett Major seconded the motion.

Yeas: Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: Burns

Chief Grimes asked that the Board of Aldermen consider the requested salary adjustment for the Police Department. Mayor Font stated that a Finance Committee Meeting needed to be scheduled to see if the funds were available.

Mr. Darren Blevins, Public Works Director, delivered the Department of Public Works Report indicating there were 1,506 work orders for the month of September.

Mayor Font commented on the following:

- Mr. Jim Delaune, a representative of the Livingston / Ascension Thruway, was present to ask that the Council commit funds for the study to develop a plan to alleviate traffic issues. Mayor Font stated that this would need to be brought before the Finance Committee.
- Mayor Font announced the Town of Walker's Craft Show would be October 17, 2009 at 8:00 am here at the Town Hall. This project helps support our Christmas for the Needy.
- The Grand Opening for the Walker Museum will be October 24, 2009 at 2:00 pm.
- The Town of Walker's next Business Meet and Greet will be November 5, 2009, at 6:00 pm at Revival Temple.
- Punk Smith Park will close November 1, 2009 so that preparations can begin for Christmas in the Park. The park will reopen Thanksgiving weekend for Christmas.
- The Walker Ball Park will host the Cross Country Runners for Walker High School, October 17, 2009.
- Mr. Elton Burns is home and doing better.

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

Yeas: Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

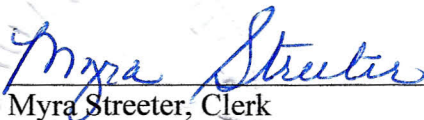
Absent: Burns

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



MAYOR BOBBY FONT

ATTEST:



Myra Streeter, Clerk
CMC; CMA; CAA