

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM
Monday January 9, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Walhof

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

Terri Bjorklund, Administrator
John Valen, City Attorney
Derek Anderson, Landecker & Assoc.
Cindy Wannarka, Director L.L. Chamber
Willard Arends, Park Board
Bob Mallory, Shingobee Twp.
Tony Sauer
Steve Michel, Chase Development
Tim Erdle, Thrifty White, V.P.
Terry Freeman, EDC

Sylvia Bakker, City Employee
Will Hoyt, Landecker & Assoc.
Wayne Tennis, Police Officer
Joe Sherman, Marine & Power Sports Show
Jared Olson, Leisure Opportunity, LLC
Shirley Mallory, Shingobee Twp.
Jon Stewart
Robert Narveson, Thrifty White CEO
Terry Hanson, Chase Development (Norson)

CONSENT AGENDA – Mayor Walhof

M/S Bresley, Bruns to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1 thru 5 as follows:

1. Approve Walker City Council Public Hearing, Tower Ave & 2nd Street Improvement Minutes of December 5, 2005.
2. Approve Walker City Council Public Hearing, TNT Hearing Minutes of December 5, 2005.
3. Approve Walker City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2005, with one change.
4. Approve December 2005 disbursements.
5. Approve Minutes from the Leech Lake Area Fishing Task Force Meeting.
6. Addition of discussion on size of TIF District, under #8, Economic Development.
7. Addition of Liquor License request.

Motion passed: 5-0

SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Walhof

No scheduled Citizen Comments.

CITY STAFF COMMENTS/CONCERNS – Administrator Terri Bjorklund

- If any Council members are interested in attending a Leadership Conference for Experienced Officials, in Grand Rapids on Jan 27-28th, 2006, please contact Sylvia or Beth as soon as possible.
- FYI: The connection fee charged to area residents who have City water is increasing July 1, 2006, from \$5.21 per connection to \$6.36.
- FYI: League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust reimbursement received in the amount of \$12,194.00.
- Welcomed Cindy Wannarka, New Director of the Leech Lake Area Chamber.
- Informed the Council the Ambulance crew had hit a deer, and damage was in the amount of \$5,200.00. Mona is checking on the City's deductible.

PERSONNEL, BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION – Councilmember Bresley

1. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bruns to approve Resolution 1-2006, a resolution approving the Depositories for the City of Walker for 2006.

Roll Call: Ayes: Bresley, Fjelstul, Bruns, Mohr, Walhof Nyes: None

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Bruns, Mohr to approve Resolution 2-2006, a resolution approving the Pilot Independent as the official Newspaper for the City of Walker for the year 2006.

Roll Call: Ayes: Bresley, Fjelstul, Bruns, Mohr, Walhof Nyes: None

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Bruns, Mohr to approve Resolution 3-2006, a resolution approving John Valen as the City Attorney/Data Practices Compliance Official for the City of Walker for the year 2006.

Roll Call: Ayes: Bresley, Fjelstul, Bruns, Mohr, Walhof Nyes: None

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Bruns, Mohr to approve Resolution 4-2006, a resolution appointing the firm of Landecker & Associates, as City Engineer for the City of Walker for 2006.

Roll Call: Ayes: Bresley, Fjelstul, Bruns, Mohr, Walhof Nyes: None

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bruns to approve Resolution 5-2006, a resolution approving machine signed signatures for the year 2006.

Roll Call: Ayes: Bresley, Fjelstul, Bruns, Mohr, Walhof Nyes: None

Motion passed: 5-0

6. **M/S** Bruns, Mohr to approve Resolution 6-2006, a resolution authorizing the Municipality to waive the Statutory Tort Limits established by Minnesota Statute 466.04 for the year 2006.

Roll Call: Ayes: Bresley, Fjelstul, Bruns, Mohr, Walhof Nyes: None

Motion passed: 5-0

7. **M/S** Fjelstul, Mohr to approve Resolution 7-2006, a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to sign all State and Federal Airport Grants during the year 2006.

Roll Call: Ayes: Bresley, Fjelstul, Bruns, Mohr, Walhof Nyes: None

Motion passed: 5-0

8. **M/S** Fjelstul, Mohr to approve Resolution 8-2006, a resolution authorizing the Mayor and city Administrator to sign all State and Federal Grants pertaining to the City of Walker during the year 2006.

Roll Call: Ayes: Bresley, Fjelstul, Bruns, Mohr, Walhof Nyes: None

Motion passed: 5-0

9. **M/S** Bruns, Mohr to approve Resolution 9-2006, a resolution approving the American Legion Post 134 Gambling Permit.

