

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Shaw**

Mayor Jed Shaw called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

- Councilmembers present: Mary Beth Hansen, Jim Senenfelder, Jed Shaw, Char Moore (via Zoom)
- Councilmembers absent: Gary Wilkening
- Others present during portions of the meeting included:

Hope Fairchild, City Administrator	Travis Baker, Walker Police
Dean Morrill, Pilot Independent	Mike Ridlon, Public Works Director
Jennie Meyer, Zoning Administrator	John Valen, City Attorney

**CONSENT AGENDA – Mayor Shaw**

M/S Senenfelder/Hansen to approve consent agenda items 1 through 16 as follows, waving the reading.

1. Approve Walker City Council regular meeting minutes of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.
  2. Approve continuation of Walker City Council regular meeting minutes of November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
  3. No Planning Commission/Board of Adjustments Meeting was held due to lack of business.
  4. Review and file October 2020 Zoning Administrator Report.
  5. Review and file November 2020 Zoning Administrator Report.
  6. Review Walker Public Library Board meeting minutes of November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
  7. No Park Advisory Board meeting was held due to lack of business.
  8. Review and file Public Works Committee meeting minutes of November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
  9. Review and file Walker Area Joint Fire Department Minutes of November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
  10. Approve Cash Balance Report as of October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.
  11. Review and file Sales Tax Receipts.
  12. Review and file Cass County October/November 2020 Property Tax Settlement.
  13. Review and file 2020 Federal Election Cycle (Primary/General) CARES Act Grant Reimbursement in the amount of \$670.00 from Cass County.
  14. Consider approval of the payment of invoice No. 37146 in the amount of \$1,248.75 to NTI for work done on the 2020 Northside Project to date.
  15. Consider approval of the payment of Application for Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$64,503.89 to Design Electric, Inc. for Walker Municipal Airport 2020 Beacon and REIL Replacement Project.
  16. Consider approval of the payment of Invoice No. 11712 in the amount of \$61,521.68 to Hytech Construction for Trailhead Restroom construction through November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- Motion passed (4-0)**

**SCHEDULED CITIZENS PRESENTATION – Mayor Shaw**

**TRUTH IN TAXATION – Mayor Shaw**

- 2021 Budget discussion and time for the public to comment and ask questions regarding 2021 budget.

**CITY STAFF COMMENTS – Administrator Hope Fairchild**

- Reminder of excess land and building sale:  
The City of Walker is accepting sealed bids for the old Walker Public Library located at 207 Fourth Street North, Walker, MN 56484, Parcel No. 96-337-0940. Bids will be received until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 by 3 PM. Please contact myself, Hope Fairchild, by email at [hopef@arvig.net](mailto:hopef@arvig.net) or by phone at 218-547-5501 for more information.

**PERSONNEL, BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION – Councilmember Senenfelder**

1. M/S Senenfelder/Hansen to approve of claim #58689 to claim #58795 including voided check numbers 58717 and 58718, and bank drafts in the amount of \$865,559.43.  
**Motion passed (4-0)**
2. M/S Senenfelder/Hansen to approve to have DMV write a check to the City of Walker for expenses incurred 1-1-2020 through 11-18-2020 in the amount of \$128,263.25 plus remainder of expenses through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.  
**Motion passed (4-0)**
3. M/S Senenfelder/ Hansen to approve of paying \$4,600.00 for annual dues to the Walker Clinic.  
**Motion passed (4-0)**
4. M/S Senenfelder/Hansen to approve of Resolution 43-2020, a Resolution to Designate the Polling Place for 2021.  
**Roll Call: Ayes: Hansen, Moore, Shaw, Senenfelder                      Nays:**  
**Motion passed (4-0)**
5. M/S Senenfelder/Hansen to approve of Resolution 41-2020, a Resolution Adopting the Final 2021 Budget.  
**Roll Call: Ayes: Hansen, Moore, Shaw, Senenfelder                      Nays:**  
**Motion passed (4-0)**
6. M/S Senenfelder/Hansen to approve of Resolution 42-2020, a Resolution Approving and Adopting the Final 2020 Tax Levy, Collectible in 2021.  
**Roll Call: Ayes: Hansen, Moore, Shaw, Senenfelder                      Nays:**  
**Motion passed (4-0)**
7. M/S Senenfelder/Hansen to approve of the following Liquor Licenses for the City of Walker:  

