

CITY OF WALKER
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 2013

7:00 PM

The special meeting of the Walker Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held at the Walker City Hall on February 4, 2013 at 7:00pm. Present were Mayor Rick Ramsey, Aldermen Jonathan Davis, Gary Griffin, Tracy Girlinghouse, Scarlett Major and Paul Roberts.

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Mr. Paul Roberts.

Mr. Paul Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Ramsey moved his comment section up to be heard before the budget discussion. Explaining that his recommendations would need to be included in the discussion of the budget.

The following recommendations were made by Mayor Ramsey to reduce the cost of expenditures for the City of Walker thus requiring a budget amendment if the Board of Aldermen were in agreement.

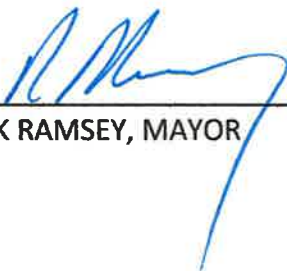
1. Return the refunded bonds to a payoff date of 2021 when the ½ cent sales tax expires.
2. Instead of the regular projected increase in sale tax figures when preparing the budget, prepare the budget without any increase in sales tax.
3. Hiring freeze.
4. Freeze on equipment purchases (except for 2 new police vehicles to accommodate new hires) until first quarter.
5. Re-negotiating contract with Entergy on maintenance of interstate lighting, therefore doing away with private contract and a potential saving of \$10,000 per year.
6. Review retirement contribution perhaps looking at a 2 for 1 match with a maximum of 6% for city contributions as compared to 9% resulting in a \$98, 787 yearly savings.
7. Remove \$1.1 million from capital expenditures for new water tower and add cost for engineering fees for new water tower and new water well on site for beginning construction in 2014.
8. Cut expenditure budget by 5% across the board (excluding capital outlay, salaries, gas purchase and depreciation of equipment) for a savings of \$161,075.
9. Remove 2% employee raise from budget for a savings of \$65,858.
10. Increase salary of the Chief of Police by \$5000.00 per year.

The above mentioned adjustments could be reviewed midyear and additional adjustments could be made at that time.

After a brief discussion Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts, to bring all of the Mayor's recommendations to the Finance Director and ask that budget adjustments be made and an ordinance to amend the budget be introduced at the February 11, 2013 meeting.


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

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



RICK RAMSEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Myra Streeter, Clerk
CMC; CMA; CAA