

TOWN OF WALKER

MINUTES

March 8, 2010

7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held at the Walker Town Hall on March 8, 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 Mrs. Scarlett Major, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to adopt the February 8, 2010 minutes as presented.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Font requested that the agenda be lifted so that the Board could go into executive session to hear time sensitive matters.

Mr. Elton Burns made a motion seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to lift the regular agenda and enter into executive session.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Following executive session Mr. Jack Summerell made a motion seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to return to the regular agenda.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

In keeping with the discussion of the executive meeting Mr. James Phillips made a motion seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to approve a resolution to settle the Spinks Construction, Inc. litigation for the amount of \$50,000.00, as well as authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents associated with the settlement.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Jack Summerell made a motion seconded by Mr. Elton Burns to approve a resolution to apply for the LRA Community Resiliency Grant, giving Mayor Font authority to execute all documents associated with the program.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. James Phillips introduced an ordinance to be set for a public hearing on April 12th pertaining to amending Section 13 of the code of ordinances.

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an ordinance to be set for a public hearing on April 12th pertaining to amending Sections 3 and 5 of the By-Laws of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. James Phillips introduced an ordinance to be set for a public hearing on April 12th pertaining to adding Article VI, Section 11-62 through 11-71 entitled "Second Hand Dealers".

Mr. James Phillips introduced an ordinance to be set for a public hearing on April 12th pertaining to amending Section 13-252 entitled Dropping Handbills, Posters, Dodgers or Advertising Penalties.

Following a public hearing Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to adopt an ordinance adding Division 6, Section 2-58 entitled "Police Officer Hiring Procedure" to the Town of Walker's Code of Ordinances.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chief Grimes presented the Police Report stating that 445 citations were issued in the month of February 2010.

Mr. James Phillips made a motion seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to lift the agenda to hear Chief Grimes request for a new hire.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chief Grimes indicated that the new hire that was to replace Office Sandoval, who is stationed in Iraq for 18 months, did not workout. Therefore, he was requesting that the Board approve the hiring of Mr. Clint Walker as a full time officer for the Police Department.

Mr. James Phillips made a motion seconded by Mr. Jack Summerell to return to the regular agenda.

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

Mr. James Phillips made a motion seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to approve Chief Grimes request to hire Clint Walker as a full time officer.

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

Mayor Font reported that Mr. Darren Blevins was ill but the Public Works Report was provided to each Alderman.

Mayor Font presented the Mayor's Report as follows:

- When warrants are issued to people who are already imprisoned it presents a problem on how to transport them to the Walker Town Hall for Court. The Town is not able to transport several prisoners at one time and at the time of Court the Sheriff's Office is unable to transport. It may mean having to hold Court either earlier or out at the Livingston Sheriff's Office. Either way this would indicate that the Judge and Attorneys that run Mayor's Court would have to work extra hours. Therefore, there may be a need to increase the salaries of these individuals. We are working to resolve this issue.
- The Town will soon be releasing the bids for the purpose of capping the old water well at the DPW site. The Town and the School Board are in the process of obtaining appraisal for the property at Stump Street. The School Board is ready to purchase the property. The appraisals will be brought to the Board once they are received.
- We have contracted with a collection agency. We will no longer write off tens of thousands of dollars of unpaid utilities bills as this has been the practice of prior years. The agency has only been collecting for us for 2 ½ weeks and as already collected close to \$700.00. We will pursue all past due accounts until we no longer have any leads.
- The Greenwich Village project should start to break ground in the next few days. The equipment is in place and we will be laying a new gas line as well as the new water lines.
- Mr. Stuart Litvin with LEDC, was present to introduce a new employee for LEDC and Livingston Tomorrow, Ms. Abigail Lefbvre. Mr. Litvin also mentioned two events that would be sponsored by LEDC; the Legislative Breakfast on March 18th at Forrest Grove and May 26th an all day event in association with Southeastern University and Louisiana State University on disaster preparedness.

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

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



MAYOR BOBBY FONT

ATTEST:



Myra Streeter, Clerk
CMC; CMA; CAA