

**CITY OF WALKER
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES ON
ASSESSMENTS FOR TOWER AVE. & 2ND STREET IMPROVEMENTS OF 2007
Walker Fire Hall Meeting Room
Monday September 10th, 2007 6:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Walhof

- Mayor Walhof called the Public Hearing to order at 6:16 p.m.
- Council members present: Fjelstul, Finney, Worth, Wilkening, Walhof
- Council members absent:
- Others present during portions of the meeting included:

Terri Bjorklund, Administrator
Wayne Tennis, Police Chief
Will Hoyt, Landecker & Assoc.
Robert Harper, USDFA
Shirley Mallory, Shigobee Twp.
Neil McMurrin, Resident
Jay Pederson, Attorney
Brian Hein
Carolyn Drude, Elhers and Assoc.
Andy Peck
Jeff Holly
Willard Arends
Jake Howard
Troy Stewart

Sylvia Bakker, City Employee
Dean Morrill, Pilot
Greg Smith, USDFA
Bob Mallory, Shingobee Twp.
Kelly Nelson, Resident
Pat McMurrin, Resident
Sheila Johnson, RoJo Northwoods
Edy Asell
Neil Linscheid
Ken Bresley
Terry Freeman
Brian Hein
Tony Sauer

Mayor Walhof read the correspondence that was received.

Mayor Walhof then turned the meeting over to Will Hoyt, from Landecker & Assoc.

Will Hoyt city engineer handed out the same final assessment roll that was mailed to the property owners. He then explained what was on the assessment roll, and that they could prepay in 30 days or pay semi annually for 15 years. He then explained that parcels were being assessed for different things, some just road, some road and water, or road, water and sewer.

Mayor Walhof opened the meeting up for questions.

Troy Stewart had a question on the Living Water property on what they were being assessed. Will Hoyt stated that they are being assessed for road, and for a Potential water connection. Troy stated that he felt they were being assessed too much.

Ed Robinson with Skywater town homes stated that this is not an ordinary street, and asked that since the City already paid for the street, if they could absorb some more of the cost and not assess every one so much.

Kelly Nelson spoke of his concerns with the traffic to the Community Center. He feels that everyone else uses the street; the property owners are not the only ones that benefits from it and everyone should share in the cost, not just the assessed property owners. Jeff Holly had a comment on the original assessment hearing about the statement that a class five road would be all that was needed. Did we really need this road? He also stated that he was happy with the road. The road is a benefit to the whole community. Kelly Nelson than spoke about the road not being used exclusively by these property owners.

There were numerous discussions on the percentage that property owners were paying. Will Hoyt stated that it was his recommendation that the council determines the assessments tonight and the reason is that you need to give the people 30 days to prepay and the city needs to certify the assessments this fall for collection in 2008.

Jeff Holly questioned the property that had new road and was not on the assessment list. Jake Howard stated that his assessment charge is 15% of what he paid for his property and this street will not increase the value of his property by 15%.

Mayor Walhof asked for additional comments or concerns from the audience. No more comments or concerns were expressed.

ADJOURN – Mayor Walhof

Mayor Walhof adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:59 p.m.

Brad Walhof, Mayor

Attest: _____
Terri Bjorklund, Administrator