

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER –Mayor Shaw

- Mayor Jed Shaw called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance
 - Council members present: Haefele, Shaw, McMurrin and Wilkening
 - Council members absent: Senenfelder
 - Others present during portions of the meeting included:

Dean Morrill, Pilot Independent
Wayne Tennis, City Police
Pamela Smith, City Employee
Travis Bakker, City Police
Shannon Pfeiffer, FOP
Erica Frizzell, FOP
Eddy Kendrick, Self
Jenn Arnold, Self

Terri Bjorklund, City Administrator
Chris Thorson, Ulteig
John Valen, City Attorney
Neil Lange, Public Works
Cindy Wannarka, Chamber
Kristin Holly
Blake Kendrick, Self

CONSENT AGENDA

M/S Wilkening/Haefele to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1 thru 11 as follows, waving the reading.

1. Approve Walker City Council minutes of February 1st and February 18th, 2016.
2. Review and file Walker Public Library Board minutes of January 27th, 2016.
3. Review and file draft of Walker Park Advisory Board minutes of February 23rd, 2016.
4. Review and file Friends of Park minutes of February 11th, 2016.
5. Review and file Walker Area Joint Fire Department minutes of February 11th, 2016.
6. Review and file draft Walker Planning Commissions/Board of Adjustments meeting minutes of February 29th, 2016.
7. Review and file January Zoning Administrator report.
8. Review and file Walker Police Department Monthly Report.
9. Review and file Public Works Committee minutes of February 11, 2016.
10. Approve Cash Balance Report as of February 29th, 2016.
11. Review and file letter from the U.S. Census Bureau regarding the preparation for the 2017 Census of Governments.

Motion passed (4-0)

SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS –Mayor Shaw

- The City Council wishes to recognize the poster contest winners from the MRWA 4th Grade poster contest.
 - 1st Place, Rogue Bialke
 - 2nd Place, Blake Kendrick
 - 3rd Place, Veritas Stewart

- Boys & Girls Club Presentation- Gil Camora, Executive Director Jake Chernugol, and Cindy Walhof, Walker Unit Director

Jacob Chernugol introduced himself as the Chief Financial Officer for the Boys and Girls Club and expressed his thanks to the community, parents, businesses and the City of Walker for support of the Boys and Girls Club. The Boys and Girls Club and himself will be reaching out to the community in the future as part of a research and development team.

CITY STAFF COMMENTS – Administrator Terri Bjorklund

None.

PERSONNEL, BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION – Councilmember Wilkening

1. **M/S** Wilkening/McMurrin to approve of Claim #52108 to Claim #52210 including Voided Check Numbers 52151 and 52152 and bank drafts in the amount of \$218,048.42.
Motion passed (4-0)
2. **M/S** Wilkening/McMurrin to approve of Michelle Carlson’s successful completion of the 6 month probationary period as the part-time Department of Motor Vehicle Clerk with a .25 cent per hour wage increase, effective 3/22/2016.
Motion passed (4-0)
3. **M/S** Wilkening/McMurrin to approve of Anna Blake’s successful completion of the 6 month probationary period as the part-time Liquor Store Clerk with a .25 cent per hour wage increase, effective 3/22/2016.
Motion passed (4-0)
4. **M/S** Wilkening/McMurrin not to waive the statutory Tort limits established by MN Statute 466.04.
Motion passed (4-0)
5. **M/S** Wilkening/McMurrin to approve of Resolution 09-2016, a resolution certifying past due Walker Water Works account to the 2017 tax roll.
Roll Call: Ayes: Haefele, McMurrin, Shaw, Wilkening Nays: None
Motion passed (4-0)
6. **M/S** Wilkening/McMurrin to approve of Resolution 10-2016, a resolution approving the City of Walker to apply for loans with the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority for a loan from the Clean Water Revolving Fund/Drinking Revolving Fund.
Roll Call: Ayes: Haefele, McMurrin, Shaw, Wilkening Nays: None
Motion passed (4-0)
7. **M/S** Wilkening/Haefele to approve of Ordinance 2016-01, an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 111 entitled “Alcohol Beverages” by adding Brew Pub Off-Sale License (Growlers) and Brewer Taprooms.
Roll Call: Ayes: Haefele, McMurrin, Shaw, Wilkening Nays: None
Motion passed (4-0)

8. **M/S Wilkening/McMurrin** to approve of Resolution 11-2016, a resolution authorizing a summary publication of Ordinance 2016-01, amending Chapter 111 Entitled “Alcoholic Beverages” by adding Brew Pub Off-Sale License (Growlers) and Brewer Taprooms.
Roll Call: Ayes: Haefele, McMurrin, Shaw, Wilkening Nays: None
Motion passed (4-0)
9. **M/S Wilkening/Haefele** to approve of the request of the Police department to send Chief Tennis and Officer Baker to the mandatory Precision Driving at Saint Cloud, MN on June 15, 2016, at a cost to include hourly wages, meals. The training is free.
Motion passed (4-0)
10. **M/S Wilkening/McMurrin** to approve of the request from the Public Works Committee to send Neil Lange to the MPCA conference/awards ceremony on Thursday March 24th, 2016 in Brooklyn Park at a cost to include hourly wages and meals.
Motion passed (4-0)
11. **M/S Wilkening/McMurrin** to approve to have City Attorney John Valen draft and issue an order pursuant to Minnesota Statue §463.16 for Lot 4 Less North Thirty Feet Thereof and North Eight Feet of South Thirty Feet of Lot Five and Lot Five Less South Thirty Feet, Block Three Quams First Addition to Walker, Cass County, Minnesota, located within the city limits of Walker.
Motion passed (4-0)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/LIQUOR STORE & AIRPORT – Councilmember McMurrin

