

CITY OF WALKER

MINUTES

February 11, 2013

7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held at the Walker City Hall on February 11, 2013 at 7:00pm. Present were Mayor Rick Ramsey, Aldermen Jonathan Davis, Tracy Girlinghouse, Scarlett Major and Paul Roberts. Absent was Alderman Gary Griffin.

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Mr. Jonathan Davis.

Mr. Jonathan Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2013 meeting.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: Griffin

Mr. Paul Roberts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2013 special meeting.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: Griffin

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion seconded by Mrs. Scarlett Major to honor Mr. Elton Burns with an honorary commission.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Major, and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: Griffin

Mayor Rick Ramsey along with Chief Marliam Lee presented an Honorary Posthumous Chief of Police Commission on behalf of Mr. Elton Burns to his family. Chief Elton Burns had served the community of Walker from 1984 until his death in February 2012, as a police officer, Chief of Police and as an Alderman. Comments were made as to the dedication, pleasures of working with and the affects that his presence has had on the people and community of Walker.

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire.

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

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse, to adopt a Resolution for the final acceptance of the self cleaning filter replacement screen at the wastewater treatment plant. Contractor was L. King Company LLC and final contract amount was \$122,475.00.

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

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis to approve a Resolution to appoint Mayor Rick Ramsey as Director and Mr. Larry Williams as Alternate Director to represent the City of Walker on the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Municipal Natural Gas Purchasing and Distribution Authority.

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

Mr. Paul Roberts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to approve a Resolution appointing the following individuals to the City of Walker Planning and Zoning Board. Mr. William Webster; Ms. Deborah Forbes; Mr. Herbert Travis; Mr. Lavelle Craig; Mr. Richard Granger; Mr. Jerry Klier and Mr. Tim Kinchen, with Mrs. Scarlett Major representing the City Council.

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

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to approve a resolution appointing the following individuals to the City of Walker Alcohol Beverage Control Board. Mr. Fred Raiford – Chairman; Mr. William Aydell; Ms. Brenda Tedder; Mrs. Belinda McCullough; Mr. Denver Populis ; Mr. Ryan Dutsch and Mrs. Myra Streeter. Mrs. Lisa Frey is acting ABC Secretary.

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

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse introduced an ordinance to amend the 2013 Annual Budget for a public hearing at the March 11, 2013 meeting.

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse introduced an ordinance to amend the ordinance for the Requirements of Police Hiring for a public hearing at the March 11, 2013 meeting.

Mr. Paul Roberts introduced an ordinance to establish Department Heads for the City of Walker for a public hearing at the March 11, 2013 meeting.

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an ordinance regarding Public Record Request for a public hearing at the March 11, 2013 meeting.

Mr. Jonathan Davis introduced an ordinance regarding the Chief of Police Salary for a public hearing at the March 11, 2013 meeting.

Chief Marliam Lee presented the police report indicating that 279 citations were issued in the month of December 2012. Chief Lee also presented the yearend report for 2012 stating there were 13525 Calls for Service, 888 Arrest, 3790 Traffic Citations, 472 Traffic Accidents and \$371,799.24 collected.

Chief Lee requested approval to hire a new reserve officer Dwayne Hinton.

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts, to approve the request for hiring Mr. Dwayne Hinton as a reserve officer for the City of Walker.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: Griffin

Mr. Fred Raiford presented the DPW report and also informed the Board as well as the citizens as to the reason for the recent brown water. Mr. Raiford explained that the chemicals that were supposed to save the City money as well as maintain the quality of water had failed by releasing manganese into the water. The water quality was never in danger, however it was not very pleasant to the eye therefore we have reverted back to the original chemical treatment as in the past. The decision to make this change was made in December of 2012.

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

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: Griffin



RICK RAMSEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Myra Streeter, Clerk

CMC; CMA; CAA