

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WALKER AMBULANC MEETING ROOM  
Monday September 13, 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, Bresley, Walhof, Reed
- Council members absent: Bruns
- Others present during portions of the meeting included:

Stephen Michel, Administrator  
Will Hoyt, Landecker & Assoc.  
Mary Beth Mohr, Resident  
Lois Orton, Shingobee Twp.  
John Valen, City Attorney  
Gail Levenson, Cass County EDA  
Cy Struss, Cass County EDA

Sylvia Bakker, City Employee  
John Fjelstul, Resident  
Bob Mallory, Shingobee Twp.  
Terry Freeman, Landecker & Assoc.  
Mike Pederson, Self  
Rosie Ochs, Resident  
Reggie Theil, Self

**CONSENT AGENDA – Mayor Walhof**

M/S Bresley, Finney to approve consent agenda items 1 thru 7 as presented.

1. Approve Walker City Council minutes of August 2, 2004.
2. Approve Walker City Council continuation meeting minutes of August 25, 2004.
3. Approve August 2004 disbursements.
4. Approve August cash balance report as of August 31, 2004.
5. Acknowledged receipt of e-mail from John Puckropp, recognizing Gordy Newstroms 70 plus years of contribution to aviation.
6. Acknowledged letters from Leonard Zimmer.
7. Reviewed Arvig Communications letter for construction of underground communication cable, in the alley between 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> street.

Motion passed: 4-0

**SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS:**

- Gail Levenson, introduced Cy Struss, Cass County EDA. He explained some of the rolls the EDA plays in the community, and asked for the Council's Support by becoming a member at a cost of \$1,000.00. The Council tabled the issue

**CITY STAFF COMMENTS/CONCERNS – Administrator Steve Michel**

- Reviewed and filed Cass County Economic Development Corporation newsletter.
- Acknowledged invitation to attend a meeting to discuss Health Care Issues, on September 22, 2004 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Hackensack Senior Citizens Building.

Mayor Walhof appointed Stephen Michel, City Administrator, and Council Member

- Acknowledge letter of intent from the Cass County Board of Commissioners, on the Ah-Gwah-Ching property.
- Review and filed invitation for representatives of the City of Walker to attend a Tribes and Transportation meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004.
- Review and file letter from Jane E. Ekholm, Administrator Walker Animal Hospital, on sink holes on HWY 34 in front of their property.

### **PERSONNEL, BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION–Councilmember Bresley**

1. **M/S** Finney, Reed to approve setting the Truth and Taxation meeting for Monday December 6, 2004, 6:30 p.m., and the continuation meeting for Thursday December 16, 2004, 6:30 p.m. if needed.

Motion passed: 4-0

2. **M/S** Reed, Finney to approve the finance committee’s recommendation to accept the 2005 Preliminary Budget as presented with a 10% increase, for a total dollar figure of \$51,031.00.

Motion passed: 4-0

3. **M/S** Reed, Finney to approve Resolution 20-2004, authorizing a tax rate increase for the 2004 Tax Levy, and certifying the Truth and Taxation meetings.

Roll Call: Ayes: Bresley, Finney, Reed, Walhof Nyes: None Absent: Bruns

Motion passed: 4-0

4. **M/S** Finney, Bresley to approve the acceptance of Ron Geiser’s notice of intent to retire December 31, 2004.

Motion passed: 4-0

5. Table approval of becoming a member of the Cass County Economic Development Corp., at a cost of \$1,000.00 per year, for further discussion.

6. **M/S** Finney, Reed to approve the following Election Judges:

Co Head Judges: Carol Smith, Lois Caldwell

Judges: Darrel Rodekuhr, Shirley Ziegler, Philip Anderson, Molly MacGregor, Margaret Trimble.

Motion passed: 4-0

7. **M/S** Finney, Bresley to approve the contract with State of Minnesota, Inver Hills Community College, in the amount of \$3,553.20, for the Fall semester, 2004 EMT training courses.

Motion passed: 4-0

8. **M/S** Finney, Bresley to approve the City Administrators attendance at the League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference and Marketplace to be held October 10<sup>th</sup> thru the 12<sup>th</sup>, at a cost of \$315.00, plus room and board and mileage.

Motion passed: 4-0

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Councilmember Bruns**

1. Reviewed and filed Walker Planning Commissions Public Hearing minutes of August 30, 2004, for the zoning change on the “HWY 34 Corridor” from Multi-Family to Transitional Commercial.

2. **M/S** Bresley, Finney to table, Resolution 21-2004, changing the zoning ordinance on the “HWY 34 Corridor” from Multi-Family to Transitional Commercial, and send it back to the Planning Commission for further review.

Roll Call: Ayes: Reed, Finney, Bresley, Walhof Nyes: None Absent: Bruns

Motion passed: 4-0

3. Reviewed and filed Walker Planning Commissions Public Hearing minutes of August 30, 2004, for a Conditional Use Permit.
4. **M/S** Bresley, Finney to approve Walker Planning Commissions recommendation to grant a Conditional Use Permit to Scott Boie to remove 7000 Cubic yards of fill from the northwestern portion of his property, with the conditions of

Motion passed: 4-0

5. Reviewed and filed Walker Planning Commissions Regular meeting minutes of August 30, 2004.
6. Discussed Dakota Clinic Lease, which comes up for renewal in October.

