

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM  
Monday March 6, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Walhof**

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

Terri Bjorklund, Administrator  
Darrick Anderson, Landecker & Assoc.  
Lee Westfield, WACC  
Sharon Andersen, LLACC  
Skip Duchesneau, Citizen  
Mary Andrus, Resident  
Dawn Anderson, Lucky Moose  
Dennis Anderson, Lucky Moose  
Tracy Sward, Lucky Moose  
Jeff Holly, Walker Bay Days  
Debra Wiemann, Lucky Moose  
Ron Cash, Jubilee Store  
Wayne Tennis, Police Officer

Sylvia Bakker, City Employee  
John Valen, City Attorney  
Cindy Wannarka, LLACC  
Ron Cayko, Lucky Moose  
Willard Arends, Resident  
Will Hoyt, Landecker & Assoc.  
Judy Anderson, Lucky Moose  
Jamie DeMar, Lucky Moose  
Tony Sauer, Resident  
Kristin Chitwood, Walker Bay Days  
Tony Wiemann, Lucky Moose  
Mona Glassmann, Ambulance Director

**CONSENT AGENDA – Mayor Walhof**

**M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1 thru 3 as follows:

1. Approve Walker City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2006.
2. Approve February 2006 disbursements.
3. Approve January, 2006 Cash Balances.
4. Addition of Item 2 under other business, Proclamation 1-2006

Motion passed: 5-0

**SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Walhof**

- Sharon Andersen, Leech lake Area Chamber discussed with the Council the possibility of holding a Farmers Market on Friday's from June 16<sup>th</sup> thru October 27<sup>th</sup>.

**M/S** Fjelstul, Mohr to add as number #8 under Economic Development.

Motion passed: 5-0

- Cindy Wannarka, Leech Lake Area Chamber, requested the closing of 5<sup>th</sup> Street, from Minnesota Ave. to Railroad Ave. the evening of September 9, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. for the Ethnic Fest Street Dance.

**M/S** Bresley, Mohr to add as number #9 under Economic Development.

Motion passed: 5-0

- Jeff Holly and Kristen Chitwood, spoke to the Council about plans to hold a 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Walker Bay Days.

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

- FYI – DMV Review Report

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

1. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bruns to approve payment of Invoice #207939, in the amount of \$1,079.00 to Metro Sales, Inc. for the Ricoh Copier Maintenance Agreement for 2006.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Bruns, Mohr to approve contract in the amount of \$592.65 with Guardian Pest Control, for pest control at the Ambulance Garage for the year 2006.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bruns to approve payment of Invoice #20060110 in the amount of \$3,652.95 to Ortivus, Inc. for the annual support on the Ambulance Billing Software.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bruns to approve payment of Invoice #0141417 in the amount of \$22,361.57 to SEH for the Airport Layout Plan Update with Narrative Report.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bruns to approve Resolution 13-2006, a resolution supporting the Leech Lake Youth Hockey charitable gambling License, at Benson's.

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

Motion passed: 5-0

6. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bruns to approve the Walker Area Community Center's request to waive the Building Permit Fee over and above the City's expense for processing the permit.

Motion passed: 4-1 Nye: Mohr

7. **M/S** Bruns, Mohr to authorize the Budget & Finance Committee to negotiate the final term sheet with Steve Olson, Chase Hotel Developer, and bring back to the Council for final approval.

Motion passed: 5-0

8. Gail Leverson discuss possible grant options for a parking lot on the corner of Front & 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Possibly to be taken up with the EDC Update.
9. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bruns to approve Mona Glassmann's request to purchase needed equipment for stocking of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ambulance in the amount of \$4,939.20.

Motion passed: 5-0

10. **M/S** Mohr, Fjelstul to approve quote in the amount of \$550.00 from Syvantis Technologies for a new computer work-station for the Ambulance Service.

Motion passed: 5-0

11. **M/S** Bruns, Mohr to approve personnel committee's recommendation to hire Patricia Hanson, and Joseph Beaudreau for the 2 part-time positions for the evening paramedic position, not to exceed 80 hrs in a pay period, at \$10.50 per hour.

Motion passed: 5-0

12. Discussed the James T. Negaard Trust.

**M/S** Bresley, Bruns to table until April meeting, and have City Attorney John Valen refer any correspondence with US Bank to Scott Bruns, Chair of Economic Development.

