

# TOWN OF WALKER

## MINUTES

September 13, 2010

7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held at the Walker Town Hall on September 13, 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.

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jack Summerell, to adopt the August 9, 2010 minutes as presented.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Lynn King with the Citrus Revolution was present to inform the Board of the intention by the Revolution to plant Citrus Trees all over Livingston Parish. This is an attempt to promote community involvement, educate children, and possibly provide produce for the elderly and veterans.

Ms. Sharon Martin with the Council on Aging, distributed questionnaires pertaining to concerns of senior citizens. Ms. Martin also explained the different programs that were available to the senior citizens of Walker and the surrounding Parish of Livingston.

Mayor Font presented a proclamation to proclaim September 22, 2010 as Elderly Fall Prevention Day. Mr. James Phillips made a motion to approve the proclamation with an amendment to state that the period of September 15, 2010 through October 15, 2010 would be observed as Fall Prevention Awareness Month with the day of September 22, 2010 being observed as Fall Prevention Awareness Day. Mr. Richard Wales seconded the motion with the amendment as presented.

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 to apply for a grant through Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) for the purpose of renovation and expansion of the Town of Walker's Animal Control Shelter.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Richard Wales made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jack Summerell, to lift the agenda to hear discussion and make a decision regarding a change order for the Greenwich Village water project.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to accept Change Order No. 2 for the Greenwich Village Water System from Ducote Wrecking Company LLC in the amount of \$5,966.27 as well as accepting the final cost of construction at \$336,502.97.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Jack Summerell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elton Burns, to return to the regular agenda.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an ordinance for a public hearing at the October 11, 2010 meeting for the purpose of amending Section 20-56 "Schedule of Permitted Uses, Restrictions and Regulations" relative to the width of the lots in R-70, R-70A, R-60 and R-50.

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an ordinance for a public hearing at the October 11, 2010 meeting for the purpose of amending ordinance #01-2009-02 regarding salary of the Aldermen and amending section 2-4(b) regarding salary of the Mayor of the Town of Walker and incorporating ordinance #01-2009-03 regarding salary of the Chief of Police.

Mr. Richard Wales introduced an ordinance for a public hearing at the October 11, 2010 meeting for the purpose of setting the franchise fee to be paid by those entities providing cable or video service within the municipal limits of the Town of Walker

Mr. Jack Summerell introduced an ordinance for a public hearing at the October 11, 2010 meeting for the purpose of adopting the amendment to Chapter 3 – Alcoholic Beverages of the Town of Walker Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Elton Burns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales to adopt an ordinance amending section 9-29 and 9-30 and adding section 9-31 and 9-32 entitled "Article III: Abandoned Motor vehicles on Public Property; adding section 9-33 through 9-43 entitled "Article IV: Abandoned, Inoperative Motor vehicles on Private Property."

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. James Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elton Burns to adopt an ordinance adding section 12-24 pertaining to Licensing and Registration of Vehicles to the Town of Walker Code of Ordinances.

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Jack Summerell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Wales, to adopt an ordinance to zone property belonging to Our Lady of the Lake Hospital, Inc., located on Highway 447 South as RC (Residential – Commercial).

Yeas: Burns, Major, Phillips, Summerell and Wales

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chief Grimes presented the Walker Police Report indicating that 580 citations were issued in the month of August 2010.

Chief Grimes requested the Board approval for him to start the process of hiring and additional individual for the Walker Police Department. The request was to hire a part time officer who would not work more than 32 hrs per week. This person would not patrol, their duties would be to read over reports / tickets and collect all pertinent information and route the paperwork to Clerk of Court. This was discussed and it was decided to allow Chief Grimes to start the hiring process. No vote was necessary or taken.

Mr. Darren Blevins delivered the Public Works Report. Mr. Blevins also reported on all of the changes that have taken place at the Walker Animal Shelter indicating that he and Mr. Derick Woods were now certified in chemical euthanasia. Mr. Blevins indicated that adoption numbers have increased.

Mayor Font commented on the following:

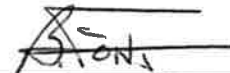
- Mayor Font reminded the audience that all ordinances that were introduced at this meeting would be available for review at the Town Hall and a copy could be obtained just by asking.
- Mayor Font announced that the Town of Walker's annual Craft Show would be held on Saturday, October 16, 2010 between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm. Contact the Town Hall for more information.
- Mayor Font announced that the Town of Walker Parks and Recreation would be hosting a Fall Ball League. Get your team together and contact Parks and Recreation for more information.
- Mayor Font announced that Wednesday through Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> through September 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Sighting in of Guns at the Livingston Parish Sheriff's shooting range for all hunters that are interested. The hours are Wednesday through Friday from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm, and Saturday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- Mayor Font stated it has be one (1) year since the launch of the Town of Walker's website. During that time there has been a total of 26,934 visits to the site. These visitors were from 89 countries, all 50 states and 161 different communities in Louisiana.

Public Comments consisted of Ms Cheryl Averett and Mr. Rick Wentzel commenting on how informative and convenient the website was.


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

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

  
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MAYOR BOBBY FONT

ATTEST:

  
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Myra Streeter, Clerk  
CMC; CMA; CAA