<b><u>On-Sale</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday</u></b>
Tianna Country Club, Inc.	Tianna Country Club, Inc.
Spencer Ross Post 134	Spencer Ross Post 134
Benson’s Emporium, Inc.	Benson’s Emporium, Inc.
Café Zona Rosa	Café Zona Rosa
Bayside Bar & Grill	Bayside Bar & Grill
Blue Canoe B&B, LLC	Blue Canoe B&B, LLC
<b><u>Wine</u></b>	
Jimmy’s Family Restaurant	
Wine Down	
Village Square	

### **3.2 On-Sale**

Jimmy's Family Restaurant  
Village Square  
Wine Down

**Motion passed (4-0)**

### **3.2 Off-Sale**

Jimmy's Family Restaurant  
Super One Foods  
Ortons

8. **M/S** Senenfelder/Hansen to enter into a new contract with Microtech Computer Center for new, secure email accounts for City Staff, City Councilmembers, and the City Attorney along with updated Microsoft Office applications.

Councilmember Senenfelder suggested Councilmembers as well as John Valen, City Attorney should also get new secure email addresses.

**Motion passed (4-0)**

9. **M/S** Senenfelder/Hansen to approve Chief Tennis receiving same increase of health benefits and uniform allowances as union police officers.

**Motion passed (4-0)**

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LIQUOR STORE, AIRPORT & LIBRARY – Councilmember Hansen**

1. Discussion on advertising for excess land and building sale of old Walker Public Library. Administrator Fairchild stated that the ad posted in the legal section of the Pilot-Independent Newspaper had been in the paper twice at \$175.00 per week with very little attention. The City requested that the Chamber send out an email blast of the notice of excess land and building sale, and Administrator Fairchild received many inquiries afterwards. Mayor Shaw asked Mr. Morrill if there would be an article in the paper about the excess land and building sale and if the City could place a regular ad instead of a legal ad. Mr. Morrill from the Pilot stated that he will be writing an article on the sale and information of the Library, and that the City could put together an ad for the paper. Administrator Fairchild suggested that the City should place "For Sale" signs on the old Walker Public Library property where the traffic may see on their way through.

## **PARKS & AMBULANCE BOARD – Councilmember Moore**

### **PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY/CEMETERY – Councilmember Wilkening**

1. **M/S** Shaw/Moore to approve of the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to approve of Invoice No. 41726 in the amount of \$2,589.08 to Darchuk's Fabrication for emergency repair of snowplow wing.

**Motion passed (4-0)**

2. **M/S** Shaw/Moore to approve of the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to approve of the emergency repair of a leaking water main valve, by T and C Excavation at the cost of \$2,280.00.

Councilmember Senenfelder questioned Public Works Director Ridlon if this repair was in the Nothside Project area.

Public Works Director Ridlon stated it was not. He stated that the bolts rusted off the old main valve portion and needed to be replaced.

**Motion passed (4-0)**

**OTHER BUSINESS – Mayor Shaw**

- Packets for the Minnesota Rural Water Association Water Week Poster Contest for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Students have been distributed to the local school district. Posters will be accepted by the Walker Public Works Director, Mike Ridlon, until January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- Reminder of the Holiday hours:
  - Thursday, December 24, 2020; City Hall will close at 1:00 pm.
  - Thursday, December 24, 2020; Walker Bay Spirits will close at 4:00 pm.
  - Friday, December 25, 2020; all City offices and businesses will be closed.
  - Friday, January 01, 2021; all City offices and businesses will be closed.
- The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
- City Council will now go into an attorney-client privilege closed session to discuss Chase on the Lake’s TIF Event of Default.

Regular meeting closed at 6:15 p.m.

Regular meeting opened at 6:35 p.m.

1. **M/S Shaw/Hansen** to approve of having two members of Walker City Council to attend a meeting with the representatives of RREF IV-D CLMN LLC, the new owners of the Chase on the Lake.

**Motion passed (4-0)**

**ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Shaw**

Mayor Jed Shaw adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

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Jed Shaw, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hope Fairchild, Administrator