

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM
Monday May 4, 2009 6:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Walhof

- Mayor Walhof called the public hearing to order at 6:30 pm.
- Council members present: Fjelstul, Finney, Wilkening, Worth, Walhof
- Council members absent:
- Others present during portions of the meeting included:

Terri Bjorklund, Administrator
Wayne Tennis, Police Chief

Sylvia Bakker, City Employee
Lloyd Peterson, Senior Leech Lakers

Walker Council will receive comments pertaining the request of the Senior Leech Lakers for property tax exemption status for Minnesota statute 272.02 on their new facility located at 508 8th Street South in Walker.

Mayor Walhof, asked if there were any comments from the Council.

Council member Fjelstul, well it was tax exempt where it was, and the statutes permit it, so I guess it's a matter of whether we want to change or whether we want to continue, and I imagine Lloyd is here to lobby in favor of paying the tax.

Council member Wilkening, well in hindsight it probably should have been part of the agreement, one of the points we talked about continuing, as far as the continuation of that. I mentioned to Lloyd too in private conversation in regard to, you know when it is tax exempt there are quite a few restrictions on the property as far as use for rent as you will. Private organizations in the past like AA Groups used the Senior Center to make a come back, hum you know they give donations to the Seniors for their use. But you wouldn't be able to charge them rent. Did you talk?

Lloyd Peterson, I talked to April Pollman, and there a 502C Corporation, tax exempt. Council member Wilkening, and that's in regards to Adult Day Services? Lloyd Peterson, responded, yes. Council member Wilkening, and that's a conversation I had with Lloyd I just wanted them to be aware of any negatives before they get into anything, and that doesn't effect you? Lloyd Peterson answered, No.

Council member Finney, asked, do you have certain amounts when somebody comes in there and wants to use, do you charge them certain amounts?

Lloyd Peterson responded; all's we can do is suggest for a donation. If they want to give us a donation.

Lloyd Peterson explained how the Adult Day Services would work.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Walhof

Mayor Walhof adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m.

Bradley J. Walhof, Mayor

Attest: _____
Terri Bjorklund, Administrator