Motion passed: 5-0

13. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bruns to send Terri Bjorklund to the 2006 Minnesota Municipal Clerks Institute, July 10<sup>th</sup> thru the 14<sup>th</sup>, at a cost of \$410.00.

Motion passed: 5-0

14. Update on the Joint Township/City meeting, regarding Fire Service Contracts. A committee will be formed with a representative from each township, and the City and they will continue to meet over the following year to discuss where to go from here, in the discussions on Fire Equipment, Firemen's Relief, and further Fire Service contracts. The City agreed to sign a one-year contract, at the same cost as last year, and all townships were in agreement

**M/S** Fjelstul, Mohr to sign a one-year contract with the following townships, Pine Lake, Leech Lake, Turtle Lake, Shingobee, and Cass County Unorganized.

Motion passed: 4-0 Council member Bruns Abstained.

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

1. **M/S** Bresley, Mohr to approve Walker Planning Commissions Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2006.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Bresley, Mohr to approve Walker Planning Commissions recommendation to allow a variance for parking for the Lucky Moose Restaurant.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Bresley, Mohr to approve Walker Planning Commissions recommendation to allow a variance for impervious surface for the Lucky Moose Restaurant.

Motion passed: 4-1 Nye: Walhof

4. **M/S** Bresley, Fjelstul to approve Walker Planning Commissions recommendation that the elevation on the Reggie Thiel condominium project be no higher than 101 feet.

Motion passed: 5-0

- **M/S** Walhof, Bresley to approve Walker Planning Commissions recommendation to grant Reggie Thiel a conditional use permit, allowing a Multi Family Residential, in a Transitional Commercial Zone.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Bresley, Fjelstul to approve payment of Invoice in the amount of \$1,200.00 to Cass County Auditor-Treasurer for the Annual Maintenance, Administration fees for Tax Increment Financing District.

Motion passed: 5-0

6. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bresley to approve payment of Invoice #332315 in the amount of \$2,231.25 to Ehlers & Associates, Inc. for work on the Chase Hotel Project.

Motion passed: 5-0

7. **M/S** Bresley, Fjelstul to proceed with grant application for a parking lot on the corner of Front & 5<sup>th</sup> street

Motion passed: 5-0

- EDC Update
8. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve a Farmers Market, being held on the Chamber Lawn.

Motion passed: 5-0

9. **M/S** Mohr, Bresley to allow the closure of 5<sup>th</sup> street from Minnesota Ave. to Railroad Ave. from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006, for the Ethnic Fest Dance

Motion passed: 5-0

#### **PARKS & RECREATION/CEMETERY/LIBRARY – Councilmember Mohr**

1. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve Walker Park Board Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2006.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Bresley, Fjelstul to approve Walker Park board's recommendation for the Walker Area Partners/Walker Rotary to use the Park on August 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, to hold the first annual Walker Bay Days.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. No quorum for the Walker Cemetery Board Meeting of February 22, 2006.
4. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bresley to approve recommendation to pay for spring start, and fall shut down of the irrigation system, at the Cemetery in an amount not to exceed a \$1,000.00

Motion passed: 5-0

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

1. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr payment in the amount of \$670.00 for annual service connection fees for the Municipal Water Supply.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve payment of Invoice #329 in the amount of \$560.00 to T & C Excavating for hauling and picking up the Snowblower from Catco in Bemidji.

Motion passed: 5-0

#### **OTHER BUSINESS – Mayor Walhof**

1. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve Resolution 14-2006, a resolution accepting the final agreement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the Leech Lake Area Fishing Task Force.

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

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Bruns, Bresley to approve Proclamation 1-2006, a proclamation proclaiming March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006 as Jessie Ondarko day.

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

- Darrick Anderson, Landecker & Associates updated the Council on the Tower Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> street Project. The goal is to have everything ready to go out for bids the first part of May

**CONTINUATION – Mayor Walhof**

Mayor Walhof continued the meeting until 7:00 p.m. on March 16<sup>th</sup> for presentation of the city’s 2005 Audit, and consider approval of the 2005 Audit.

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Bradley J. Walhof, Mayor

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