

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM
Monday March 5, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Walhof

- Mayor Walhof called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.
- Council members present: Finney, Fjelstul, Worth, Mohr, Walhof
- Council members absent: None
- Others present during portions of the hearing included:

Terri Bjorklund, Administrator
Joanne Mitchell, City Employee
Char Moore, L.L. Chamber
Joe Sherman, Pilot Independent
Wayne Tennis, Police Chief
Bob Moore, Planning & Zoning

Sylvia Bakker, City Employee
John Valen, City Attorney
Cindy Wannarka, L.L. Chamber
Willard Arends, Park Board
Diane Chmielewski, Retail Service
Mary Andrus, Resident

Mayor Walhof called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of amending the ordinance governing the Parks under the jurisdiction of the City of Walker. Mayor Walhof read the amendments to the audience in attendance. He then turned the Public Hearing over to council member Pam Worth. Council member Worth said she just wanted to say that the Park Board agreed to do this because we feel that some of the local businesses are missing out on business that could be brought in by these specialty groups, and I want you to feel assured the Park Board will consider each application very carefully and make sure they are in compliance. Council member Worth asked if there were any questions. Mayor Walhof asked if the Council had any comments. Council member Finney asked if it would include camping on busy summer week-ends. Council member Worth said, that the Park Board decided not to get to restrictive, and if it's normally a slow week-end for businesses, to let it be the Park Board's decision. Mayor Walhof asked if there were any other comments or questions from the Council. Mayor Walhof then opened it up to the public for comments and questions.

Joe Sherman, said he would like to make a statement from the Pilot Independent. It seems like we are working twice as hard right now to get half as many people into the area, and with the Leech Lake Walleye Fisheries starting to rebound in great fashion, this is the prefect opportunity for the entire community to benefit from people who may not have been here before, coming here on a good name, it's a good cause, and everything about it is positive, and it could be a very positive thing, for the City of Walker. The one question I do have is to review the 45 day permit application process. Some event's may happen in a shorter time frame, say in a month or so, and we would hate to have it rejected because of the 45 day time frame, so could maybe that be looked at as a 30 day period.

Diane Chmielewski, from the retail service committee, said she would like to ditto what Joe had said, and that she had talked with Park Rapids who has had the group come through before, and they said they were a great group. After more discussion, Mayor Walhof adjourned the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Walhof

Mayor Walhof adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Bradley J. Walhof, Mayor

Attest: _____
Terri Bjorklund, Administrator