

TOWN OF WALKER  
MINUTES

July 13, 2009

7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held at the Walker Town Hall on July 13, 2009 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. Larry Williams.

Troop 174 presented the colors and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Mr. James Phillips, seconded by Ms. Scarlett Major, to accept the June 8, 2009 and June 22, 2009 minutes as presented.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

A motion was made by Ms. Scarlett Major to lift the agenda to add items concerning the 2008 Audit and the employee 3% raise. Mr. Richard Wales seconded the motion.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

After a brief explanation of the audit by Mr. Ferdie Genre with the accounting firm of Hannis T. Bourgeois LLP, Mr. Elton Burns made a motion to approve the 2008 Audit. Ms. Scarlett Major seconded the motion.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Elton Burns made a motion to approve the 3% raise for all Town of Walker Employees. Mr. Richard Wales seconded the motion.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. James Phillips made a motion to return to the regular agenda. Mr. Richard Wales seconded the motion.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. James Phillips made a motion to appoint Mr. Robert Graves as the new Town Attorney. The motion died for lack of a second. Discussion ensued regarding the position of attorney and whether there had been enough advertisement of the position. It was decided to advertise for the position and to address the issue again at the August 10, 2009 meeting.

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Captain Marliam Lee delivered the Police Report in the absence of Chief Hunter Grimes. He reported 667 citations in the month of June. Captain Lee stated Chief Grimes' request to the Board for the approval of commissioning the following individuals as new reserve officers: Troy Adams, Brandon Brown, Cody Davis, Martin Foret, Mitchell Fouse, Brett Hines, and John Oliver. Captain Lee also stated Chief Grimes' request to the Board for approval of hiring Ms. Suzanne Higby as a full time police officer for the police department. A motion was made by Mr. James Phillips to approve Chief Grimes request for the additional staff, both reserve and full time. Mr. Richard Wales seconded the motion.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mrs. Myra Streeter informed the Board regarding the setting of millage rates, indicating the effect the rates would have on the budget. The Board would need to make a decision at the September 14, 2009 meeting as to whether to roll the millage rates forward or backwards.

Mr. James Phillips made a motion to approve the resolution allowing the Mayor to take the steps necessary to satisfy the Town's financial obligations related to Enterprise Zone designations for Stine Lumber. Mr. Jack Summerell seconded the motion.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. James Phillips made a motion to adopt the LCBDC Citizens Participation Plan. Mr. Richard Wales seconded the motion.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Elton Burns made a motion to enter into a public hearing regarding the LCDBG Citizen's Participation Plan. Mr. Jack Summerell seconded the motion.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Jack Summerell made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Elton Burns seconded the motion.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

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Mr. Elton Burns made a motion to adopt the resolution pertaining to the LCDBG Procurement Policy. Ms. Scarlett Major seconded the motion.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Ms. Scarlett Major introduced the LCDBG Program for 2010-2011. A public hearing was scheduled for the August 10, 2009 Council Meeting.

Mr. Jack Summerell made a motion to open a public hearing regarding rate structures for water usage. Mr. Richard Wales seconded the motion.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. James Phillips made a motion to close the public hearing. Ms. Scarlett Major seconded the motion.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. James Phillips made a motion to adopt the ordinance ratifying the current rate structure for water usage. Mr. Richard Wales seconded the motion.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. James Phillips made a motion to open a public hearing regarding rate structures for gas usage. Mr. Richard Wales seconded the motion.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Jack Summerell made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Elton Burns seconded the motion.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

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Mr. James Phillips made a motion to adopt the ordinance ratifying the current rate structure for gas usage. Mr. Jack Summerell seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion to open a public hearing regarding the rezoning and donation of property belonging to Mr. Alex Theriot located between Brian Park and Cambre Lane. Mr. Summerell seconded the motion.

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

Mr. James Phillips made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Jack Summerell seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Elton Burns made a motion to approve the ordinance to rezone a tract of property located between Brian Park Road and Cambre Lane as well as donation of a 50 foot strip of property to the Town which is owned by Mr. Alex Theriot. Ms. Scarlett Major seconded the motion.

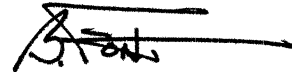
Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

Mayor Bobby Font thanked all town employees who worked to make the Centennial Celebration a success. He reminded the Town of the Town Clean-up Day on July 18, 2009. The Mayor announced that stop signs had been placed at the intersections of Pendarvis Lane and Lakeland Drive and also at Pendarvis Lane and Pleasant Ridge.

There being no further comments or business to discuss, Mr. Richard Wales made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jack Summerell seconded the motion.

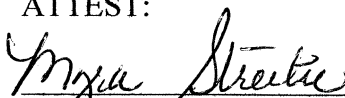
Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell, Wales  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



MAYOR BOBBY FONT

ATTEST:

  
Myra Streefer, Clerk  
CMC, CMA, CAA