

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM  
Monday January 8, 2007**

**OATH OF OFFICE – Administrator Terri Bjorklund**

- Bradley J. Walhof took the oath of office as the newly elected Mayor
- Pat Finney took the oath of office as a newly elected Council Member
- Pam Worth took the oath of office as a newly elected Council Member

**CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Walhof**

- Mayor Walhof called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Council members present: Fjelstul, Finney, Mohr, Worth, Walhof
- Council members absent: None
- Others present during portions of the meeting included:

Terri Bjorklund, Administrator  
John Valen, City Attorney  
Jeff Holly, Walker Bay Days  
Dean Morrill, Pilot Independent  
Mike Nater, Walker Ambulance  
Will Hoyt, Landecker & Assoc.  
Connie Kaylor, Shingobee Twp.  
Gail Levenson, Cass County EDC  
Eddie Asel, Planning/Zoning

Sylvia Bakker, City Employee  
Derek Anderson, Landecker & Assoc.  
Marion Ridge, KRL  
Ron Geiser, Shingobee Twp.  
Jeff Larson, Walker Ambulance  
Orv Rosenberry, Shingobee Twp.  
Cindy Wannarka, LLACC  
Willard Arends, Resident

**CONSENT AGENDA – Mayor Walhof**

M/S Mohr, Fjelstul to approve the consent agenda items 1 thru 9 as follows:

1. Approve Walker Public TNT Hearing Minutes of December 4, 2006.
2. Approve Walker City Council regular meeting minutes of December 4, 2006.
3. Approve Walker City Council Continuation Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2006.
4. Approve December 2006 Disbursements.
5. Approve Cash Balance Report as of November 30, 2006.
6. Review and file Walker Police Department Report.
7. Review and file report of Outstanding Indebtedness for year ended 2006.
8. Approve the following Committee Appointments:

**A. Public Works: Pat Finney, Chairperson**

Water, Sewer and Streets	Brad Walhof
Cemetery	Mary Beth Mohr
Weed Inspector	Brad Walhof, Nick Zubke
Fire Department	Pat Finney
Ambulance Department	Pat Finney

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|           | Police Commissioner   | Brad Walhof                          |
| <b>B.</b> | <b><u>Budget and Finance: John Fjelstul, Chairperson</u></b>    |                                      |
|           | Personnel   | Pat Finney                           |
|           | Budget & Finance  | Pat Finney                           |
|           | TIF   | Brad Walhof                          |
| <b>C.</b> | <b><u>Economic Development: Mary Beth Mohr, Chairperson</u></b> |                                      |
|           | Municipal Liquor Store  | Pat Finney                           |
|           | Municipal Airport   | John Fjelstul, Ken Bresley Volunteer |
|           | Walker Dakota Clinic  | Brad Walhof                          |
|           | Planning/Zoning/Building Codes                                  | Pat Finney                           |
|           | Shingobee Twp. Healthy Comm.                                    | John Fjelstul                        |
|           | Parking/Planning  | Pat Finney                           |
| <b>D.</b> | <b><u>Parks &amp; Recreation: Pam Worth, Chairperson</u></b>    |                                      |
|           | Library   | Mary Beth Mohr                       |
|           | Park Dev./Boat Ramp   | Mary Beth Mohr                       |
|           | Trails  | John Fjelstul                        |
|           | Tree Committee  | Mary Beth Mohr                       |
|           | Summer Rec./Skating   | Mary Beth Mohr                       |
|           | City Dock Committee   | Mary Beth Mohr                       |

*Acting Mayor – Pat Finney*

**MEETINGS – PUBLIC INVITED**

- **City Council** meets the first Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m., Walker Fire hall. (Third Thursday of Month if needed.)
- **Planning Commission** meets last Monday of each month, 5:15 p.m., Walker Fire hall
- **Library Board** meets last Wednesday of each month, 5:15 p.m., Walker Library
- **Park Board** meets fourth Tuesday of each month, 4:00 p.m., City Hall.

9. Addition of Resolution 10-2007, under number 6, of Parks, & Recreation.  
Motion passed: 5-0

**SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Walhof**

- No Scheduled Citizen presentations.

**CITY STAFF COMMENTS/CONCERNS – Administrator Terri Bjorklund**

- Acknowledge letter dated January 2, 2007, from the Minnesota Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office.

**PERSONNEL, BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION – Council member Fjelstul**

1. M/S Mohr, Worth to approve Resolution 1-2007, a Resolution approving the City of Walker’s Depositories for the year 2007.

Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Finney, Mohr, Worth, Walhof Nyes: None

