

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL
CONTINUATION MEETING MINUTES
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER –Mayor Shaw

- Mayor Jed Shaw called the continuation meeting to order at 5:00p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance
 - Council members present: McMurrin, Shaw, Wilkening
 - Council members absent: Moore, Senenfelder
 - Others present during portions of the meeting included:

Terri Bjorklund, City Administrator
Marilyn Mallard, Sawmill Cove
Barb Storm, Self

Wayne Tennis, Police Chief
Mary Bengtson, Self

**CITY OF WALKER
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED FACILITY PLAN-SANITARY SEWER
COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS (PLAN)
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER –Mayor Jed Shaw

- Mayor Jed Shaw called the Public Hearing to order at 5:01p.m.
 - Council members present: McMurrin, Shaw, Wilkening
 - Council members absent: Moore, Senenfelder
 - Others present during portions of the meeting included:

Terri Bjorklund, City Administrator
Marilyn Mallard, Sawmill Cove
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Mayor Shaw opened the Public Hearing at 5:01 p.m. and addressed the public asking if there are any questions or comments regarding the proposed Facility Plan-Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvements (Plan).

Chris Thorson – Ulteig Engineers gave the Presentation

Thorson stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to review the proposed facility plan, provide information to the public on why this is being completed and to hear questions and comments regarding the facility plan.

The reasons for the facility plan are the following: Identify deficiencies within the system. Provide an estimated value for the work that is required by MPCA for Clean Water Revolving Fund eligibility. Provide the City with a “road map” for future improvements. This does not mean that the City is going to complete these projects now. This is used as a planning tool for future work. Thorson reviewed areas considered for

Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvements and pointed out that they are highlighted in orange for the existing sanitary sewer main and green for the proposed sanitary sewer main this includes areas starting on the west end of Cleveland Blvd just after 7th street going east, skipping over 5th street, continuing to the water plant on 2nd street. The other major segment would be Railroad Avenue, behind Zona Rosa and the Legion and continuing down past Hardees. The other streets are interconnecting streets that have water and sewer running through them. This area is considered because these contain segments of the original sanitary sewer system that are over 60 years old. They are vitrified clay pipe materials. This area is also a sewer trunk line for a majority of the City. The deficiencies include; major pipe sags, cracked and failing pipes, root intrusion and mineral buildup, infiltration and inflow and inadequate pipe slope. The Water Distribution System areas considered for improvements for existing water main are highlighted in orange on the map and the proposed water main is highlighted in blue. The areas of street reconstruction are show on the next map in red. The City would pursue low interest loan and grant funding from the Clean Water Revolving Fund-MN PFA and USDA Rural Development. The effect on utility rates is unknown at this time, but the affordability rate must be met. The proposed improvement cost for the sanitary sewer is \$1,515,000, water distribution system is \$758,000, storm sewer collection/treatment is \$865,000, and street reconstruction that also includes the cost for additional street reconstruction areas within the project area that are not a direct result of replacing water and sanitary sewer pipelines is \$798,000. The total cost is estimated at \$3,936,000. In summary the facility plan is a just a planning device for the City. The project areas shown in the facility plan are not yet scheduled for construction. This identifies the system deficiencies and is required by MPCA in order to receive future funding. Thorson asks the public if they have any questions or comments.

Some of the questions from the public included;

- When would construction start on this project – It is unknown at this time the earliest could be spring of 2018 and Wilkening stated that in his experience it would more likely happen in 2019 or 2020
- Would stormwater issues be addressed with this project- Yes they would
- Would assessments be placed on the property owners and how much would they be– yes assessments would be needed, the amount is unknown at this time and the City is working with Howes to try and get the local sales tax passed this could potentially help in lowering the amount assessed
- Has the City considered paving the driving area of the park by the WPA steps with this project as there is a lot of sand/dirt that runs off in rain events and wind – no we hadn't considered that at this time but it is worth considering with this project.

Public hearing closed at 5:40 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA-Mayor Shaw

None.

SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Shaw

None.

CITY STAFF COMMENTS – Administrator Terri Bjorklund

None.

PERSONNEL, BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION – Councilmember Senenfelder

1. M/S Wilkening/McMurrin motion to approve Resolution 09-2017, a Resolution adopting a Walker Sanitary Sewer System Facility Plan.

Motion passed (3-0)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LIQUOR STORE, AIRPORT&LIBRARY –

Councilmember McMurrin

None.

PARKS, AMBULANCE BOARD & CULTURE COMMISSION –

Councilmember Moore

None.

PUBLIC WORKS, SAFETY & CEMETERY – Councilmember Wilkening

None.

OTHER BUSINESS-Mayor Shaw

ADJOURNMENT-Mayor Shaw

Mayor Shaw adjourned the continuation meeting at 5:41.

Jed Shaw, Mayor

Attest:_____
Terri Bjorklund, Administrator