

TOWN OF WALKER

MINUTES

March 14, 2010

7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held at the Walker Town Hall on March 14, 2011 at 7:00pm. Present were Mayor Bobby Font, Aldermen Elton Burns, Scarlett Major and James Phillips. Absent were Aldermen Jack Summerell and Richard Wales.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troop 174.

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Chief Hunter Grimes.

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major, to adopt the February 14, 2011 minutes as presented.

Yeas: Burns, Major and Phillips

Nays: None

Absent: Summerell and Wales

Mr. Elton Burns made a motion, seconded by Mr. James Phillips, to approve a proclamation declaring April 2011 as Autism Awareness Month as well as April 20, 2011 as Autism Awareness Day in the Town of Walker.

Yeas: Burns, Major and Phillips

Nays: None

Absent: Summerell and Wales

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elton Burns, to approve a proclamation declaring April 2011 as Flood Awareness Month.

Yeas: Burns, Major and Phillips

Nays: None

Absent: Summerell and Wales

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major, approving the payment of an invoice from Livingston Economic Development Council, Inc (LEDC) in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the 2011 Annual Investment.

Yeas: Burns, Major and Phillips

Nays: None

Absent: Summerell and Wales

Mr. Elton Burns made a motion, seconded by Mr. James Phillips, approving a resolution to apply for funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for the purpose of obtaining a grant for Punk Smith Park to be used to purchase playground equipment.

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

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an ordinance to be set for a public hearing on April 11, 2010 for the purpose of re-zoning property located at 29050 Walker South Road for Rotolo's Restaurant from RC to RC-CAB-1.

The ordinance for introduction amending Section 2-54 on Disciplinary Action was tabled until the April 11, 2011 Council Meeting.

A public hearing was held on the ordinance regarding the rezoning of property belonging to Cliff Marsh located east of Mayer Street. Citizens from that area were in attendance. Mrs. Cindy Hill and Mrs. Lisa Watts stated several issues that they felt were important to the decision to rezone. Mr. Cliff Marsh also spoke on his own behalf.

Following the public hearing Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. James Phillips, to approve the ordinance rezoning property known as Tract 1-A-2 located off of Mayer Street belonging to Cliff Marsh, from RPG to C-1.

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

A public hearing was held on the ordinance regarding the rezoning of property belonging to William "Bill" Eiseman, located at 28050 Walker South Road, from RC to RC-CAB-2. Ms. Amy Duplessis owner, of Merle Norman Cosmetic, that is located in the same area, spoke indicating her desire not to have the rezoning approved. Mr. Brian Clouatre, who is part owner in Coconut Willy's Daiquiri Shop that wished to locate at the 28050 Walker South Road, also spoke on the Daiquiri Shops behalf.

Following the public hearing, Mr. Elton Burns made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major, to approve the rezoning of the property belonging to Mr. William Eiseman, located at 28050 Walker South Road, from RC to RC-CAB-2.

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

A public hearing was held on the ordinance regarding the second supplemental Bond Ordinance which will allow the Town to advertise for the second project of construction that is part of the settlement agreement with DEQ. This project will be the sewer force main improvements along Hwy 190 from Mayer Street, West to Park Street, South on Park Street to a manhole on Aydell Street and Hwy 447.

Following the public hearing Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major, to approve the Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance – Combined Utilities Revenue Bonds.

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

Chief Hunter Grimes presented the Walker Police Report indicating 312 citations issued in the month of February 2011.

Chief Grimes requested the Council approve the promotion of Pfc. Deontony Williams to Corporal. Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major, to approve the request to promote Pfc. Williams to Corporal.

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

Mr. Darren Blevins presented the Public Works Report.

Mayor Font commented on the following:

- March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 8:00 am and 12:00 noon, community service works will be helping to beautify our city streets. They will be spreading pine straw around the plant and trees along Hwy 447 (Walker South).
- “City Fest” Walker will celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup> on July 2, 2011 at Sidney Hutchinson Park. The celebration will include a full day of fun activities, food and will end with the declaration of the Town of Walker becoming a CITY as well as a great fireworks display.

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

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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MAYOR BOBBY FONT

ATTEST:

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Myra Streeeter, Clerk  
CMC; CMA; CAA