

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM
Monday January 5, 2009**

OATH OF OFFICE – Terri Bjorklund

- Bradley J. Walhof - Mayor
- John Fjelstul – Council Member
- Gary Wilkening – Council Member

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Walhof

- Mayor Walhof called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- Council members present: Fjelstul, Finney, Wilkening, Walhof
- Council members absent: Worth
- Others present during portions of the meeting included:

Terri Bjorklund, Administrator
Wayne Tennis, Police Chief
John Valen, City Attorney
Will Hoyt, Landecker’s & Associates
Shirley Mallory, Shingobee Twp.

Sylvia Bakker, City Employee
Phil Anderson, Resident
Dean Morrill, Pilot Independent
Robert Mallory, Shingobee Twp.
Willard Arends

CONSENT AGENDA – Mayor Walhof

M/S Fjelstul, Finney to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1 thru 4 as follows:

1. Approve Walker City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2008.
2. Approve Claim #40821 to Claim #40840, and Claim #40842 to Claim #40913, and Claim #40918 to Claim #40941, and Claim #40944 to Claim #40970 in the amount of \$266,308.90.
3. Review and file Walker Police Department’s Monthly Report.
4. Review and file League of MN Cities Insurance Trust Property/Casualty Dividend Refund.

Motion passed: 4-0

SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS – Acting Mayor Finney

- Phillip Anderson – Driveway Issue

M/S Fjelstul, Finney to refer correspondence from Phil Anderson to City Administrator and City Attorney.

Motion passed: 4-0

CITY STAFF COMMENTS/CONCERNS – Administrator Terri Bjorklund

- Update on the LGA Cuts.

- Administrator Bjorklund informed the Council that there had been a fire that morning, and that the air brakes on one of the trucks failed, and the rescue truck wouldn't start, so the City would be looking at some repair costs in the Fire Department.

PERSONNEL, BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION – Councilmember Fjelstul

1. M/S Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve the following 2009 Committee Appointments.

2009 CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

(Chairperson is automatically on each sub-committee)

A. PUBLIC WORKS: PAT FINNEY, CHAIRPERSON

Water, Sewer and Streets	Brad Walhof
Cemetery	Pam Worth
Weed Inspector	Brad Walhof, Nick Zubke
Fire Department	Pat Finney
Ambulance Board	Pat Finney
Police Commissioner	Brad Walhof

B. BUDGET AND FINANCE: JOHN FJELSTUL, CHAIRPERSON

Personnel	Pam Worth
Budget and Finance	Gary Wilkening
TIF	Brad Walhof

C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: GARY WILKENING, CHAIRPERSON

Municipal Liquor Store	Pat Finney
Municipal Airport	John Fjelstul, Ken Bresley, Volunteer
Walker Health Care Center	Brad Walhof
Planning/ Zoning/ Building Codes	Pat Finney
Shingobee Twp. / Healthy Communities	John Fjelstul
Parking/ Planning	Pat Finney

D. PARKS AND RECREATION: PAM WORTH, CHAIRPERSON

Library	Pam Worth
Park Development/Boat Ramp	Pat Finney
Trails	John Fjelstul
Tree Committee	Pam Worth
City Dock Committee	Pam Worth

ACTING MAYOR- JOHN FJELSTUL

MEETINGS – PUBLIC INVITED

- ❖ **City Council** meets first Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m., Walker Firehall. (Third Thursday of the Month if needed.)
- ❖ **Planning Commission** meets last Monday of each month, 5:30 p.m., Walker Firehall.
- ❖ **Library Board** meets last Wednesday of each month, 5:15 p.m., Walker Library.
- ❖ **Park Board** meets fourth Tuesday of each month, 3:15 p.m., City Hall.

Motion passed: 4-0

2. **M/S Fjelstul, Finney** to approve Resolution 1-2009, a resolution approving Depositories for the year 2009.

Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Finney, Wilkening, Walhof Nays: None Absent: Worth

Motion passed: 4-0

3. **M/S Fjelstul, Wilkening** to approve Resolution 2-2009, a resolution designating an Official Newspaper.

Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Finney, Wilkening, Walhof Nays: None Absent: Worth

Motion passed: 4-0

4. **M/S Fjelstul, Finney** to approve Resolution 3-2009, a resolution appointing a City Attorney/Data Practices Compliance Official.

Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Finney, Wilkening, Walhof Nays: None Absent: Worth

Motion passed: 4-0

5. **M/S Fjelstul, Wilkening** to approve Resolution 4-2009, a resolution appointing a City Engineer.

Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Finney, Wilkening, Walhof Nays: None Absent: Worth

Motion passed: 4-0

- **M/S Wilkening, Finney** to retain Landecker & Associates for the Senior Project, and the City Hall Parking Lot as these are already projects that Landecker's have already been working on.

Motion passed: 4-0

6. **M/S Fjelstul, Wilkening** to approve Resolution 5-2009, a resolution approving Machine signed signatures.

Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Finney, Wilkening, Walhof Nays: None Absent: Worth

Motion passed: 4-0

7. **M/S Fjelstul, Finney** to approve Resolution 6-2009, a resolution authorizing the Municipality to waive the statutory tort limits established by Minnesota statues 466.04.

