

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WALKER AMBULANC MEETING ROOM
Monday August 2, 2004 7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Walhof

- Mayor Walhof called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Council members present: Finney, Bruns, Bresley, Walhof, Reed
- Council members absent: City Attorney John Valen
- Others present during portions of the meeting included:

Stephen Michel, Administrator
Terry Freeman, Landecker & Assoc.
Bud Ramsey, Self
Rosie Ochs, Self
Mary Andrus, Self
Brandy Ringle, Benson's
Randy Berg, Kitchigami
Corey Watson, The Wharf
Steve Shimer, Rumor'z
Bob Mallory, Shingobee Resident
Brian Johnson, Self
Gary Wilkening, Café Zona Rosa

Sylvia Bakker, City Employee
Will Hoyt, Landecker & Assoc.
Marge Ramsey, Self
Mary Beth Mohr, Self
Theo Ringle, Benson's
Audrey Chelberg, Kitchigami
Cindy Walhof, Self
Mark Shimer, Rumor'z
Mike Pederson, Self
Ryan Fisher, Police Officer
Mary Johnson, Self
Deb Wilkening, Café Zona Rosa

CONSENT AGENDA – Mayor Walhof

M/S Finney, Bruns to approve consent agenda items 1 thru 15 as presented.

1. Approve Walker Public Hearing Minutes of July 12, 2004, Vacation of a portion of Cleveland Blvd. And Railroad Ave.
2. Approve Walker Public Hearing minutes of July 12, 2004, Zoning Use Ordinance change.
3. Approve Walker city Council minutes of July 12, 2004.
4. Approve July 2004 disbursements.
5. Approve Cash Balance Report as of July 31, 2004.
6. Review and file letter dated July 22, 2004 from the Walker Area Foundation's Urgent Care Committee.
7. Review and file letter dated July 22, 2004 from Region Five, pertaining to a revolving loan fund administered by Region Five for low interest loans for business expansions, new businesses and transfer of ownerships.
8. Review and file Region Five Development Commissions invitation to attend a Legislative Forum on August 19, 2004.
9. Review and file letter dated June 2004 granting certain people from the lakes Area Dive Team, permission to fill the scuba tanks at the Walker Fire Hall.

10. Review and file Memo dated July 17, 2004, from Cass County Economic Development Corporation.
11. Review and file letter dated June 20, 2004, inviting representatives from cities to attend an Infrastructure Workshop to be held August 11, 2004.
12. Review and file letter dated July 19, 2004 from the Initiative Foundations five year "Unlock the Potential" Campaign.
13. Review and file letter dated July 9, 2004 from Greyhound Lines, Inc. notifying the City of their termination of services to the area, effective August 18, 2004. (Note: Jefferson Lines will be serving the route Walker is on.)
14. Review and file LMCIT letter dated July 27, 2004
15. Review and file Brad Spry letter dated August 2, 2004.

Motion passed: 5-0

SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS:

- Review request from the Walker Lions Club for the City to pass an ordinance banning the throwing of candy during parades. (Note: Fireworks by individuals in the park is an issue to consider too.) Public Hearing to be scheduled for Sept. 13, 2004.
- Listened to Bud Ramsey's concern about second hand smoke in restaurants and bars within the City of Walker. Requested Public Hearing. Request denied and advised that should probably address the issue with Cass County, before the City would take any action.
- Randy Berg, presented Kitchigami Regional Library's proposed 2005 budget.

CITY STAFF COMMENTS/CONCERNS – Administrator Steve Michel

- Reviewed Nightwatch newsletter, and August/September Schedule.
- Announced Grand Opening of Walker Bay Spirits Thurs. Fri & Saturday, August 12th, 13th and 14th.

PERSONNEL, BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION–Councilmember Bresley

1. M/S to approve Teri Bjorklund, Liquor Store Managers request to order a SC Topgun at a cost of \$949.00, for doing inventory.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. Stephen Michel, City Administrator reported on actions taken to insure more accurate financial reporting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Councilmember Bruns

1. Reviewed and filed Walker Planning Commission Minutes of July 26, 2004.
2. M/S Bresley, Finney to approve scheduling a Public Hearing for Sept. 13, 2004 to hear citizen comments and concerns on the Walker Planning Commissions recommendation to vacate a portion of First Street.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Reed, Bruns to approve Walker Planning Commissions recommendation to allow a 40' x 60' foot tent to be erected in Kellogg's lot for the remainder of the season without applying for a CUP.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. Advised the Council that Shingobee Township had invited an attorney from the Association of Townships to speak on Annexation, Consolidation & Incorporation Tuesday August 17, 2004, at the Walker American Legion.

PARKS & RECREATION/CEMETERY – Councilmember Finney

1. Reviewed and filed minutes from Council member Finney's attendance at the Cass County Courthouse, with State Auditor Pat Anderson, and Senator Carrie Rudd.
2. Reviewed and filed Walker Park Board minutes of July 27, 2004.
3. Reviewed and file Walker Library Board minutes of July 28, 2004.
4. Discussed Kitchigami Regional Library's 2005 proposed budget. Approval to be considered as part of the budget process.
5. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve payment of the 2004 Kitchigami Regional Library's Equipment Replacement Reserve in the amount of \$1,972.00.

Motion passed: 5-0

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY – Councilmember Reed

1. **M/S** Bresley, Finney to approve payment of Invoice # 6507 in the amount of \$158.00 to Landecker & Associates for research and letter regarding the windmill on the Ekholm property.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Bruns, Bresley to approve payment of Invoice # 6506 in the amount of \$486.00 to Landecker & Associates for general engineering and surveying services for the City of Walker, Industrial Park.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Bresley, Finney to approve payment of Invoice # 10140 in the amount of \$765.00 to Community Solutions for the final payment of the contract on the City of Walker/Walker Ranger Stations Wellhead Protection Plan Part II.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve payment of Invoice 880B078-407 in the amount of \$2,047.88 to Widseth/Smith/Nolting for architectural services on the City Hall/Municipal Liquor Store Project.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Bruns, Bresley to approve revised Change Order # 9, on the City Hall/Municipal Liquor Store Project.
6. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to consider the Certificate of Substantial Completion on the City Hall/Municipal Liquor Store Project.

Motion passed: 5-0

7. **M/S** Bruns, Reed to schedule a Public Hearing for Sept. 13, 2004 to listen to citizen comments and concerns pertaining to parking issues in alleys and by the Old City Hall Building.

Motion passed: 5-0

8. M/S Bruns, Bresley to approve request to allow merchandise to be placed on the sidewalks August 21st & 22nd, 2004 for Reed's Fall Classic.
Motion passed: 5-0

OTHER BUSINESS – Mayor Walhof

- City Administrator, Mayor and spouses have been invited to join the MN Association of Small Cities at their quarterly meeting in Walker on Friday August 27, 2004. Dinner at Café Zona Rosa at 5:00 p.m., and then return to City Hall for the quarterly meeting. Acting Mayor Reed to fill in for Mayor who will be out of town.

CONTINUATION – Mayor Walhof

Mayor Walhof continued the meeting until 6:00 p.m. August 25th, 2004 for the Healthy Lakes Community meeting at the Walker/Hackensack/Akeley School.

Bradley J. Walhof, Mayor

Attest: _____
Stephen J. Michel, Administrator