

CITY OF WALKER

MINUTES

May 13, 2013

7:00PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held at the Walker City Hall on May 13, 2013 at 7:00 pm. Present were Mayor Rick Ramsey, Alderman Jonathan Davis, Gary Griffin, Tracy Girlinghouse, Scarlett Major and Paul Roberts.

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Pastor Willie Talbert with the House of Praise.

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scarlett Major to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2013 regular scheduled meeting.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2013 special meeting.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Candidate for Family Court Judge, Mr. Jeff Oglesbee, addressed the council and audience regarding his desire to be elected as Family Court Judge.

Candidate for Family Court Judge, Ms. Vanessa Williams, addressed the council and audience regarding her desire to be elected as Family Court Judge.

Mr. Paul Roberts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to approve a resolution requesting that the State of Louisiana legislative delegation amend or revise the Biggert – Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to adopt a resolution allowing City Employees and City Officials to enter and enforce City ordinances on 13930 Achord Lane, Walker, Louisiana for Code Enforcement.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Paul Roberts introduced an ordinance amending Section 19-130 through 19-131 of Chapter 19, Article IV, Division 2 – Groundwater Protection be set for a public hearing at the next regular scheduled meeting on June 10, 2013.

Following a public hearing Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to adopt an ordinance amending Section 2-2 Special Meetings of the Council.

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

Lieutenant Kenath Black presented the monthly police report in Chief Lee's absence. Lt. Black indicated that 475 citations were issued in the month of March 2013.

Lt. Black presented the three (3) applicants for employment with the Walker Police Department as per Chief Lee's request.

Mrs. Scarlet Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis to approve the hiring of Mr. James Dorough as a reserve 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 hiring of Mr. Christopher Beall as a full time officer for the Walker Police Department.

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 hiring of Mr. Patrick Rigney as a full time officer for the Walker Police Department.

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

Lt. Black also informed the Board of Mr. C. J. Boudreaux's retirement. Mr. Boudreaux served as Crossing Guard.

Mr. Darren Blevins, Street Superintendant, told the board that the city is no longer using Cajun Labor Workforce for litter pickup. The city is utilizing inmates from the Livingston Parish Prison to pick up litter, thus saving approximately \$2,730.00 per month in labor cost.

Ms. Mary Johnson representing Club Outreach informed the board that Club Outreach's summer camp will be held June 17 – 28, 2013. Monetary donations to help offset the cost would be greatly appreciated.

Mr. James Phillips asked if Mr. Blevins could have the inmates pick up the signs that are put along the road ways in the rights-of-way. Mr. Blevins informed that signs were included in the litter pick up.

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

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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ATTEST:

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Myra Streeter, Clerk
CMC; CMA; CAA