

CITY OF WALKER
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

May 12, 2014

6:00 PM

The regular scheduled meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on May 12, 2014 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 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, both led by Mr. Jonathan Davis.

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis, to adopt the minutes of the April 14, 2010 meeting as presented.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Nays: None

Candidates for the 6th Congressional District, Paul Dietzel and Garrett Graves were present to present their positions to the Council in hopes of gaining their support.

Mayor Ramsey stated that the City would be having a City wide clean up on Friday, May 16th, Saturday, May 17th and Sunday, May 18th. Dumpsters will be located at the following locations; City Hall 10136 Florida Blvd, and Sidney Hutchinson Park, 30500 Corbin Avenue.

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to enter into an agreement with nCourt to provide an online payment program at no cost to the City of Walker, thus allowing citizens the ability to pay for services online. Fees for the services will be assessed to the user of the service not the City.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Ramsey introduced Mr. Bill Lockridge with C.E.I.S. Signs. Mr. Lockridge explained how the use of his signs would help promote information to our citizens and that this could be done without any cost to the City. It was agreed that Mayor Ramsey would continue to work on an agreement with C.E.I.S. Signs. Mayor Ramsey will bring it back to the board for approval once the final agreement has been reached.

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to enter into a lease purchase agreement with 1st Capital Equipment Leasing Corp for the purchase of 5 trucks, 1 pothole patcher and 1 backhoe for the DPW department as well as 1 pool car for the administration offices.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Paul Roberts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to approve a resolution on a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana and the City of Walker for the Widening of Hwy 447 and I-12 Overpass Corridor Study, Environmental Phase Commencement, Planning and Construction. State Project No. H005734; Federal Aid Project No. 005734.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gary Griffin to approve a resolution acknowledging receipt of the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse introduced an ordinance on the rezoning of property at Hwy 447 and Ball Park Rd from R-C to R-60, belonging to Mr. Dale Stram, be set for a public hearing at the regular scheduled meeting on June 9, 2014.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse, to lift the agenda to introduce an ordinance.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mrs. Scarlet Major introduced Budget Amendment Ordinance # 3 and requested it be set for a public hearing on June 9, 2013.

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gary Griffin to return to the regular agenda.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chief Marliam Lee presented the Police Report indicating that there were 623 citations issued 1097 calls for service and 96 arrests for the month of March 2014.

Following a public hearing Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse, to adopt an ordinance amending the City of Walker Alcohol Beverage Control Ordinance to include fines and penalties for not complying with renewal and filing mandates and deadlines.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Following a public hearing Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to adopt an ordinance to amend the 2014 Budget to increase fines and forfeits revenue by \$50,000. Increase transfer from enterprise fund by \$ 50,000; increase police department capital outlay by \$30,000 for an unmarked police unit; increase general and administrative department expenditures by \$20,000 for cleanup of blighted property and increase general and administrative department capital outlay request by \$50,000 to purchase land at corner of Hwy 447 and Ball Park Rd.

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 rezoning of property located along Hwy 449 North belonging to Mr. Jimmy Jenkins. Of the tract of property 36.7 acres are to be rezoned from R-80(Residential) to I – (Industrial) , 4.1 acres will be zoned R/C (Residential / Commercial) and 3.1 acres will be zoned R/C which will be donated to the City of Walker Parks and Recreations .

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse and Roberts

Nays: Griffin and Major

Absent: None

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

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts


Nays: None

Absent: None

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED


RICK RAMSEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Myra Streeter, Clerk
CMC; CMA; CAA