Roll Call: Ayes: Bresley, Fjelstul, Bruns, Mohr, Walhof Nyes: None

Motion passed: 5-0

10. **M/S** Fjelstul, Mohr to approve the Personnel Committee's recommendation to approve the 2006 thru 2008 Teamsters Local 346 Negotiated Union Contract.

Motion passed: 5-0

11. **M/S** Bruns, Mohr to approve the Personnel Committee's recommendation for salary increases retroactive to January 1, 2006. Overall average increase of 2.9%. Council member Bresley thanked City Administrator Terri Bjorklund for her hard work on the employee evaluations, stating it made there job that much easier.

Motion passed: 5-0

12. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bruns to approve request from Christy Johnson for a 6 month leave of absence from the Walker Ambulance Service, with her full 2 year commitment to the City starting after she returns from the leave of absence.

Motion passed: 5-0

13. **M/S** Bruns, Fjelstul to approve an On-Sale, and Sunday Liquor License for Leisure Opportunity Advisors, LLC, DBA: Pepper's Restaurant.

Motion passed: 5-0

14. **M/S** Bruns, Fjelstul to approve payment of Invoice #INV017829 in the amount of \$1,141.17 to Ortivus, Inc. for Sales Tax that wasn't charged when purchases were made from 2000 to 2005.

Motion passed: 5-0

15. **M/S** Fjelstul, Mohr to approve payment of Invoice SERV388561 in the amount of \$799.72 to Marco for the copier lease in the Motor Vehicle/Ambulance Department.

Motion passed: 5-0

16. **M/S** Bruns, Mohr to approve payment to the Walker Community Health Center in the amount of \$4,600.00 for 2006 Maintenance Dues.

Motion passed: 5-0

17. **M/S** Fjelstul, Mohr to approve payment of Invoice 10805 in the amount of \$845.28 to Hali-Brite, Inc. for repairs to the Airport Lights.

Motion passed: 5-0

18. **M/S** Mohr, Bruns to approve the following Committee Appointments for 2006.

A. PUBLIC WORKS: JOHN FJELSTUL, CHAIRPERSON

Water, Sewer, and Streets	Brad Walhof
Cemetery	Brad Walhof, Mary Beth Mohr
Weed Inspector	Brad Walhof, Nick Zubke
Fire Department	Ken Bresley
Ambulance Department	Mary Beth Mohr
Police Commissioner	Ken Bresley

B. BUDGET AND FINANCE: KEN BRESLEY, CHAIRPERSON

Personnel	John Fjelstul
Budget and Finance	John Fjelstul
TIF	John Fjelstul

C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: SCOTT BRUNS, CHAIRPERSON

Municipal Liquor Store	Ken Bresley
Municipal Airport	Ken Bresley
Walker Dakota Clinic	Brad Walhof
Planning/Zoning/Building Codes	Mary Beth Mohr
Shingobee Twp/Healthy Comm.	John Fjelstul
Parking-Planning Development	Mary Beth Mohr
School-Cass County Liaison	Ken Bresley

B. PARKS AND RECREATION: MARYBETH MOHR, CHAIRPERSON

Library	Mary Beth Mohr
Park Development/Boat Ramp	Scott Bruns
Ball Fields/Trails	Scott Bruns
Tree Committee	Scott Bruns
Summer Rec. Program/Skating	Scott Bruns
Chumley Park Development	Scott Bruns
City Dock Committee	Scott Bruns

Acting Mayor Ken Bresley

Motion passed: 5-0

The Council has been involved in some meetings with the American Legion Club, on a major remodeling project they are seeking to do. Discussions have focused on possible TIF, or possibly a tax abatement.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Councilmember Bruns

1. **M/S** Bresley, Mohr to approve Walker Planning Commissions Public Hearing, and Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2005, with a change made to Jamie Johnson being in attendance, arriving late, and Chase Recommendation.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bresley to approve Walker Planning Commissions recommendation to proceed with variances application, setbacks, and realignment of Cleveland Blvd, instead of vacating Cleveland Blvd., contingent upon a finalized development agreement with the City.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to deny request from Thrifty White Drug to establish a one-way alley between Minnesota Avenue and Michigan Avenue, and west to 6th Street to allow for a drive up window.

Motion passed: 4-1 Nye: Mohr

4. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bresley to approve Resolution 11-2006, a resolution calling for a Public Hearing by the City of Walker on the proposed adoption of the modified development program for Development District No. 2, and the proposed establishment of Tax Increment Financing District No. 2-15, therein and the proposed Tax Increment Financing Plan therefore.

