

City of Walker

Minutes

January 10, 2012

7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and Board of Alderman was held at the Walker City Hall on January 10, 2012 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.

Boy Scout Troop 479 presented the colors and Mayor Font led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2011 meeting as presented.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. James Phillips made a motion to adopt the Holiday Schedule for 2012 with the correction to the dispatchers' hours. Mr. Elton Burns seconded the motion.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the audit period of January 1, 2011 to the December 31, 2011.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Elton Burns made a motion, seconded by Mr. James Phillips to approve a resolution accepting the bid from H&H Projects, LLC in the amount of \$77,430.56 to extend the City's gas service to Our Lady of the Lake Hospital and the adjacent residential and commercial properties.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an ordinance on a variance request for Donnie Gill on property located at 9701 Florida Blvd, for a public hearing at the February 13, 2012 meeting.

Chief Hunter Grimes presented the Walker Police Report indicating 175 citations were issued in the month of December 2011.

Chief Grimes introduced Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse and Mr. William Lawson as candidates for reserve police officers. Chief Grimes then asked if he could get a motion to commission them as officers. Once Chief Grimes' request was made Mayor Font stopped Chief Grimes stating that this was not put on the agenda. Mayor Font then stated that in order to discuss this matter the agenda would need to be lifted; this would require a unanimous vote of the Board. Mayor Font then asked for a motion and a second. Mr. Richard Wales provided the motion and Mrs. Scarlett Major provided the second. The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips and Wales

Nays: Summerell

Absent: None

The motion to lift the agenda failed for lack of a unanimous vote. Mayor Font then informed Chief Grimes he was free to place this item on next months agenda.

Mr. Darren Blevins presented the public works report.

Mayor Font reported on the following:

- The City is in the final stages of completing the DEQ mandate.
- The Beautification project has been completed.
- Monday, January 16th will be the official observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday and the offices will be closed.
- The Walker Mardi Gras parade will be held on February 4th at 1:00PM; the parade will leave from Walker High School and follow the usual route.

There being no additional comments or business to discuss, Mr. Richard Wales made a motion with a second by Mr. Jack Summerell to adjourn.

SUBMITTED

RESPECTFULLY


MAYOR BOBBY FONT

ATTEST:


Myra Streeter, Clerk
CMC; CMA; CAA