TOWN OF WALKER

MINUTES

November 8, 2010 7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held at the Walker Town Hall on November 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.

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jack Summerell, to adopt the October 11, 2010 minutes as presented.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mrs. Shannon Bernard, with Primerica Financial, was present along with Mr. Burk Patterson, with American Funds, and Ms. Cassie Felder, Attorney, with Cassie Felder and Associates LLC. Mrs. Bernard addressed the Board regarding the current retirement program versus the product that she represents with American Funds. Mrs. Bernard along with Mr. Patterson explained the benefits of investing with American Funds. After the presentation Mayor Font stated that a meeting would be set to present this plan to the employees.

Mr. Henry Powell, Wright & Percy Insurance, discussed the status of our annual health care options. Mr. Powell stated that the only two companies that have offered to cover the group are Coventry and Blue Cross. Mr. Powell indicated that we are presently waiting on two Physician Medical Questionnaires to be returned to Blue Cross. Once the questionnaires are received we will have a more accurate quote from Blue Cross thus allowing for a more educated discussion. Mayor Font stated that if the numbers from Blue Cross were comparable, then there would be a special Board meeting to discuss changing our insurance carrier.

Town Attorney, Robert Graves, addressed the Board concerning three nuisance proceedings that needed to be filed. All three proceedings were regarding overgrown lots. Mr. Graves stated that the proceedings were against Homeside Lending Inc., Washington Mutual Bank FA; Orca Homes, LLC (this one was paid on 11/8/2010) and Nellie G. McCool.

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elton Burns, to proceed with the filing on Homeside Lending Inc, Washington Mutual Bank FA.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Jack Summerell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major, to proceed with the filing on Nellie G. McCool.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Elton Burns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jack Summerell, to approve a resolution allowing Gilchrist Construction to conduct its operations, including its asphalt plant, during the night time hours for the widening of the Interstate 12 project.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Raiford explained the necessity of a new Department of Public Works Building, stating that the building was at least 50 years old and has a lot of wear and tear regardless of the many years of upgrades and maintenance. Mr. Raiford also informed the Board that the Livingston Parish School Board has recently approved the opportunity to acquire the property from the Town of Walker. The breakdown of such a project is as follows:

New Building	$386.000.00
Contingency	20.000.00
Design Cost	51,000.00
Approximately	$457,000.00

Total Estimated Cost Building	$457,000.00
Land Cost (sale)	-240,000.00
Estimated Funding Needed	$217,000.00

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jack Summerell, to approve a resolution allowing for the selling of property and the old Department of Public Works Building, and also the building of the new proposed Department of Public Works Building.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an ordinance for a public hearing on December 13, 2010 to amend Section 20-41; 20-56 and Section 3-11.C1 Zoning and to add RC-CAB-1 and RC-Cab-2 Zoning Designations.

Mr. Richard Wales introduced an ordinance for a public hearing on December 13, 2010 to approve the 2010 Annual Budget Amendment No 1.

Mr. Richard Wales introduced an ordinance for a public hearing on December 13, 2010 to approve the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the calendar year 2011.

During the public hearing for the adoption of the ordinance adding section 2-58 "Lights and Sirens; Use of Personal Vehicles", Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elton Burns, to drop the wording of mobile radios from the proposed ordinance.

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

Once all discussion was heard and the public hearing was closed, Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elton Burns, to adopt the ordinance with the amendment of the wording.

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

Mayor Font opened the floor for discussion regarding the recent adopted Alcohol Ordinance. Since there have been numerous rumors and concerns regarding the hours of operations Mayor Font offered the public, as well as the Board of Aldermen, to voice any concerns they might have. After all discussion regarding the matter was heard, no action was taken to alter the adopted Alcohol Ordinance.

Chief Grimes presented the Walker Police Report indicating that 501 citations were issued in the month of October 2010.

Mr. Darren Blevins delivered the Public Works Report.

Mayor Font's comments were as follows:

- The Town Hall will be closed on November 11, 2010 in observance of Veterans' Day. Please be sure to let all Veterans know how much you appreciate their sacrifice.

- Phase 1 of the sidewalk project is well under way along Burgess Avenue and is progressing well.

- A new asphalt plant will soon be being built at the Cor-Mar development. This is the only asphalt plant in the local area and will be a great asset to the community.

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

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

MAYOR BOBBY FONT

ATTEST:

Myra Streeter, Clerk
CMC; CMA; CAA