Roll Call: Ayes: Bresley, Fjelstul, Bruns, Mohr, Walhof Nyes: None

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Fjelstul, Mohr to approve payment of Invoice 33187 in the amount of \$568.75 to Ehlers & Associates, Inc. for Financial Advisory Services, Chase Escrow Fund.

Motion passed: 5-0

6. **M/S** Fjelstul, Mohr to approve membership dues in the amount of \$1000.00 to support the Cass County EDC.

Motion passed: 5-0

7. Terry Freeman – Cass County EDC Update.

PARKS & RECREATION/CEMETERY/LIBRARY – Councilmember Mohr

1. **M/S** Bresley, Fjelstul to approve Resolution 10-2006, a resolution supporting an accelerated recovery plan for Leech Lake.

Roll Call: Ayes: Bresley, Fjelstul, Bruns, Mohr, Walhof Nyes: None

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve Walker Park Board Meeting Minutes of December 27, 2005.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bresley to approve Walker Park Board's recommendation to renew Orv Rosenberry's term on the Walker Park Board.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Fjelstul, Mohr to approve Walker Park Board's recommendation to allow all Vendor's In Attendance to use the Walker City Park June 10th & 11th for a proposed "Marine & Power Sports Show."

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bruns to invite Jim Klobuchar to come to the City of Walker on June 23, 2006 to camp overnight on their "Jaunt With Jim bicycle tour.

Motion passed: 5-0

M/S Fjelstul, Mohr to set Public Hearing to amend Park Ordinance to allow for limited camping by non-profit organizations.

6. **M/S** Fjelstul, Mohr to approve Walker Park Board's recommendation to allow Jim Gerchy to use Walker City Park on Feb. 8th thru the 12th for the International Eelpout Festival, contingent upon Certificate of Insurance.

Motion passed: 5-0

7. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bresley to approve Walker Library Board's recommendation to appoint Mary Beth Mohr as trustee to the Kitchigami Regional Library board.

Motion passed: 4-0 Council member Mohr abstained.

8. **M/S** Bresley, Fjelstul to approve payment of Invoice in the amount of \$2,273.89 to M. Candace Barthel for plants and repairs to the rock garden.

Motion passed: 5-0

9. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bruns to deny request for a one to four day Temporary Liquor License for Woodcock Minnesota for the Eelpout Festival.

Motion passed: 3-1 Council member Bresley abstained Nye: Walhof

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY – Councilmember Fjelstul

1. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve quote from Lindy’s Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$1,300.00 to rebuild back flow preventers at the Water Treatment Plant as required by MPCA to be done every five years.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve payment of Invoice #50202825 in the amount of \$470.59 to BoundTree Medical for ALS Equipment, FEMA Grant.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve payment of Invoice #50201245 in the amount of \$2,027.69 to BoundTree Medical for ALS Equipment, FEMA Grant.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve payment of Invoice #50212400 in the amount of \$40,176.00 to BoundTree Medical for ALS Equipment, FEMA Grant.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Bruns, Mohr to approve repairs in the amount of \$2,460.00, plus tax from Catco Parts & Service to the Snowblower.

Motion passed: 5-0

6. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve payment of Invoice #187 in the amount of \$561.42 to Johnson Construction for repairs to Café Zona Rosa, for the snow plow damage.

Motion passed: 5-0

7. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve payment of Invoice #7284 in the amount of \$592.75 to Landecker & Associates.

Motion passed: 5-0

8. **M/S** Mohr, Bresley to approve Invoice #5100356 in the amount of \$1,103.52 to Alert-All for training supplies for the Walker Fire Department.

Motion passed: 4-0 Council member Bruns abstained.

9. Discussed No Parking on one side of 4th Street.
M/S Bruns, Mohr to table issue until further discussion can be had with the school district.

Motion passed: 5-0

10. Discussed Posting Walker Airport as No Hunting.
M/S Bresley, Fjelstul to post No Hunting on the City’s Airport Property under State guidelines

Motion passed: 5-0

Council member Bresley stated that the City needed to start advertising it as being posted very early in the year, to make people aware of it being posted.

OTHER BUSINESS – Mayor Walhof

Discussed Solid waste permit application. Open comment period for Hoss Demolition Landfill Site. Refer to Economic Development.

M/S Bresley, Bruns to approve becoming a Depository of funds for the Leech Lake Area Task Force.

Motion passed: 5-0

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Walhof

Mayor Walhof adjourned the meeting at 8:44

Bradley J. Walhof, Mayor

Attest: _____
Terri Bjorklund, Administrator