

CITY OF WALKER
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 2015

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on July 13, 2015 at 6:00 pm. 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. Jonathan Davis.

Mayor Rick Ramsey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2015 meeting as presented.

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

Mr. Paul Roberts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to approve the minutes from the June 29th special meeting as presented.

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

Mr. Jonathan Davis made a motion seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to appoint the Livingston Parish News as the Official Journal of Record for the City of Walker.

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

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis to approve authorizing change order #1 for the elevated water storage tank. The change order will add an additional \$4,121.87 making the new contract amount \$1,590,121.87 and will add an additional 5 days to the project time line making it a total of 370 days.

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

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to approve the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$1.5 million dollars, from the Department of Commerce and Economic Development (EDA), for the extension of Industrial Way Drive.

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 August 10th 2015 regular meeting for a budget amendment.

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse introduced an ordinance to be set for a public hearing at the August 10, 2015 regular meeting on a policy for Body Cameras.

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an ordinance to be set for a public hearing at the August 10, 2015 regular meeting for the amendment to Chapter 13, Sec 13-7 adding offenses.

Mr. Paul Roberts introduced an ordinance to be set for a public hearing at the August 10, 2015 regular meeting for the amendment to Chapter 1, Sec. – 1-8 General Penalty.

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis, to lift the regular agenda to have an ordinance introduced.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Gary Griffin introduced an ordinance to be set for a public hearing at the August 10, 2015 regular meeting pertaining to a proposed pay scale for the City of Walker Employees.

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to return to the regular agenda.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Following a public hearing, Mr. Paul Roberts made a motion seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to approve an ordinance on the acceptance of donated immovable property from Livingston Economic District Council (LEDC) for the building, improving and /or maintaining of a roadway within the City of Walker's Industrial Park.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Ramsey commented on the following;

- The City will be entering into a municipal lease agreement with Pitney Bowes for an up graded, more efficient postage meter system.
- The City will be entering into a municipal lease agreement with Advanced Office Systems which will provide more efficient copiers that are capable of accommodating our copy needs at cost saving rates.
- The City will be entering into a municipal lease agreement with Synovia Solutions which will provide GPS tracking systems for all city owned vehicles.
- The City policy regarding annual leave in cases where individuals have accumulated more annual leave than the policy allows, the accrual of leave will be suspended until leave hours fall below the maximum leave accruals allowed.
- Money was appropriated in the budget for a security system. We are in the process now of finalizing a lease agreement to provide security systems for every location within the city government.

Chief Marliam Lee presented the police report indicating that there were 388 citations, 1017 calls for service and 65 arrests during the month of May 2015.

Rev. Leon Goldmond from the audience asked a question regarding the bridge, traffic and pot holes on Travis Street. Mayor Ramsey informed him that the bridge work on Travis Street should start within the year, the street department will soon be working on the pot holes now that the weather has cleared, and that Travis Street was supposed to be on the list of roads for overlaying.

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

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

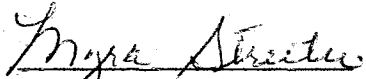
Absent: None

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



MAYOR RICK RAMSEY

ATTEST:


Myra Streeter, Clerk
MMC; CMA; CAA