

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM
Monday February 5, 2007**

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
Dean Morrill, Pilot Independent
Jesse Leblanc, Police Officer
Terry Freeman, Landecker & Assoc.
Bob Mallory, Shingobee Twp.
Kris Koch, Hideaway Properties
Lee Westfield, WACC
Willard Arends, Resident
Steve Frick, USFS
Steve Kohls, Brainerd Dispatch
Norm Franke

Sylvia Bakker, City Employee
Derek Anderson, Landecker & Assoc.
Wayne Tennis, Police Chief
Dennis Parker, USFS
Shirley Mallory, Shingobee Twp.
Will Hoyt, Landecker & Assoc.
Cameron Koch, Hideaway Properties
Mara Loomis, WACC
Lori Koch, Hideaway Properties
Renne Richardson, Brainerd Dispatch
Tom Somak, USFS
Ivar Peterson

CONSENT AGENDA – Mayor Walhof

M/S Fjelstul, Finney to approve the consent agenda items 1 thru 8 as follows:

1. Approve Walker City Council regular meeting minutes of January 8, 2007.
2. Approve January 2007 disbursements.
3. Approve Cash Balance report as of December 31, 2006.
4. Review and file Walker Police Department Monthly Report.
5. Review and file January 2007 Tax Settlement.
6. Review and file Minnesota State Auditor's Summary Budget Form.
7. Review and file Thank-You from Orv Rosenberry, Al Sanford, and Carol Smith for the use of the Fire Hall to assist people with Tax preparation.
8. Review and file Walker Ambulance report for December 2006, and year ending 2006.
9. Addition under Economic Development # 4. Discussion and action on the Construction Grant for the Walker, Chase Hotel Project.
10. Addition under Consent Agenda, review and file Jan 2007 EDC Report.
11. Addition under Public Works & Safety, change the dollar amount to \$2,400.00 for additional volunteer training attendance.

12. Addition under Public Works and Safety of # 18, consider approval of payment of Invoice in the amount of \$624.95, to Olson Electric for wiring of the lift station at Super One.

Motion passed: 5-0

SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Walhof

No scheduled Citizen presentations.

CITY STAFF COMMENTS/CONCERNS – Administrator Terri Bjorklund

- Invitation from Cass County to attend a meeting on February 28, 2007.
- Wayne Tennis – Presentation of Certificate to Jesse LeBlanc for completion of 6-month probation period.

PERSONNEL, BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION – Council member Fjelstul

1. **M/S** Finney, Mohr to approve Walker Police Departments request to attend mandatory training on February 26th, 2007.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. Discussed the DBE program, and allowed for Public comment. Administrator Terri Bjorklund explained to the Council and audience what DBE was, and why the City has to implement it, for airport funding.
3. **M/S** Mohr, Worth to approve the DBE Construction Goal of 3.5% for the Fiscal Year 2007, airport improvement project, which is funded at least in part by Federal Grants.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Mohr, Finney to approve payment of Invoice # 20070111 in the amount of \$3,652.95 to Ortivus, Inc. for software support on the Ambulance billing program.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Fjelstul, Mohr to approve sending Police Chief Wayne Tennis to the Minnesota Chief of Police's 2007 Executive Training Institute April 16th thru 19th, 2007, at a cost of \$275.00, plus lodging, meals & mileage.

Motion passed: 5-0

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Council member Mohr

1. **M/S** Finney, Worth to approve Walker Planning Commissions Regular Meeting Minutes of January 29, 2007.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Finney, Mohr to approve Walker Planning Commissions recommendation to approve the Preliminary Plat for Hideaway Place.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Fjelstul, Mohr to table Resolution 11-2007, a resolution vacating a portion of Factory Street, which is located at Commercial Club's Addition to Walker.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Fjelstul, Mohr to table accepting the grant agreement with the State of Minnesota, for the Chase Hotel Project until next month.

Motion passed: 5-0

PARKS & RECREATION/CEMETERY/LIBRARY – Council member Worth

1. **M/S** Finney, Mohr to approve Walker Park Board Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2007.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Mohr, Finney to approve Walker Park Board's recommendation to allow Jim Gerchy to use the Walker City Park on Feb, 16, 17, & 18th, 2007, for the Eelpout Festival.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve Walker Park Board's recommendation to set a Public Hearing for Mar. 5th at 6:30 p.m. to consider an amendment to the prohibition of overnight camping in the park.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve Walker Public Library minutes for January 2007.

