

TOWN OF WALKER

MINUTES

October 11, 2010

7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held at the Walker Town Hall on October 11, 2010 at 7:00 pm. Present were Mayor Bobby Font, Aldermen Scarlett Major, James Phillips, Jack Summerell and Richard Wales. Absent was Elton Burns.

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

Mayor Font led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major, to adopt the September 13, 2010 minutes as presented.

Yeas: Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: Burns

Mr. Jack Summerell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major, to adopt the September 30, 2010, Special Meeting minutes as presented.

Yeas: Major, Phillips, Summerell

Nays: None

Absent: Burns

Abstain: Wales

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mr. James Phillips, to adopt a proclamation declaring October 2010 as Head Start Awareness Month.

Yeas: Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: Burns

Mr. Robert Graves, Town Attorney, explained the process of accepting the election results, pertaining to the election held on October 2, 2010, for the changes in Alcohol Laws for the Town of Walker. Mr. Graves indicated that a resolution needed to be passed approving the canvassing of the returns, promulgating the results, approving a process verbal of the canvassing and approving the election proclamation for the canvassing.

After the votes were read by precinct Mr. James Phillips made a motion seconded by Mr. Richard Wales approving Section I of the resolution – Canvassing of the Returns and Promulgating the Results of the local option propositions held on October 2, 2010.

Yeas: Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: Burns

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major, to approve Section II of the resolution Proces Verbal of the Canvass of Votes Cast at the local option referendum election held on October 2, 2010.

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

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jack Summerell, to approve Section III of the resolution hereby declaring and proclaiming in open and public session that the five (5) propositions set forth were duly passed by a majority of the votes cast at the October 2, 2010 election.

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

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jack Summerell, to approve a resolution allowing Mayor Font to execute any and all documents required by DOTD for the Safe Routes to Schools Fund.

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

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to approve a resolution allowing Mayor Font to execute a contract with Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix and Hixson to provide professional engineering services for the 2010 Safe Routes to School Project.

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

Mr. James Phillips introduced an ordinance adding section 2-58 "Lights and Sirens; Use of Personal Vehicles".

Following a public hearing Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major, to repeal ordinance 10-2006-01 "Set Official Hours for Halloween & Trick or Treating".

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

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to adopt a resolution giving the Board of Aldermen the flexibility to set the official date and time of Halloween and Trick or Treat yearly.

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

Mr. Jack Summerell made a motion, seconded by Mr. James Phillips, to set the time and date for Halloween and Trick or Treat to be Saturday, October 30, 2010 from the hours of 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

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

During the public hearing pertaining to the amending of an ordinance regarding salaries for elected officials, Mr. James Phillips made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jack Summerell, to amend the purposed amending ordinance to increase the Chief of Police salary to fifty three thousand dollars (\$53,000.00).

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

Continuing with the public hearing Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jack Summerell, to have the new purposed amending ordinance for elected official salaries read as follows:

Mayor – Monthly Salary – Five thousand six hundred sixty six dollars and sixty seven cents (\$5,666.67) (Sixty eight thousand dollars (\$68,000.00) per year).

Chief of Police – Monthly Salary – Four thousand four hundred sixteen dollars and sixty seven cents (\$4,416.67) (Fifty three thousand dollars (\$53,000.00) per year).

Aldermen – Monthly Salary – Two (2) meetings per month – One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) (Twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) per year). Compensation for attendance at any meeting in excess of two (2) meetings within the same calendar month shall be paid at the rate of Two hundred (\$200.00) Dollars, per each meeting.

Yeas: Major, Phillips and Summerell
Nays: Wales
Absent: Burns

Following a public hearing Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. James Phillips, to amend section 20-56 "Schedule of Permitted Uses, Restrictions and Regulations" relative to the width of the lots in R-70, R-70A, R-60 and R-50.

Yeas: Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: Burns

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mr. James Phillips, to adopt an ordinance setting the franchise fees to be paid by entities providing cable or video services within the municipal limits of the Town of Walker.

Yeas: Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: Burns

Mr. Jack Summerell made a motion, seconded by Mr. James Phillips, to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 3 "Alcoholic Beverages".

Yeas: Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: Burns

Chief Grimes presented the Walker Police Report indicating that 659 citations were issued in the month of September 2010.

Mr. Darren Blevins delivered the Public Works Report.

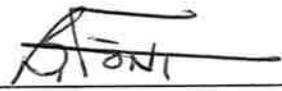
Mayor Font's comments were as follows:

- The first phase of the Safe Routes to School Project which is to build sidewalks along both sides of Burgess Avenue and will start on or about October 18, 2010.
- A survey was conducted to determine whether or not to move Christmas to Sidney Hutchinson Park. The results of the survey were: 91% in favor and 9% against. We have outgrown Punk Smith Park. There is nowhere to park and it has caused a safety issue with people crossing the roads in the dark to get to the park. Santa will come to the park along with six (6) tons of snow for December 18th. The Town's annual Christmas Parade will be held the 4th of December at 1:00 pm with the lighting of the 27' Christmas tree to follow between 5:30 pm and 6:00 pm.
- Our website now has a place to for Walker business to post want ads for jobs. Individuals looking for work can also post their resumes on the Walker website as well.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



MAYOR BOBBY FONT

ATTEST:



Myra Streeter, Clerk
CMC; CMA; CAA