

CITY OF WALKER
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

October 14, 2013

7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held at the Walker City Hall on September 9, 2013 at 7:00 pm. Present were Mayor Rick Ramsey, Alderman Jonathan Davis, Tracy Girlinghouse, Gary Griffin, Scarlett Major and Paul Roberts.

Boy Scout Troop 158 presented colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Meeting was then opened with prayer led by Pastor Sterling Perkins.

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to adopt the minutes from the September 9, 2013 regular meeting.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Rick Ramsey presented a service award to Mr. Albert "Billy" Keller. Mr. Fred Raiford and Mr. Larry Williams both spoke stating that Mr. Keller was a great asset to the City of Walker as well as an outstanding employee that would be greatly missed. Mr. Keller served the City for 35 years.

Mrs. Heather Boley with Women Outreaching Women was present and spoke regarding the women's shelter and domestic violence.

Mayor Rick Ramsey read a Proclamation proclaiming Thursday, October 17, 2013 as Domestic Violence Awareness Day urging all to work towards eliminating violence against women and girls.

Mrs. Scarlett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gary Griffin, as a gesture of support for the Domestic Violence Proclamation.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Paul Roberts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis to approve a resolution entering into an agreement with Entergy regarding Municipal Street Lighting.

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 requesting a waiver of the City requirement of building one foot above the base flood elevation for the address at 12673 Three Lakes Drive (Lot 138).

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts approving a resolution for the execution of the professional engineering service agreement with Alvin Fairburn and Associates, LLC on the re-design of collection service lift stations 4 & 5 totaling \$86,500.00.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gary Griffin approving a resolution for the execution of the professional consultant service with SJB Group LLC in the about of \$10,000.00 for gas related issues.

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 regarding the addition / amendment to the City of Walker Employee Handbook defining temporary and seasonal employees.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Paul Roberts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse to approve a resolution executing the agreement with First Capital Equipment Leasing Corp for the leasing of Police Units.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mrs. Scarlett Major introduced an ordinance for a public hearing at the next regular scheduled meeting on November 11, 2013 for the purpose of rezoning property located at 29794 Burns Lane, belong to Walter and Mary Blum from R/C to R60.

Chief Marliam Lee presented the police report indicating that 803 citations were issued for the month of August 2013. Chief Lee also introduced two candidates, Mr. Robert Miller and Mr. James "Brady" Wascom for reserve officers.

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis, approving Chief Lee's recommendation of Robert Miller as a reserve officer.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis, approving Chief Lee's recommendation of James "Brady" Wascom as a reserve officer.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to enter into executive session for the discussion of legal/financial strategies involving retirement contributions to LMPERS.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major, and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Following executive session, Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts 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 lift the regular agenda for the purpose of presenting a resolution.

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Roberts to approve resolutions for the settlement and release of retirement contribution claims for Katherine Ashley Sibley Flippen, Cristina Leggett, Jodi Benton and Cynthia McMorris.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse introduced an ordinance for a budget amendment to cover retirement contributions to LMPERS be set for a public hearing at the November 11, 2013 regular meeting.

There being no additional business to discuss or any additional comments, Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Davis to adjourn.

Yeas: Davis, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major and Roberts

Nays: None

Absent: None

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED


RICK RAMSEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Myra Streeter, City Clerk
CMC; CMA; CAA