

CITY OF WALKER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES

December 14, 2015

6:00PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on December 14, 2015 at 6:00 pm. Present were Mayor Rick Ramsey, Council members, Jonathan Davis, Gary Griffin, Scarlett Major and Paul Roberts. Absent was Tracy Girlinghouse.

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

Mayor Rick Ramsey let the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis, to adopt the minutes of the November 9, 2015 meeting with correction being made to the employee status of Office Mitchell Fouse, going from Full time to Part Time.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: Girlinghouse

Mr. Jonathan Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to adopt a resolution allowing the Mayor to execute any and all documents required by the Department of Transportation and Development for the Enhancement Program, Walker Sidewalk Project Phase III.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: Girlinghouse

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to adopt a resolution authorizing acceptance of the lowest bid and awarding of the contract for Industrial Park Drive Rehab, State Project # H011854 in the amount of nine hundred nineteen thousand seven hundred thirteen and zero dollars (\$919,713.00)

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: Girlinghouse

Mr. Paul Roberts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis to adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for funding from LGAP for security systems at the City's four (4) water well sites, Punk Smith Park and Sewer Plant.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: Girlinghouse

Mr. Jonathan Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gary Griffin to adopt a resolution authorizing substantial completion of the elevated Water Storage Tank 2.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: Girlinghouse

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis to lift the agenda to discuss employee retirement issues.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: Girlinghouse

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gary Griffin to adopt a resolution authorizing changing the type of retirement plan from a 401k to a 457 and 401 A type plan for governmental entities.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: Girlinghouse

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to return to the regular agenda.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: Girlinghouse

Following a public hearing Mr. Jonathan Davis made a motion to adopt an Ordinance to install 4- way stop signs at the intersection of Three Lakes Drive and Lakeshore Drive.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: Girlinghouse

Following a public hearing Mr. Paul Roberts made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to adopt an Ordinance authorizing adjustments to salaries of appointed officials.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: Girlinghouse

Mrs. Gertie Burns asked to be removed from the agenda.

The public hearing pertaining to the Noise Ordinance was tabled until the January 11, 2016 regular scheduled meeting.

Following a public hearing Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gary Griffin to adopt an ordinance approving the amendment # 3 for the 2015 Budget.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: Girlinghouse

Following a public hearing Mr. Paul Roberts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gary Griffin to adopt an ordinance approving the 2016 Budget.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: Girlinghouse

Mrs. Cindy Breaux, Finance Director, addressed the Council regarding the financial condition of the City, indicating that the City was in very good financial standing.

Mr. Fred Raiford, Chief of Operations, addressed the Council regarding the infrastructure improvements and capital outlay project that have been complete in 2015 and the list of projects planned for 2016. Mr. Raiford stated that a lot has been accomplished to upgrade our city and with the projects that are planned we are keeping up with our ever growing/changing city.

Due to the election of Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to the parish council, the position of Mayor Pro Tem will become vacant upon his resignation to the City, therefore, Mr. Jonathan Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gary Griffin to nominate Mrs. Scarlett Major as Mayor Pro Tem for the remainder of the term.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: Girlinghouse

Abstain: Major

Chief Marliam Lee presented the police report indicating that 440 citations, 944 calls for service and 37 arrests took place in the month of October 2015.

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to approve Chief Lee's request to promote Office Kenath Black to Assistant Chief.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: Girlinghouse

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis to approve Chief Lee's request to promote Office Terry Taylor to Corporal.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: Girlinghouse

Mr. Jonathan Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to approve Chief Lee's request to promote Officer Christopher Beall to Corporal.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: Girlinghouse

Mr. Jonathan Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to approve a status change from Reserve Officer to Full Time Officer.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: Girlinghouse

Mr. Leon Goleman was present to request that the roads with-in his neighborhood be addressed because of their condition, and that the lighting be addressed also. Mr. Goleman indicated that he would be back to ask for the council's help with other projects and concerns in his neighborhood.


There being no additional business and nothing further to discuss, Mr. Paul Roberts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis to adjourn.

Yeas: Davis, Griffin, Major and Roberts

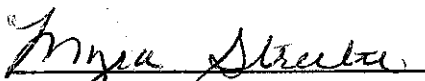
Nays: None

Absent: Girlinghouse

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

  
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MAYOR RICK RAMSEY

ATTEST:

  
Myra Streeter, Clerk  
MMC; CMA; CAA