

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM
Monday February 6, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Brun

- Mayor Brun called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council members present: McMurrin, Moore, Wilkening, Nelson, Brun
- Council members absent:
- Others present during portions of the meeting included:

Terri Bjorklund, Administrator
Sylvia Bakker, City Employee
John Valen, City Attorney
Dr. Mary Donohue Stetz
Edy Asell, Zoning Administrator
Steve Blake, Blue Canoe
Ruby J Haugen
Jamie Richter
Tommy Larson
Tom Hill
Roger Albert
Irvin Tooker
Terry Freeman

Wayne Tennis, Police Chief
Neil Lange, Public Works Director
Bob Schlieman, Ulteig Engineering
Dean Morrill, Pilot Independent
Meghan Compton, City Employee
Travis Baker, Police Officer
Stephanie Freeman
Jackie Larson
Todd Schoeck
Jon Stewart
Steve Kuha
Paul Fairbanks
Grant Thayer

CONSENT AGENDA – Mayor Brun

M/S Wilkening/Moore to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1 thru 12 as follows, waving the reading.

1. Approve Walker City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2012.
2. Approve Cash Balance Report as of December 2011.
3. Review and file Walker Police Department's Monthly Report.
4. Review and file Cass County Economic Development Corporations Report.
5. Review and file Cass County's January 2012 Tax Settlement.
6. Approve revised 2012 city Council Committee Appointments.
7. Review and file letter dated Jan. 19, 2012 from the League of MN Cities.
8. Review and file Carver County's inspectors join battle to stop Zebra Mussels Bulletin.
9. Review and file Walker Park Board Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2012.
10. Review and file Walker Planning Commissions/Board of Adjustments Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2012.
11. Consider approval to pay Invoice #27138 to Ulteig, in the amount of \$25,931.64 for Engineering Services provided on the Front Street, Sixth Street, and Fourth

Street Underground Utility, Street and Drainage Improvements, transferring the money from the General Fund to the Projects Fund.

12. Consider approval to pay invoice #22011 Workers Compensation Insurance in the amount of 21,522.00 for the coverage period of 2/26/12 thru 2/26/13.

Motion passed: 5-0

PRESENTATION OF MRWA POSTER COLORING CONTEST WINNERS – Mayor Bruns, and Public Works Director Neil Lange.

- 3rd Place Winner – Bailey Nornberg
- 2nd Place Winner – Michaela Macfarlane
- 1st Place Winner – Brianna Raddatz

PRESENTATION OF 32 YEARS OF SERVICE – Mayor Bruns

- Sylvia Bakker

SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Bruns

- Paul Fairbanks “Keep It Alive” directed to Budget & Finance
- Scott Gustafson – Fishing Pier at Walker City Park

CITY STAFF COMMENTS/CONCERNS – Administrator Terri Bjorklund

- Discussion with Linda Arts for community garden at old skating rink by city tower.
- Discussion with Wayne Tennis on Eel Pout restrictions per Cass County.

PERSONNEL, BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION – Councilmember Nelson

1. **M/S** Nelson/Moore to approve Claim #45996 to Claim #46008, and Claim # 46011 to Claim #46094, and bank drafts in the amount of \$327,994.94.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Nelson/Wilkening to approve Resolution 13-2012, a Resolution accepting donations made to the City of Walker in 2012.

Roll Call: Ayes: Moore, Nelson, Wilkening, McMurrin, Bruns Nays: None

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Nelson/Moore to approve Resolution 17-2012, a Resolution approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with the City of Walker on behalf of its City Attorney and Police Department.

Roll Call: Ayes: Moore, Nelson, Wilkening, McMurrin, Bruns Nays: None

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Nelson/McMurrin to approve the Personnel Committee’s recommendation to accept the 2012 thru 2014 Union Contract as presented.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Nelson/Moore to approve signing a statement of interest for All-Hazard Mitigation Planning.

Motion passed: 5-0

6. **M/S** Nelson/McMurrin to approve Resolution 20-2012, a Resolution supporting Phase V of the Shingobee Extension of the Paul Bunyan Trail System.

Roll Call: Ayes: Moore, Nelson, Wilkening, McMurrin, Bruns Nays: None

Motion passed: 5-0

7. **M/S** Nelson/Moore to approve Ordinance 2012-05, an Ordinance amending Chapter 111: Alcoholic Beverages, Section 111.03(C) 1.

Roll Call: Ayes: Moore, Nelson, McMurrin, Bruns Nays: None Abstain: Wilkening
Motion passed: 4-0

8. **M/S** Nelson/Wilkening to approve Resolution 21-2012 approving publishing Ordinance 2012-05.

Roll Call: Ayes: Moore, Nelson, Wilkening, McMurrin, Bruns Nays: None
Motion passed: 5-0

9. Discussed letter sent to Cass County, Shingobee Twp. And the City of Walker from the MN Department of Administration, pertaining to the sale of approximately 55.8 acres of vacant land.

M/S Wilkening/Moore Contact MN dept of administration for consideration and give answer in 60 days.

