

CITY OF WALKER
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

June 9, 2014

6:00 P.M.

The regular scheduled meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on June 9, 2014 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 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, both led by Mr. Paul Roberts.

Mr. Paul Roberts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis, to adopt the minutes of the May 12, 2014 meeting as presented.

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

Ms. Cassie Felder - candidate for 6th congressional district was unable to attend.

Mr. Craig McCulloch - candidate for 6th congressional district addressed the council and asked for their support in the upcoming election.

Mr. Chad Calongne with Rotolo's wanted to address the council, but was unable to attend due to plane delays.

Mr. Darren Blevins, Director of the Board for Women Outreaching Women, an organization designed to help women and children out of dangerous abusive situations, addressed the council to explain that WOW has moved its location and undergone a restructure process.

Ms. Myra Streeter read into record the following as required by law: Public Notice - The City of Walker will hold a meeting at the regular meeting place, Walker City Hall at 10136 Florida Blvd., Walker, LA 70785, on Monday, July 14, 2014 at 6:00p.m. to adopt the millage rate for 2014 tax year.

Ms. Courtney Jarrell, Pine Tree Festival Pageant Queen, addressed the council regarding partnering with the Pine Tree Festival Committee in hosting the Pine Tree Festival. Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse, committing to help by agreeing to provide security, bathroom facilities, and use of Sidney Hutchinson Park as the location for the Festival.

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

Mr. Paul Roberts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse, to accept the 2013 Audit presented by Mr. Trey Sanders with the accounting firm Hannis T. Bourgeois.

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

Mayor Ramsey informed the council that several commercial businesses are operating within R-80 (Residential) zoned areas of the City. Ms. Scarlett Major and Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse will meet with Mr. Fred Raiford and Mayor Ramsey and bring suggestions back to the council on how to handle the issue.

Mayor Ramsey stated that Ms. Scarlett Major brought to his attention an issue with political signs within the Unified Development Code that was adopted by the council. Ms. Scarlett Major then introduced an amendment to the Ordinance for the Unified Development Code, which is set for a public hearing at the July 14 2014 meeting.

Mayor Ramsey informed the council that the city would be reprinting the city maps due to the fact that the actual city limits are not accurate on the current one.

Ms. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gary Griffin, to approve a resolution requesting the waiver of one (1) foot above BFE for the property located at 28600 Walker South Road.

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

Mayor Ramsey stated he would like to include in the amendment to the UDC Ordinance that was introduced by Ms. Major, to have the Permits Department responsible for granting the waiver. There were no objections therefore the addition of the change for BFE waiver will be added to the amendment of the UDC ordinance.

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis 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. Paul Roberts made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major, to approve the low bid of One Hundred Twelve Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-one dollars (\$112,971.00) from BJM Contractors for the additional construction to the Sidney Hutchinson Walking Trail.

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 purchase of 5' foot gas line servitude from Juban Dental in the amount of Eleven Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty-eight dollars (\$11,984.00).

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

Mr. Jonathan Davis made a motion, seconded by Paul Roberts, to approve the purchase of 14.3' foot gas line servitude from Wendell M. and JoAnn A. Pepper in the amount of Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred Seventy dollars (\$8,770.00).

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

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse, to approve a resolution accepting ownership of the state road Burgess Avenue as a City of Walker road in lieu of a fine imposed by the Department of Transportation for utility relocation work.

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

Ms. Scarlett Major introduced an ordinance, set for a public hearing at the July 14, 2014 meeting, on the annexation of property south of Walker.

Ms. Scarlett Major introduced an ordinance, set for a public hearing at the July 14, 2014 meeting, to amend the budget.

Following a public hearing Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts, to approve 2014 Annual Budget Amendment No. 2 .

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

Following a public hearing Mr. Paul Roberts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis, to approve the purchase of property located at the corner of Ball Park Road and Hwy. 447 North (Walker North) belonging to Mr. Dale Stram for Fifty Thousand dollars (\$50,000.00).

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

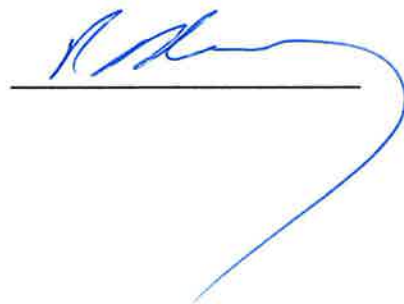
Following a public hearing Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis, to approve the ordinance for rezoning property @ Hwy. 447 and Ball Park Road from R/C to R/60.

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

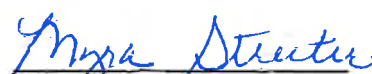
Chief Marliam Lee presented the police report indicating 430 citations, 810 calls for service and 71 arrests took place in the month of April.

There being no additional business to discuss or any additional comments, Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



ATTEST;


Myra Streeter, Clerk
CMC; CMA; CAA