

CITY OF WALKER

MINUTES

March 11, 2013

7:00 PM

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

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Pastor Jeff Cambre with Crossway Church.

Mr. Paul Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2013 meeting.

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis to lift the agenda to have an item added to the agenda between item 5 and 6 for the purpose of adopting a Resolution regarding Engineering fees for Forte & Tablada on the proposed water well and water tower.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mrs. Sybil Wallendall with the Denham Springs Pilot Club, presented to the Walker Parks and Recreation Challenger Program a \$2,000.00 grant. Mrs. Wallendall also stated the desire of the Pilot Club to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of Walker through the endeavor the Pilot Club would contribute \$15,000.00 to the development of a Challenger T-Ball Field.

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to adopt a resolution approving the variance request of (7) foot for the front building line set-back and utility servitude for Peak's Gardens, Lot 18 . This request was passed before the Walker Planning Commission with a unanimous recommendation of approval.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to adopt a resolution approving Forte and Tablada Inc to provide Engineering Services in the amount of Two Hundred and Forty Six Thousand dollars (\$246,000.00) for the new water tower and water well.

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 approve the ordinance amending the 2013 Annual Budget.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Following a public hearing Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to approve the ordinance amending, Division 6, Section 2-58 (a), (b) and eliminating (d) to the Police Officer Hiring Procedure Ordinance in the Walker Code of Ordinances.

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 approve an ordinance related to the Creation of Certain Departments within the City and Appointment by the Mayor, subject to approval of the Board of Alderman.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Following a public hearing Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to approve an ordinance pertaining to Public Records Request.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Following a public hearing Mr. Jonathan Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to approve an ordinance to increase the Chief of Police Salary to Sixty Thousand dollars (\$60,000.00), commencing January 1, 2013.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin and Roberts

Nays: Major

Absent: None

Chief Marliam Lee presented the police report indicating that 484 citations were issued in the month of February 2013.

Chief Lee requested the Boards consideration and approval for the hiring of full time office Mr. James Dipuma.

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis, to approve Chief Lee's request to hire Mr. James Dipuma as a full time officer for the City of Walker.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chief Lee requested the Board consideration and approval for the hiring of reserve office Mr. Michael Carney.

Mr. Paul Roberts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse, to approve Chief Lee's request to hire Mr. Michael Carney as a Reserve Officer for the City of Walker.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chief Lee requested the Board of consideration and approval for the hiring of reserve officer Mr. Daniel Harrell.

Mr. Jonathan Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to approve Chief Lee's request to hire Mr. Daniel Harrell as a Reserve Officer for the City of Walker.

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

In additional comments; Mr. James Phillips and Mrs. Mary Johnson questioned whether or not the topic of a raise for all employees would be revisited later in the year? Mayor Ramsey indicated that it would be looked at in the next few months.

There being no additional comments or business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Paul Roberts, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to adjourn.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

  
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RICK RAMSEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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Myra Streeter, Clerk  
CMC; CMA; CAA