Motion passed: 5-0

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/LIQUOR STORE – Councilmember Moore

1. **M/S** Moore/Wilkening to approve Walker Planning Commissions/Board of Adjustments Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2012.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Moore/Wilkening to approve Walker Planning commission/Board of Adjustments recommendation to approve LU 2011-09, Conditional Use Permit for residential use in a CBD, based on the findings of fact, and contingent on proposed conditions, with the addition of a fifth condition found in the Planning and Zoning Minutes of the Public Hearing.

Motion passed: 4-1 Nay: McMurrin

3. **M/S** Moore/Wilkening to approve Walker Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment recommendation to approve LU 2011-10, without referencing the findings of fact, Verizon Wireless, New Antenna panels to add to the telecommunications tower.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Moore/Nelson to approve Walker Planning Commission/Board of Adjustments recommendation to approve LU-2011-06, variance application, Walker Bay Blvd., Thayer

Motion passed: 4-1 Nay: McMurrin

5. **M/S** Moore/Wilkening to approve Ordinance No. 2012-01, an Ordinance regarding Boundaries, City of Walker.

Roll Call: Ayes: Moore, Nelson, Wilkening, McMurrin, Nelson Nays: None

Motion passed: 5-0

6. **M/S** Moore/Wilkening to approve Ordinance No. 2012-02, An Ordinance regarding amending Section (A) of §72.05, Amended Ord. 2009-01, passed 05-04-2009, titled “Congested District”.

Roll Call: Ayes: Moore, Nelson, Wilkening, McMurrin, Nelson Nays: None

Motion passed: 5-0

7. **M/S** Moore/Wilkening to approve Ordinance No. 2012-03, an Ordinance regarding Boards and Commissions, City of Walker.

Roll Call: Ayes: Moore, Nelson, Wilkening, McMurrin, Bruns Nays: None

Motion passed: 5-0

8. **M/S** Moore/Wilkening to approve Ordinance No. 2012-04, an Ordinance amendment regarding variances, pre-existing lots, non-conforming uses, Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments, City Council, Permits & Fees.

Roll Call: Ayes: Moore, Nelson, Wilkening, McMurrin, Bruns Nays: None

Motion passed: 5-0

9. **M/S** Moore/Wilkening to approve Resolution 19-2012, a Resolution approving summary language for publication of Ordinance 2012-01, Ordinance 2012-02, Ordinance 2012-03, and Ordinance 2012-04.

Roll Call: Ayes: Moore, Nelson, Wilkening, McMurrin, Bruns Nays: None

Motion passed: 5-0

10. **M/S** Moore/Wilkening Reviewed and files Walker Nov. and Dec. 2011, Building and Zoning Report.

Roll Call: Ayes: Moore, Nelson, Wilkening, McMurrin, Bruns Nays: None

Motion passed: 5-0

LIBRARY/PARKS – Councilmember McMurrin

1. **M/S** McMurrin/Moore to approve Walker Park Board Meeting Minutes of December 27, 2011.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** McMurrin/Nelson to approve having the City Administrator draft a letter to be sent to Walker Area Fisheries Supervisor Doug Schultz, expressing the City's interest in installing a fishing pier at the Walker City Park this spring.

Motion passed: 5-0

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY/CEMETERY– Councilmember Wilkening

1. Discussed the underground Utility, Street and Drainage Improvements, Front Street, Fourth Street, and Sixth Street.
2. **M/S** Nelson/Wilkening to approve Resolution 15-2012, a Resolution ordering improvements and preparation of plans for Sixth Street portion only and defer plans for Fourth and Front Street.

Roll Call: Ayes: Moore, Nelson, Wilkening, McMurrin, Bruns Nays: None

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Wilkening/Moore to approve Resolution 16-2012, a Resolution adopting the Facilities Plan for underground Utility, Street and Drainage Improvements, Front Street, Fourth Street and Sixth Street
Wilkening withdrew motion.

M/S Wilkening/Nelson to approve Resolution 16-2012, a Resolution adopting the Facilities Plan for underground Utility, Street and Drainage Improvements, Front Street, Fourth Street and Sixth Street.

Roll Call: Ayes: Moore, Nelson, Wilkening, McMurrin, Bruns Nays: None

Motion passed: 5-0

4. M/S Wilkening/McMurrin to approve Resolution 18-2012, a Resolution adopting the management method for maintaining minimum levels of retro-reflectivity per the standard of the FHWA.

Roll Call: Ayes: Moore, Nelson, Wilkening, McMurrin, Bruns Nays: None

Motion passed: 5-0

OTHER BUSINESS – Mayor Bruns

- Discussion on the concept of creating a Community Garden on City owned property adjacent to Tower Avenue (old skating rink area) directed to park board.
- Discussion on fishing pier directed to park board.
- A Quorum of the Council may be present at Walker City Hall on February 8, 2012 for Sylvia’s retirement open house and Tianna Country Club on Friday February 10, for the Firemen’s annual dinner. No official business will be transacted.
- DMV and City Hall will be closed on Monday February 20th, 2012 in honor of President’s Day.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Bruns

Mayor Bruns adjourned the Regular Scheduled Meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Scott Bruns, Mayor

Attest: _____
Terri Bjorklund, Administrator