

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM
Monday July 11, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER – Acting Mayor John Fjelstul

- Acting Mayor Fjelstul called the Public Hearing to order at 6:40 pm.
- Council members present: Wilkening, McMurrin, Moore
- Council members absent: Mayor Johnson
- Others present during portions of the meeting included:

Terri Bjorklund, Administrator
Sylvia Bakker, City Employee
Pat Finney
Carl Berg
Jeanie Phillips
Steve Bilben
John Valen, City Attorney
Bob Schlieman, Ulteig Engineering
Audrey Chelberg
Curt Vining
Lloyd Peterson
Travis Baker, Police Officer
Jon Stewart

Wayne Tennis, Police chief
Neil Lange, Public Works Director
Rosie Ochs
Rich Phillips
Audrey Chelberg
Skip Duchesneau
Edy Asell, Planning/Zoning Administrator
Connie Kaylor
Carrie Musselman
Ken Bresley
Loren Novak
Tom Hill
Skylar Kastning

Acting Mayor Fjelstul opened the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m., to receive comments and concerns pertaining to the Bike Trail Connection for the two blocks between 5th street and the Park Entrance on 2nd Street. Steve Bilben said that right now the concern was placing signs showing people where they can pass down Railroad Avenue to reach the 5th Street Bike Trail. Discussion ensued on the different options that had been looked at previously. Bob Schlieman went over the previous two options that were looked at. At that time parking, parking, parking was a major issue in determining the options. Gary Wilkening mentioned one of the obstacles the City faces is the overhead electric wiring. He mentioned the issue that has arose before is the opening of the 3rd street excess. MnDot has strict procedures for excessing a highway, and if 3rd street is opened up the entrance into Hardee's and the Dairy Queen would have to be closed off. Jon Stewart expressed his concern about larger vehicles being able to get into his business if the 3rd Street exit is opened up.

ADJOURNMENT – Acting Mayor Fjelstul
Acting Mayor Fjelstul adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:51 p.m.

John Fjelstul, Acting Mayor

Attest: _____
Terri Bjorklund, Administrator