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY – Council member Finney

1. Review and file Walker Volunteer Ambulance Service meeting minutes of December 8th, 2006.
2. Review and file Walker Volunteer Ambulance Service meeting minutes of Jan. 11, 2007.
3. **M/S** Mohr, Worth to approve Walker Volunteer Ambulance Service request for a FEMA grant expenditure change.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Mohr, Fjelstul to approve Walker Volunteer Ambulance Services request to upgrade the Internet service to increase the camera function, at a cost of \$92.00 dollars per month.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Mohr, Worth to approve Walker Volunteer Ambulance Services request to purchase a DVD player for training for the Ambulance Garage, at a cost not to exceed \$100.00.

Motion passed: 5-0

6. **M/S** Fjelstul, Mohr to approve sending various Volunteers to skills classes and CEU requirements, at a cost of \$2,400.00

Motion passed: 5-0

7. **M/S** Mohr, Worth to approve Ambulance Director Laurie Hill attending the North Memorial State Conference on March 1 & 2nd, 2007, at a cost of \$328.51, plus wages, meals, and mileage.

Motion passed: 5-0

8. **M/S** Fjelstul, Worth to approve Walker Public Works minutes of January 26, 2007.

Motion passed: 5-0

9. **M/S** Fjelstul, Worth to approve request to send Tim Drinka to the 2007 Wastewater Operator Training May 1-3, 2007, at a cost of 270.00, plus meals and mileage.

Motion passed: 5-0

10. **M/S** Fjelstul, Mohr to approve payment of Invoice #0001346532 in the amount of \$601.85, to St. Cloud Times for advertising for an Ambulance Director.

Motion passed: 5-0

- 11. M/S Fjelstul, Mohr to approve quote in the amount of \$993.35 from Eric Myhra Ford to repair the 2003 Ford F350 Street Department Truck.

Motion passed: 5-0

- 12. M/S Fjelstul, Worth to approve quote for tires thru the Cass County Hwy. Department for the 1999 Ford pick-up, and the John Deere 310D backhoe, at a cost of \$939.84.

Motion passed: 5-0

- 13. M/S Fjelstul, Mohr to approve payment of Invoice #S0106676.002 in the amount of \$1,713.74 to Northern Water Works Supply, for extra meters to have on hand.

Motion passed: 5-0

- 14. M/S Fjelstul, Mohr to approve payment of Invoice #7819 in the amount of \$10,792.50 to Landecker & Associates for work on the Tower Avenue & 2nd Street Project.

Motion passed: 5-0

- 15. M/S Fjelstul, Mohr to approve Walker Public Works Committee’s recommendation to stop the Tower Ave. & 2nd Street project at such point as to allow for up to a 32-foot driveway into the Community Center from Tower Ave., avoiding the archaeological dig area.

Motion passed: 4-0 Council member Worth abstained.

- 16. M/S Fjelstul, Mohr to approve Walker Public Works Committee’s recommendation to dismiss the Eminent Domain Litigation for the Tower Ave. road project.

Motion passed: 5-0

- 17. M/S Finney, Mohr to approve updating the SWPPP for the Industrial Park to include Industries Lane at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00 to meet MPCA Standards.

Motion passed: 5-0

- 18. M/S Fjelstul, Mohr to approve payment of Invoice #3398, in the amount of \$624.95 to Olson Electric for wiring of the Lift Station at Super One.

Motion passed: 5-0

OTHER BUSINESS – Mayor Walhof

Mayor Walhof stated he has been asked to address a letter on behalf of the Leech Lake Area Fishing Task Force to Governor Pawlenty about the accelerated walleye-stocking program on Leech Lake.

M/S Finney, Worth to have Mayor Brad Walhof address a letter to Governor Pawlenty, on behalf of the Leech Lake Area Fishing Task Force.

Motion passed: 5-0

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Walhof

Mayor Walhof adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Bradley J. Walhof, Mayor

Attest: _____
Terri Bjorklund, Administrator