Attorney Valen said Mr. Mayor if I could address that. The City has done this every year that I can remember I think, but I want you to understand this isn't something that you have to do, and the City could probably save two or three percent on your insurance premium. Discussion ensued as to when the premium becomes due, if the matter could be tabled until the next council meeting, and to review it the next time the premium becomes due. Attorney Valen suggested tabling it, and checking to see if the City could get a rebate on their premium.

Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Finney, Nays: Wilkening, Walhof Absent: Worth

Motion failed: 2-2

- **M/S Wilkening, Finney** to table Resolution 6-2009 for further review by the City Administrator and City Attorney and present it at the Feb Meeting.

Motion passed: 4-0

8. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve Resolution 7-2009, a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to sign all State & Federal Airport Grants.
 Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Finney, Wilkening, Walhof Nays: None Absent: Worth
 Motion passed: 4-0

9. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve Resolution 8-2009, a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to sign all State and Federal Grants pertaining to the City of Walker.
 Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Finney, Wilkening, Walhof Nays: None Absent: Worth
 Motion passed: 4-0

10. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve Resolution 9-2009, a resolution relating to Worker's Compensation for Elected Officials.
 Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Finney, Wilkening, Walhof Nays: None Absent: Worth
 Motion passed: 4-0

11. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve the final budget moves for the year ended December 31, 2008 as follows.

From Account #	Description	Amount	To Account#	Description	Amount
101-41400-102	Clerk Full Time - Overtime	1,000.00	101-41400-101	Clerk Full Time-Regular	1,000.00
101-41400-217	Clerk Office Supplies	21.76	101-41400-210	Clerk Operating Supplies	21.76
101-41400-321	Clerk Telephone	48.32	101-41400-340	Clerk Advertising & Notices	48.32
101-41910-101	Plan & Zoning Full Time Rg	1,316.83	101-41910-102	Plan & Zoning Overtime	1,316.83
101-43100-101	Streets Full Time - Reg	277.25	101-43100-102	Streets Full Time - Overtime	277.25
101-43100-210	Streets Operating Supplies	1,057.42	101-43100-131	Streets Employer Paid Health	1,057.42
101-43100-322	Streets Postage	72.47	101-43100-321	Streets Telephone	72.47
101-45500-381	Library Electric	239.37	101-45500-210	Library Operating Supplies	137.63
			101-45500-383	Library Propane	101.74
101-45500-382	Library Water	224.64	101-45500-383	Library Propane	224.64
101-45500-385	Library Sewer	113.00	101-45500-383	Library Propane	113.00
101-45500-404	Library Repairs/maint Mach	200.00	101-45500-383	Library Propane	200.00
601-49400-102	Water Full Time Overtime	304.63	601-49400-101	Water Full Time Reg	304.63
601-49400-132	Water Employer Pd Life	543.60	601-49400-131	Water Employer Paid Health	543.60
601-49400-121	Water PERA	305.12	601-49400-133	Water Employer Paid Dental	305.12
601-49400-303	Water Engineering Services	630.00	601-49400-321	Water Telephone	276.00
			601-49400-322	Water Postage	354.00
601-49400-381	Water Electric	1,175.00	601-49400-383	Water Propane	1,175.00
601-49400-441	Water License/Permits	222.00	601-49400-410	Water Rental Lease	222.00
602-49450-122	Sewer FICA	790.00	602-49450-131	Sewer Employer Pd Health	790.00
602-49450-133	Sewer Employer Pd Dental	35.00	602-49450-132	Sewer Employer Pd Life	35.00
602-49450-303	Sewer Engineering Services	1,000.00			
602-49450-311	Sewer Contract Labor	2,000.00			
602-49450-210	Sewer Operating Supplies	1,325.00	602-49450-309	Sewer Contractors	4,325.00
602-49450-381	Sewer Electric	1,170.00	602-49450-386	Sewer Testing	1,170.00
Total		14,071.41	Total		14,071.41

Motion passed: 4-0

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/LIQUOR STORE – Councilmember Wilkening

1. **M/S** Wilkening, Fjelstul to review and file Walker Planning Commissions Meeting Minutes of December 29, 2008.

Motion passed: 4-0

2. **M/S** Wilkening, Finney to approve the applications of Jane Ekholm, and Jesse Adams to fill the open positions on the Planning Commission Board.

Motion passed: 4-0

3. **M/S** Wilkening, Fjelstul to approve Walker Planning Commissions recommendation of the land acquisition and disposal in trade of Lots 8 & 9, Blk 15, Original Plat of Walker, and Part of Lot 1, Blk 6, Commercial Club 1st Addn.

Motion passed: 4-0

4. **M/S** Wilkening, Fjelstul to approve payment of \$2,187.50 to Leer Title Trust Account for closing costs on the Reggie Thiel property exchange.

Motion passed: 3-0 Nye: Mayor Walhof

PARKS & RECREATION/LIBRARY – Councilmember Worth

1. No Scheduled Business

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY/ CEMETERY– Councilmember Finney

1. **M/S** Finney, Wilkening to approve Public Works recommendation to raise the base rate for water \$2.00 per month for the year 2009, and another \$1.00 per month for the year 2010, and to leave the rate per thousand the same.

Motion passed: 4-0

OTHER BUSINESS – Mayor Walhof

- City Hall and the DMV Offices will be closed Monday Jan. 19, 2009 in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Walhof

Mayor Walhof adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Bradley J. Walhof, Mayor

Attest: _____
Terri Bjorklund, Administrator