

**CITY OF WALKER
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

AUGUST 12, 2013

7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held at the Walker City Hall on August 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Rick Ramsey, Aldermen Jonathan Davis, Tracy Girlinghouse, Scarlett Major, Gary Griffin and Paul Roberts.

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Pastor Kevin Malcolm. Mr. Paul Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was called to order and the first item on the agenda was the July 2013 meeting minutes. Mr. Roberts made a motion to accept the July 2013 minutes, seconded by Mr. Girlinghouse.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Girlinghouse, Major, Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Rick Ramsey discussed the Earthlink contract. Mr. Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Girlinghouse to approve the signing of the Earthlink contract.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Girlinghouse, Major, Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Paul Roberts made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major approving the Resolution for the 4.5 foot Variance from the 15 foot rear property line set back for an auxiliary building at 9360 Florida Blvd. for Tri Thuong Nguyen.

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 for a (1) foot variance above the base flood elevation (BFE) at 13077 Pendarvis Lane.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Girlinghouse, Major, Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Raiford explained the 447 Multi-Family Development and the benefits to the City of Walker the development will have. The developer also spoke about details of the development as a gated community with many amenities. Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, Seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to approve the Resolution of the site plan for construction of the Walker Apartments on Hwy. 447 North.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Girlinghouse, Major, Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

A Motion was made by Mr. Paul Roberts, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse acknowledging the required training to the Planning & Zoning Commissioners as pursuant to the City of Walker's Code of Ordinance.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Girlinghouse, Major, Roberts
Nays: None
Absent: None

Mr. Raiford explained the Resolution for the State Agreement for Hwy 447 and I-12 overpass improvements. A Motion was made by Mr. Jonathan Davis, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to approve the agreement for the widening of Hwy 447 (Walker South) and I-12 overpass improvements, environmental phase. Commencement, planning and construction FP&C Project 50-mu9-12-01.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Girlinghouse, Major, Roberts
Nays: None
Absent: None

Mr. Raiford explained the Resolution addressing the issue of the Morales property located on Sutcliffe regarding installing a drainage pipe to allow for proper drainage of that property. Motion was made by Mr. Paul Roberts to accept the Resolution, Seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to approve the Resolution on the use of property agreement by Leonard and Tina Morales to the City of Walker for a right of use for draining.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Girlinghouse, Major, Roberts
Nays: None
Absent: None

A Motion made by Mrs. Scarlett Major, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to approve a Resolution of the acceptance and awarding of the contract for the repair of Hodges Lane to L. King Company, LLC in the amount of \$129,988.00.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Girlinghouse, Major, Roberts
Nays: None
Absent: None

A Motion was made by Mr. Paul Roberts, Seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to approve the Resolution with the State of Louisiana regarding the Maintenance Agreement for State Project No. 454-02-0074 I-12 Walker to 0.5.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Girlinghouse, Major, Roberts
Nays: None
Absent: None

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an Ordinance pertaining to the acquisition of property for sewer improvements be set for a public hearing at the September 2013 meeting.

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced the proposed sale of a 2 acre tract of land from the Bunch Family for sewer improvements in the amount of \$38,373.00.

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an Ordinance to Revoke and Abandon Clara Street set for public hearing at the September 2013 meeting.

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced the Ordinance to approve the Unified Development Code and UDC Fee Structure set for public hearing at the September 2013 meeting.

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse introduced an Ordinance for a Budget Adjustment for 2013. A special meeting will be set for the public hearing.

Following the Public Hearing, Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to approve the Ordinance amending Sections 13.5.1 through 13.5.3 Parks & Recreation, Chapter 13 of the Code of Ordinances.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Girlinghouse, Major, Roberts
Nays: None
Absent: None

Mayor Rick Ramsey notified everyone that there was a personnel issue to be discussed and that they would need to lift the agenda and go into executive session to discuss in private. A motion to lift the agenda was made by Mrs. Scarlett Major, Seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Girlinghouse, Major, Roberts
Nays: None
Absent: None

A motion to end regular session and begin executive session was made by Mr. Girlinghouse, seconded by Mrs. Major.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Girlinghouse, Major, Roberts
Nays: None
Absent: None

Following executive session, City Attorney, Mrs. Irys Allgood stated a personnel matter of a police officer, Mr. James Dipuma was being addressed and handled by Chief Lee. A motion was made to end executive session by Mr. Jonathan Davis, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to end the executive session. No action was taken by council.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Girlinghouse, Major, Roberts
Nays: None
Absent: None

A motion to return to regular session was made by Mr. Gary Griffin, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Girlinghouse, Major, Roberts
Nays: None
Absent: None

Chief Marliam Lee presented the police report indicating that 577 citations were issued for the month of June 2013.

There being no further items on the agenda, Mr. Paul Roberts made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gary Griffin. There being nothing further to discuss and no additional comments.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Girlinghouse, Major, Roberts
Nays: None
Absent: None

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



RICK RAMSEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



LISA FREY
ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL CLERK