CITY OF WALKER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2015 6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on April 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Rick Ramsey, Council members, Jonathan Davis, Tracy Girlinghouse, Gary Griffin, Scarlett Major and Paul Roberts.

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Mr. Gary Griffin.

Mayor Rick Ramsey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was called to order and the first item on the agenda was the March 2015 meeting minutes. Mr. Girlinghouse made a motion to accept the March 2015 minutes, seconded by Mr. Girlinghouse.

Yeas:

Davis, Griffin, Girlinghouse, Major, Roberts

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Parish President Layton Ricks and Council member Chance Parent spoke about the Livingston Parish Health Unit.

Deborah Clayton from the Care Pregnancy Clinic spoke about her organization.

A motion was made by Mr. Gary Griffin, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis approving the Resolution Authorizing the City to open and establish a restricted account for the Challenger Field.

Yeas:

Davis, Griffin, Girlinghouse, Major, Roberts

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

A motion was made by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to approve the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to Transfer proceeds from a certain surplus sale from the General Operating Account into the restricted account opened and established for the construction of the Challenger Field.

Yeas:

Davis, Griffin, Girlinghouse, Major, Roberts

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

A motion was made by Mr. Paul Roberts, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to approve the Resolution establishing a high volume user rate for natural gas purchased from the City. For all gas purchased in excess of 15,000 hundred cubic feet per month will have a City recovery rate of \$0.10 per thousand hundred cubic feet.

Yeas:

Davis, Griffin, Girlinghouse, Major, Roberts

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

A motion was made by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to lift the agenda.

Yeas:

Davis, Griffin, Girlinghouse, Major, Roberts

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

A motion was made by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis to end the regular session of the meeting.

Yeas:

Davis, Griffin, Girlinghouse, Major, Roberts

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

A motion was made Tracy Girlinghouse, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to agree to purchase body cameras for the police officers.

Yeas:

Davis, Griffin, Girlinghouse, Major, Roberts

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 9, Nuisances on Private Property.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Scarlett Major, Seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to resume regular session.

Yeas:

Davis, Griffin, Girlinghouse, Major, Roberts

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an Ordinance Amending UDC Chapter 5, Section 5.22 (Fences)

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an Ordinance amending UDC Chapter 10, Section 10.9 (Temporary Signs)

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse introduced an Ordinance on the proposed annexation of Hartman Lane.

Following a public hearing, a motion was made by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major approving the Ordinance to de-annex I-12 property out of the City Limits from Dumplin Creek East to Satsuma interchange.

Yeas:

Davis, Griffin, Girlinghouse, Major, Roberts

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

A public hearing was held as to the traffic concerns on Park Street.

A motion was made by Mrs. Scarlett Major, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts that no changes to Park Street be made, only increase police presence.

Yeas:

Major

Nays:

Davis, Griffin, Girlinghouse, Roberts

Absent:

None

A motion was made by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to approve speed humps be placed on Park Street in certain designated areas.

Yeas:

Davis, Griffin, Girlinghouse, Roberts

Nays:

Major

Absent:

None

A motion was made by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse, seconded by Mr. Gary Griffin to approve the status change of Bruce Higginbotham from full time to part time.

Yeas:

Davis, Griffin, Girlinghouse, Major, Roberts

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Mayor Ramsey updated council on status of the STP and EDA grants for road construction in the Industrial Park

A motion was made by Mr. Gary Griffin, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to approve the status change of Chris Gunter (Bull) from part time to full time.

Yeas:

Davis, Griffin, Girlinghouse, Major, Roberts

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

There being no further items on the agenda and no additional comments, Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis.

Yeas:

Davis, Griffin, Girlinghouse, Major, Roberts

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

RICK RAMSEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LISA FREY

ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL CLER