

CITY OF WALKER
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

October 13, 2014

6:00 PM

The regular scheduled meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on October 13, 2014 at 6:00pm. 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 youth pastor Daryl Courtney.

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Paul Roberts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2014 meeting as presented.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Sheriff Jason Ard was unable to attend due to the threatening weather within the Parish.

Mr. Randy Rogers with LEDC spoke on future developments that are wanting to come to Walker and following discussion regarding securing funds through an Economic Development Grant; Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to apply for funding through an Economic Development Grant to extend Industrial Park Drive.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis for the final acceptance of the Park Street water line improvements.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis to adopt a resolution accepting the act of donation from J. H. Jenkins Enterprise LLC in regards to a 200 foot by 1054.83 feet area being donated to the City of Walker for a public park along Hwy 449.

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 to discuss upcoming bids and projects.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Fred Raiford informed the Council that bids had been received on the both projects for the Water Tower and 12" Water line, however we cannot award the contracts until a budget adjustment was made because the money must be in place before the bids can be accepted. Mr. Raiford requested that a special meeting of the Council be set for November 3, 2014 at 6:00 pm to adopt a budget adjustment ordinance for these projects, the elevated water tower, 12' water line, gas project for Juban Park and to also include the Industrial Park rehab project.

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse 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

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an ordinance to be set for a public hearing at the November 10th meeting on Back Flow Prevention.

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse introduced an ordinance to be set for a public hearing at the November 10th meeting on annexation of 0.662 acres off of Hartman Lane.

Following a public hearing Mr. Paul Roberts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to adopt an ordinance on the sale of unimproved right of way on Moore Street to Darrell and Cindy Hill.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Following a public hearing Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis to adopt an ordinance on the sale of unimproved right of way on Moore Street to Cliff Marsh.

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 change Oak Street to a one way street.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Following a public hearing Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to adopt an ordinance to amend Chapter 10- Health & Sanitation of the Code of Ordinance for the City of Walker.

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 adopt an ordinance to amending the UDC code; Section 11.7 – Public Use and Service Areas.

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

Mrs. Cristina Leggett, with the Walker Police Department addressed the Council and requested to enter into executive session to discuss financial issues related to her and Municipal Police Employee Retirement System (MPERS). Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to lift the agenda and enter into executive session.

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

Mr. Gary Griffin 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

Following discussion in executive session this item will be place on the agenda for the November 3rd special meeting if it is not resolved before then.

Chief Lee presented the police report indicating 468 citations, 1100 calls for service and 117 arrests were reported for August 2014. Chief Lee also requested that the Council consider entering into a cooperative endeavor with the Livingston Parish School Board to provide funding for the school resource officer. Chief Lee introduced Mr. Gerald Sicard and John Wilkins to the Council and requested the approval to hire both as full time officers.

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to approve entering into a Cooperative Endeavor with the Livingston School Board for the funding for a school resource officer.

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

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to approve the Chief's request to hire Mr. Gerald Sicard as a full time police officer for the Walker Police Department.

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

Mr. Jonathan Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to approve the Chief's request to hire Mr. John Wilkins as a full time police officer for the Walker Police Department.

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

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

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

REPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



MAYOR RICK RAMSEY

ATTEST:



Myra Streeter, MMC