

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Bruns

- Mayor Bruns called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance
 - Council members present: Nelson, Moore, Bruns, Wilkening, McMurrin
 - Council members absent:
 - Others present during portions of the meeting included:

Pamela Smith, City Employee

Wayne Tennis, Police Chief

Terri Bjorklund, City Administrator

Neil Lange, Public Works Director

Dean Morrill, Pilot Independent

John Valen, City Attorney

CONSENT AGENDA

M/S Wilkening/Nelson to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1 thru 10 as follows, waving the reading.

1. Approve Walker City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2013.
 2. Approve Cash Balance Report as of December 2012.
 3. Review and file Cass County's January Tax Settlement.
 4. Review and file Walker Police Department Monthly Report.
 5. Review and file Draft of Walker Planning Commissions/Board of Adjustments Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2013.
 6. Review and file Walker Park Board Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2013.
 7. Review and file Leech Lake Fishing Task Force Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2012 and January 7, 2013.
 8. Approve payment of invoice 51684102 in the amount of \$1,606.03 for Emergency repair on Unit 503.
 9. Review and file Walker Area Community Center thank you letter for a donation of \$3,500.
 10. Review and file Ah-Gwah-Ching reuse meeting minutes of January 29th 2013.
- Motion passed (5-0)

SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Bruns

CITY STAFF COMMENTS – Administrator Terri Bjorklund

PERSONNEL, BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION – Councilmember Nelson

1. **M/S Nelson/Moore** to approve of Claim #47609 to Claim #47617, and Claim #47619 to Claim #47620, Claim # 47623 to Claim # 47688 and bank drafts in the amount of \$338,421.95.
Motion passed (5-0)
2. **M/S Nelson/Wilkening** to approve of Resolution 11-2013, a Resolution approving Donations made to the City of Walker in the year 2013.
Motion passed (5-0)
3. **M/S Nelson/McMurrin** to approve of sending up to 6 Staff members to the 2013 Safety and Loss of Control Workshop/League of Minnesota Cities March 26, in Mahanomen at the Fee of \$20.00 per person includes lunch and materials.
Motion passed (5-0)
4. **M/S Nelson/Wilkening** to approve of Wayne Tennis's request to attend the 2013 Executive Training Institute on April 22nd thru 25th in Duluth at the cost of \$325.00, plus meals, lodging and mileage.
Motion passed (5-0)
5. **M/S Nelson/McMurrin** to approve of payment of the 2013 Maintenance Dues for the Walker Community Health Center in the amount of \$4,600.00.
Motion passed (5-0)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & LIQUOR STORE – Councilmember Moore

1. **M/S Moore/McMurrin** to approve and file Walker Planning Commissions/Board of Adjustments Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2012.
Motion passed (5-0)
2. **M/S Moore/Nelson** to approve of second term appointments for, Rich Hanson and Greg Smith for the term of January 1st, 2013 thru December 31st, 2015.
Motion passed (5-0)

LIBRARY, PARKS & AIRPORT – Councilmember McMurrin

1. **M/S McMurrin/Nelson** to approve of the request of the Park Board's recommendation to allow for Leech Lake Area Chamber to use the Park for Walker Bay Days August 1st thru August, 5th 2013.
Motion passed (5-0)
2. **M/S McMurrin/Wilkening** to approve of the request of the Park Board's recommendation to allow for Leech Lake Walleye Tournament to use the Park May 29th thru June 3rd, 2013.
Motion passed (5-0)
3. Discussion on vacant seat available on the Library board. Anyone interested can contact Carrie Musselman at the Walker Library.
Wilkening- Do they have to reside in Walker?
McMurrin-No.

4. Discussion on Library Building consultant.

The Library Board has decided not to hire Ginny Brodeen for the project manager position. The extra fees that would be charged, such as travel expenses were thought not to be included in the project coordinator price quote. They will look at other applications that have been submitted before making a final decision.

PUBLIC WORKS, SAFETY & CEMETERY – Councilmember Wilkening

1. M/S Wilkening/nelson to approve of the request of Leech Lake Area Chamber of Commerce for the following street closures, contingent upon the City receiving proof of liability insurance.

- June 20th-Crazy Days-5th Street from MN Ave. to Café Zona Rosa.
- July 18th-Crazy Days-6th Street from MN Ave. to alley
- August 8th-Crazy Days-5th Street from MN Ave. to Café Zona Rosa.

Moore- are we still charging the Chamber for street closures?

Bjorklund- Yes. They are subject to the same fees as anyone else.

Motion passed (5-0)

OTHER BUSINESS – Mayor Bruns

- Discussion on letter received from WHA Public Schools requesting the City install 2 additional stops signs at 4th Street and Park Avenue.

M/S Nelson/McMurrin to refer the request by WHA Public Schools to install 2 additional stop signs at 4th Street and Park Avenue to public safety.

Motion passed (5-0)

- Walker City offices and DMV will be closed February 18th 2013 in honor of Presidents Day.

Bruns-I attended a meeting on Friday on invasive species. Today I received an email from some of the people involved.

He went on to discuss the importance of taking action to help with the control of invasive species. They have confirmed that Lake Winnie has zebra mussels and all they can do is control its growth. There also is another snail species that is wiping clean all the vegetation out of the lake. Lake Winnie is one of the largest spawning lakes for walleye in the state and the infestation of invasive species could potentially destroy the lake. It was discussed about how close this is getting to Leech Lake.

Bruns- When they were doing boat checks a gal from Nevis area found 2 different invasive species on 2 different boats that were about to enter the Lake. The DNR doesn't have the resources to control this. It's going to take collaboration from government and all the lake association and volunteers to help control this. We need to start talking and thinking about this.

When asked what are the neighboring states doing to control the issue compared to Minnesota it was noted that Minnesota is "light-years" ahead of them.

The discussion went on to mention how boats would be clean and that the DNR would pay for boat checkers, but even that wouldn't be enough to keep invasive species out of

Leech Lake and area lakes. It would be devastating for Leech and any area lake if invasive species were found in them. The City of Walker needs to take action now and try to get the townships involved also. A possibility of a committee to monitor all accesses around Leech Lake should also be brought to the area township meeting.

Nelson- I know people are busy but, 2 months ago we talked about purchasing tablets so the Council could go paperless for meetings. Teri has already done the research; I feel we are at a point to move forward with this.

The Council agreed with Nelson and discussed how many they would need to order and when they would be ready for use.

Bjorklund- April, possibly May.

They also agreed that they would need to find an outside site with secure downloads. And have it set up so our constituents could also download it.

M/S Nelson/McMurrin approved the ordering and purchase of tablets for the Council to use for Council meetings to replace the paper Council packets.

Motion passed (5-0)

Bruns-I would also like to add that I'm heading to the cities tonight to testify before a committee regarding the proposal of the 1.5 percent sales tax increase.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Bruns

Mayor Bruns adjourned the Regular Scheduled Meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Scott Bruns, Mayor

Attest: _____
Terri Bjorklund, Administrator