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Finney, Mohr to approve Resolution 2-2007, a Resolution designating the Pilot Independent as the City of Walker's Official Newspaper for the year 2007.  
Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Finney, Mohr, Worth, Walhof Nyes: None  
Motion passed: 5-0
3. **M/S** Mohr, Finney to approve Resolution 3-2007, a Resolution appointing John Valen, City Attorney, and data practices compliance Official for the City of Walker for the year 2007.  
Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Finney, Mohr, Worth, Walhof Nyes: None  
Motion passed: 5-0
4. **M/S** Finney, Worth to approve Resolution 4-2007, a Resolution appointing Landecker & Associates as the City Engineer, for the year 2007.  
Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Finney, Mohr, Worth, Walhof Nyes: None  
Motion passed: 5-0
5. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve Resolution 5-2007, a Resolution approving facsimile signatures for Brad Walhof, Mayor, and Terri Bjorklund, Administrator for the year 2007.  
Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Finney, Mohr, Worth, Walhof Nyes: None  
Motion passed: 5-0
6. **M/S** Fjelstul, Mohr to approve Resolution 6-2007, a Resolution authorizing the Municipality to waive the Statutory Tort Limits for 2007.  
Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Finney, Mohr, Worth, Walhof Nyes: None  
Motion passed: 5-0
7. **M/S** Finney, Mohr to approve Resolution 7-2007, a Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to sign all Airport State and Federal Grants pertaining to the City of Walker, for the year 2007.  
Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Finney, Mohr, Worth, Walhof Nyes: None  
Motion passed: 5-0
8. **M/S** Mohr, Worth to approve Resolution 8-2007, a Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to sign all State and Federal Grants pertaining to the City of Walker for the year 2007.  
Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Finney, Mohr, Worth, Walhof Nyes: None  
Motion passed: 5-0
9. **M/S** Mohr, Worth to approve the Motor Vehicle Department paying the City of Walker \$56,788.14 to cover wages, and other expenses incurred by the City of Walker in 2006.  
Motion passed: 5-0
10. **M/S** Mohr, Worth to approve payment of Invoice #FOCS56935 in the amount of \$524.49 to Eric Myhra Ford for work on Ambulance Unit 200.  
Motion passed: 5-0
11. **M/S** Mohr, Finney to consider request from the Walker Ambulance Department to purchase a camera in the amount of \$4,133.00, plus shipping to be used for Paramedic and other training.  
Motion passed: 5-0
12. **M/S** Finney, Mohr to approve request from Walker Ambulance Department for 4 Paramedic's to attend a refresher course held in Alexandria Feb. 9 thru 11, at a cost of \$1,000.00, to be reimbursed by the EMSRB, sometime in August 2007.

13. **M/S** Finney, Fjelstul to approve the City of Walker and Shingobee Township entering into a Fire Contract, as outlined in a letter from Shingobee Township, dated December 20, 2006.

Motion passed: 5-0

14. **M/S** Mohr, Finney to approve Walker Personnel Committee's recommendation to hire Laurie Hill, for the position of Ambulance Director, Safety Coordinator, at a salary of \$31,200.00, for a six month probation period, with salary to then increase to \$35,000.00.

Motion passed: 5-0

15. **M/S** Fjelstul, Mohr to approve Terri Bjorklund, City Administrator getting quotes to re-invest the Solomon Smith Barney Money Fund, at the request of the City Auditor.

Motion passed: 5-0

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Council member Mohr**

1. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve Walker Planning Commissions Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2006.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve Walker Planning Commissions recommendation to deny Thomas-Dennis Funeral Homes rezoning request.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Finney, Worth to approve Walker Planning Commissions recommendation to allow a 200 square foot sign for the Northernaire Plaza Building.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Finney, Worth to approve Walker Planning Commissions recommendation to table the Hideway Properties preliminary plat.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. Reviewed and filed Quam Court Report.
6. **M/S** Finney, Mohr to approve the acceptance of a tract of land being donated to the City of Walker by Pat Negaard.

Motion passed: 5-0

7. Gail Levenson, Cass County EDC introduced herself to the newly elected Council members.

#### **PARKS & RECREATION/CEMETERY/LIBRARY – Council member Worth**

1. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve Walker Park Board's Meeting Minutes of December 19,2006.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. Jeff Holly spoke to the Council about Walker Bay Days.
3. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve Walker Park Board's recommendation to allow the following to use the park, waiving the fees for all but the Marine & Power Sports Show.

- Walker Area Partners-Bike June 3
- Marine & Power Sports (LLCC) June 8,9,10
- Walker Bay Days Aug. 9,10,11 & 12

Motion passed: 5-0

- Marion Ridge spoke to the Council about support for Resolution 9-2007.
- 4. **M/S** Mohr, Finney to approve Resolution 9-2007, a Resolution supporting the Regional Library System lobbying for an increase in State Library funding.

Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Finney, Mohr, Worth, Walhof Nyes: None

Motion passed: 5-0

- 5. **M/S** Fjelstul, Mohr to approve Walker Park Board’s recommendation to change the Park Board meeting from the fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m., to the fourth Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. @ Walker City Hall.
- 6. **M/S** Mohr, Finney to approve Resolution 10-2007, a resolution regarding the maintenance of the Shingobee Extension of the Paul Bunyan Trail.

Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Finney, Mohr, Worth, Walhof Nyes: None

**PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY – Council member Finney**

- 1. **M/S** Fjelstul, Mohr to approve payment of Invoice #7797, in the amount of \$4,817.50 to Landecker & Associates for work on the Industrial Park.

Motion passed: 5-0

- 2. **M/S** Fjelstul, Mohr to approve payment of Invoice #7786, in the amount of \$6,177.50 to Landecker & Associates for work completed on the Tower Ave. & 2<sup>nd</sup> street project.

Motion passed: 4-0 Council member Worth abstained.

- 3. **M/S** Fjelstul, Mohr to approve Landecker & Associates recommendation to pay payment voucher # 2, in the amount of \$4,916.25 to Aspen Construction for work on the Tower Ave. & 2nd Street Project.

Motion passed: 4-0 Council member Worth abstained.

- 4. **M/S** Mohr, Worth to approve payment of Invoice #FOCS55553 in the amount of \$926.11 to Eric Myhra Ford for work on the Street Department Truck.

Motion passed: 5-0

**OTHER BUSINESS – Mayor Walhof**

- 1. **M/S** Fjelstul, Mohr to approve Walker Community Health Center’s request for payment of 2007 maintenance in the amount of \$5,520.00

Motion passed: 5-0

Mayor Walhof closed the meeting to the Public at 8:20 p.m., for a meeting with the City’s Legal Advisor.

Mayor Walhof reconvened the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Walhof**

Mayor Walhof adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

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Bradley J. Walhof, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Terri Bjorklund, Administrator