

TOWN OF WALKER

MINUTES

April 12, 2010

7:00PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held at the Walker Town Hall on April 12, 2010 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.

Mayor Font led the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Mr. Elton Burns, seconded by Mr. James Phillips, to adopt the March 8, 2010 minutes as presented.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Jack Summerell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, approving a proclamation declaring the month of April as Flood Awareness Month.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. James Phillips, approving a proclamation declaring the month of April as Autism Awareness Month.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Jack Litvin, with Livingston Economic Development Council, Inc., was present to address any questions/concerns regarding the invoiced amount of \$10,000.00 for the 2010 Annual Investment. Following discussion, Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jack Summerell, to pay the invoiced amount of \$10,000.00 to Livingston Tomorrow.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Elton Burns made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major, to approve the request of a proposal to plug and abandon Water Well #1 from Forte and Tablada, Inc. in the amount of \$15,714.00.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elton Burns, to approve the purchase of two new vehicles for the Gas and Water departments.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Elton Burns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, approving a resolution to apply for funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for Punk Smith Park Grant.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Elton Burns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, approving a resolution to apply for funds from the FHWA Recreational Trails Program for Louisiana (FRTPL).

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mr. James Phillips, approving resolution to authorize placing a lien on property located at 13546 Dunn Street for the costs incurred by the Town of Walker for the removal of debris as well as cost incurred by filing said lien.

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

Mr. Richard Wales introduced an ordinance for a public hearing set for the May 10, 2010 Board Meeting, pertaining to the annexing of property belonging to Our Lady of the Lake Hospital.

Following a public hearing, Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to approve the adoption of an ordinance adding and amending Chapter 13 of the Code of Ordinances.

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 Sections 3 and 5 of the By-Laws of the Planning and Zoning Commission for the Town of Walker.

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

Following a public hearing Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to adopt an ordinance adding Article VI, Sections 11-62 through 11-71 Entitled "Second Hand Dealers"

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

Following a public hearing Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elton Burns, adopting an ordinance amending Section 13-252 entitled “Dropping Handbills, Posters, Dodgers or Advertising Penalties”.

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

Sergeant Bruce Higginbotham presented the Walker Police Report indicating that 508 citations were issued in the month of March 2010.

Mr. Darren Blevins delivered the Public Works report indicating that the road side grass cutting has started. Opening ceremonies for the 2010 ball season were today.

Mayor Font presented the Mayor’s Report as follows:

- i Mr. Mark Benton, Director of Operation of Emergency Preparedness, and Mr. Robert Dugas, Assistant Director with the Livingston Parish Department of Public Works, were present to thank the Board of Aldermen and Town of Walker Employees for the help given during the Coco Industries fire. Mr. Benton stated that without the assistance of the Town of Walker the situation could have been worse.
- i Energy will start putting up the light poles at the Ball Park within the week. Mr. Richard Wales commented that a co-worker of his had stated he had been to a tournament at the Ball Park and was very impressed with his experience. Mr. Wales offered thanks to the employees of the recreation department.
- i The March of Dimes Walk was a great success and there were approximately 100-150 participants
- i The Walker Park was also the location for the Louisiana – Mississippi State Soccer Tournament; there were approximately 2,000 in attendance.
- i Sheriff Graves and Mayor Font will co-host a prayer breakfast scheduled for Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 7:30 am at Revival Temple in recognition of the National Day of Prayer.

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

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

MAYOR BOBBY FONT

ATTEST:

Myra Streeter, Clerk
CMC; CMA; CAA