### **PARKS & RECREATION/CEMETERY – Councilmember Finney**

1. Review and file Walker Park Board minutes of August 24, 2004.
2. **M/S** Bresley, Finney to table quote from Anderson Brothers to refinish or replace the Tennis Courts.

Motion passed: 4-0

3. **M/S** Bresley, Reed to approve Minnesota Department of Educations, certificate of minimum local support for the Regional Library System.

Motion passed: 4-0

4. **M/S** Bresley, Finney to table Fire works Ordinance.

Motion passed: 4-0

### **PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY – Councilmember Reed**

1. **M/S** Bresley, Finney to approve payment of Invoice # 0079572 in the amount of \$25,378.10 to Bolton & Menk, Inc. for professional Services on the Walker Industrial Park.

Motion passed: 4-0

2. **M/S** Bresley, Reed to approve payment of \$8,610.00 to Eagle Construction for additional work requested, at the City Hall/Municipal Liquor Store Complex.

Motion passed: 4-0

3. **M/S** Bresley, Finney to approve payment of Invoice # 880B078-407 in the amount of \$932.76 to Widseth/Smith/Nolting for Architectural Services.

Motion passed: 4-0

4. **M/S** Finney, Bresley to approve payment of Invoice # 6558 in the amount of \$1,834.00 to Landecker & Associates for marking roadway, per Bolton & Menk, Inc. in the Industrial Park.

Motion passed: 4-0

5. **M/S** Bresley, Finney to approve payment of Invoice #6557 in the amount of \$444.00 to Landecker & Associates for general engineering and surveying services.

Motion passed: 4-0

6. **M/S** Bresley, Finney to approve payment of Invoice # 6556 in the amount of \$350.00 to Landecker & Associates for general engineering & surveying services.

Motion passed: 4-0

7. **M/S** Finney, Bresley to approve payment of Invoice # 4083 in the amount of \$1,921.79 to Dustcoating, Inc. for chloride applied for dust control within the City of Walker.

Motion passed: 4-0

8. **M/S** Finney, Bresley to approve payment of Invoice in the amount of \$1,450.00 to Walker Sealcoat Co. for crack fill in City Park.

Motion passed: 4-0

9. **M/S** Bresley, Finney to approve Bolton & Menk, Inc. recommendation to pay, payment number five (5) in the amount of \$60,315.00 to Rice Lake Construction Group for work completed on Lift Station "B".

Motion passed: 4-0

10. **M/S** Bresley, Finney to approve naming the road in the Industrial Park II, Walker Industries Blvd.

Motion passed: 4-0

11. **M/S** Bresley, Finney to approve Purchase Order to T & C Excavating in the amount of \$12,000.00 for the clearing of trees for the roadway in the Industrial Park II.

Motion passed: 4-0

12. **M/S** Bresley, Finney to approve Purchase Order to T & C Excavating in the amount of \$32,172.00 to clear and shape roadway in the Industrial Park II.

Motion passed: 4-0

13. **M/S** Bresley, Finney to approve purchase Order to Freeman Well Drilling in the amount of \$15,502.00 for the drilling of wells in the Industrial Park II.

Motion passed: 4-0

14. **M/S** Finney, Bresley to approve Change Order in the amount of \$21,230.00 to furnish and install approximately 1000 feet of 4 inch watermain and 2 inch sewer force main.

Motion passed: 4-0

15. **M/S** Bresley, Finney to approve payment of Invoice # 1033 in the amount of \$42,080.00 to T & C Excavating for work completed to date.

Motion passed: 4-0

16. **M/S** Finney, Bresley to approve Change Order # 12 to MJ Construction in the amount of a savings of (\$3,815.25).

Motion passed: 4-0

17. **M/S** Bresley, Finney to approve Payment Application No. 8 in the amount of \$3,061.00 to Eagle Construction Co., Inc.

Motion passed: 4-0

18. **M/S** Reed, Finney to table raising the water rates \$2.00 October 1, 2004 and \$2.00 January 1, 2005.

Motion passed: 3-1 Nye: Bresley

19. **M/S** Reed, Finney to table raising the sewer rates \$1.00 October 1, 2004, and \$1.00 January 1, 2005.

Motion passed: 3-1 Nye: Bresley

**OTHER BUSINESS – Mayor Walhof**

- Mayor Walhof appointed himself, Administrator Stephen Michel, and Council member Scott Bruns to attend a meeting addressing Health Service needs in the area, at the Hackensack Senior Citizens Building on Wednesday September 22, 2004.
- M/S Finney, Reed to set October 15, 2004 from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm for the Open House, at the New City Hall Office Building.

**CONTINUATION – Mayor Walhof**

Mayor Walhof continued the meeting until Monday September 20, 2004, 5:00 p.m. at the Walker Fire Hall meeting room.

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Bradley J. Walhof, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen J. Michel, Administrator