

CITY OF WALKER
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

December 9, 2013

7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and Board of Alderman was held at the Walker City Hall on December 9, 2013 at 7:00 pm. Present were Mayor Rick Ramsey, Aldermen Jonathan Davis, Tracy Girlinghouse, Scarlett Major and Paul Roberts.

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Bro. Herman Holland.

Mr. Paul Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2013 regular meeting as presented.

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

Mayor Rick Ramsey presented an award to Mr. Willie Stewart who retired in October, thanking him for the 27 years of service to the City of Walker.

Mayor Ramsey made two new appointments for the City of Walker. Todd Caruso as magistrate for Mayor 's Court and Michael Cupit as the new part time city attorney.

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gary Griffin to approve the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Todd Caruso as magistrate.

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

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis to approve the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Michael Cupit as the city attorney.

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

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts, to approve the resolution for authorizing Mayor Ramsey to submit a grant application on behalf of the City of Walker for the renovation and expansion of the City of Walker Animal Control Shelter.

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

Mayor Ramsey recommended that the City of Walker close for the week of December 23rd through December 26th for Christmas. Mayor Ramsey based this recommendation on the fact that employees didn't receive several of the City observed holidays because these holidays fell on Fridays, which is a non working day for the City. Therefore substituting these holidays for days during the week of Christmas.

Mr. Paul Roberts, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to approve the change in holidays for the week of Christmas as recommended by Mayor Ramsey.

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

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis to lift the agenda.

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

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse introduced an ordinance to be set for a public hearing at the next regular scheduled meeting on January 9, 2014 for the rezoning of property located at 29896 Melanie Lane from R-80 to R/C.

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis to return to the regular agenda.

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

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an ordinance to be set for a public hearing at the next regular scheduled meeting on January 9, 2014 for the rezoning of property along Hwy 447 (North Corbin) from R-80 to Industrial (I) for 43.88 acres and to Residential Commercial (R/C) for the remaining 6.71 acres.

Following a public hearing Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to adopt an ordinance amending Sec. 2-1. Regular Meetings and Sec. 2-2. Special Meetings to adjust the times for meetings from 7:00 pm to 6:00pm; and to amend Sec. 14-37 Bylaws of the Planning and Zoning Commission for their regular scheduled meeting from 6:00 pm to 5:00pm.

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

Following a public hearing Mr. Jonathan Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to reclassify Board of Aldermen - Aldermen to City Council – Councilmen.

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

Mr. Jonathan Davis tabled the ordinance for Term Limits to a later date.

During the public hearing Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis to amend the proposed 2014 Budget by 46,800.00 for the salary adjustment for this year and next year for all full time employees including appointed officials, excluding elected officials.

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

Within the same public hearing Mr. Paul Roberts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to approve the 2014 Budget with the adopted amendment.

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

Following a public hearing Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to approve an ordinance to condemn property belonging to Colmac No 4 Inc. located at 13792 Sycamore Street.

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

Chief Marliam Lee presented the police report indicating that there were 793 citations issued for the month of October 2013.

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion seconded by Mr. Jonathon Davis to approve Chief Lee's recommendation of hiring Jamie Vice as a reserve police officer for the City of Walker.

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

Mr. Paul Roberts made a motion seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to approve Chief Lee's recommendation of hiring Jonathan Sicard as a reserve police officer for the City of Walker.

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

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to approve Chief Lee's recommendation of hiring Terry Taylor to fill a vacant position of full time police officer for the City of Walker .

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

There being no additional information to discuss or any additional comment, Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to adjourn.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



RICK RAMSEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Myra Streeter, Clerk
CMC; CMA; CAA