CITY OF WALKER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 12, 2015 6:00 PM

The regular scheduled meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on January 12, 2015 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 Mrs. Myra Streeter.

Mayor Rick Ramsey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts, to adopt the minutes from the December 8, 2014 meeting as presented.

Yeas:

Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Mr. Robert Reynolds, coordinator of the World War II reenactment, informed the Council that the World War II reenactment would be held on April 11, 2015 at Sidney Hutchinson Park. Mr. Reynolds also indicated that the participants would be camping out on Friday night April 10th just as the soldiers did. The Old South Jamboree will be the venue for a USO show. There will be several activities for the kids to enjoy on Saturday in between the actual reenactment events.

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to lift the agenda so that Mr. Gary McClure could address the council.

Yeas:

Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Mr. Gary McClure, who lives at 14232 Latil Street, addressed the Council regarding the hunting that has been going on around his home. Mr. McClure asked the Council to consider adopting an ordinance making it illegal to hunt inside the city limits. The council requested some time to research the legal aspects of the situation and stated they would bring it back before the council at a later meeting.

Mr. Jonathan Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to return to the regular agenda.

Yeas:

Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis to approve a resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Office for the 2015 Safe Routes to School Program.

Yeas:

Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Navs:

None

Absent:

None

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse introduced an ordinance set for a public hearing at the February 9th meeting to amend the sick leave carry over policy.

Following a public hearing, Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse, to adopt an ordinance to rezone property located at 13093 Burgess Ave from RC to RC-CAB-1 belonging to Mrs. Evelyn Stevens and Heirs to allow Pedigo's Restaurant to sell low content alcohol.

Yeas:

Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Navs:

None

Absent:

None

Following a public hearing Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to adopt an ordinance to place stop signs along Pleasant Ridge Drive at the intersections of Ann Drive and Linda Dr.

Yeas:

Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Chief Marliam Lee Presented the police report indicating that 490 citations, 929 calls for service and 62 arrests were made in the month of November 2014.

Ms. Mary Johnson addressed the Council to inform that the MLK Parade would be held on January 19th at 10:00 am. They would start at Club Outreach. Ms. Johnson also asked the Mayor if anything had been done toward moving in the direction of developing voting districts. Mayor Ramsey indicated that work was ongoing and he hoped to have something by the next council meeting.

There being no additional information and no new business to discuss Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis to adjourn.

Yeas:

Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

MAYOR, RICK RAMSEY

ATTEST:

Myra Streeter, Clerk

MMC; CMA