1. **M/S McMurrin/Wilkening** to approve of Walker Planning Commission/Board of Adjustments Meeting Minutes of January 25th, 2016.
Motion passed (4-0)
2. **M/S McMurrin/Wilkening** to approve of the request from Liquor Store Manager Steve Kolp to replace the existing lighting fixtures in the Walker Bay Spirits Liquor Store and to approve the quote from Olson Electric in the amount of \$3,505.00 (this is a budgeted item for 2016).
Motion passed (4-0)
3. Discussion on the prospect of a 371 bypass, options to consider other than a bypass. Wilkening reviewed the past history with what is being proposed with the 371 bypass or running a four lane though the City. He stressed that neither option would be viable for the City and urged a committee to be formed to work towards a feasible solution for the City and the community. Wilkening and McMurrin volunteer to be on the committee together.
Cindy Wannarka stated that she received a phone call from the Chairman of the Paul Bunyan Expressway committee asking for a letter of support and from the meetings that she has attended she was under the impression that they have the support of both Representative John Persell and Senator Tom Saxhaug. Wannarka noted that the fear is, it could get put on the bottom of a transportation bill and passed during the State session without much discussion.

LIBRARY, PARKS– Councilmember Haefele

1. **M/S Haefele/McMurrin** to approve of the Walker Park Advisory Board meeting minutes from January 26th, 2015.
Motion passed (4-0)
2. **M/S Haefele/McMurrin** to approve to review and file letter of resignation from JoAnn Rand from the Walker Public Library Board.
Motion passed (4-0)
3. **M/S Haefele/Wilkening** to approve to accept the application for appointment for the Library Board from Char Moore and Judy Anderson.
Motion passed (4-0)
4. **M/S Haefele/Wilkening** to approve of the recommendation of the Walker Park Advisory Board for Friends of the Park to move forward with the ‘Buy a Brick Campaign’ with pathway in the Park.
Wilkening stated that he liked the concept of the Buy a Brick campaign but had concerns with how they would be set; whether it would be in sand or concrete/cement and how they would hold up in sandy soil. He questioned if it was in fact ADA compliant and whether or not they could do it was a walk space or a ring around the playground.
Holly responded that Dan Dormanen has committed to installing the pavers at no expense and estimated that it would take him roughly four days to complete the walkway and also didn’t feel that there would be very many repairs because of the sandy soil.
McMurrin stated that she thinks the Buy a Brick idea is good as well however worries about people in wheel chairs and how bumpy it would be. McMurrin has concerns about future repairs with the bricks and whom would be financial responsible for that and what could they expect for costs that could occur if they were damaged.
Holly stated that it would depend on what kind of damage it was.-I don’t know if the park has a maintenance budget or maybe part of the funds raised could be put aside for that.
Motion passed (4-0)
5. **M/S Haefele/McMurrin** to approve of the recommendation of the Walker Park Advisory Board to insert flyers for the ‘Buy a Brick Campaign’ into the water billing. McMurrin stated that she is against putting anything else into the water bill and doesn’t believe that an entity that is not affiliated with the City should be mailed with the water bills.
Haefele states that the Chamber is allowed to put flyers for the night we light into the water bills.
Wilkening asked Valen if he felt that this would be a conflict.
Valen did not see it as a problem.
Wilkening clarified that if the Senior Center wanted to send something? Valen responded that the Park is something that is affiliated with the City as a City project, the Senior Center is not.
Motion passed (4-0)

6. **M/S** Haefele/Shaw to approve of the recommendation of the Walker Park Advisory Board to add the City Logo and Name to any information for the ‘Buy a Brick Campaign’.
 Haefele stated that she didn’t think that we needed to add the City logo.
 Holly stated that she agrees that they are two separate entities and it is up to the City if they wanted to add their City logo.
 Ayes: Nays: Shaw, Wilkening, McMurrin, Haefele
 Motion failed (0-4)
7. **M/S** Haefele/Wilkening to approve of the recommendation of the Walker Park Advisory Board to allow the City to provide a link to the Friends of the Park Website on the City of Walker Website.
 Valen saw no problem with doing this.
 Ayes: Haefele, Wilkening, Shaw Nays: McMurrin
 Motion passed (3-1)
8. **M/S** Haefele/McMurrin to approve to enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for an Airport Maintenance and Operation Grant Contract.
 Motion passed (3-1)
9. **M/S** Haefele/McMurrin to approve to amend the previously approved Circus request to change the two performances to occur on Sunday June 19th, 2016.
 Wannarka stated that they would not be arriving until Sunday morning.
 Wilkening questioned if it rained really hard would the Chamber pay to clean it up.
 Haefele stated that the Park Board is currently discussing damage deposits for the Park.
 Ayes: Haefele, Shaw, McMurrin Nays: Wilkening
 Motion passed (3-1)

PUBLIC WORKS, SAFETY & CEMETERY – Councilmember Wilkening

1. **M/S** Wilkening/McMurrin to approve of the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to approve the proposal from Tyler’s Backhoe Service for logging and thinning of lots in the Industrial Park.
 Motion passed (4-0)
2. **M/S** Wilkening/McMurrin to approve of Resolution 12-2016, a Resolution Approving County Project within Municipal Corporate Limits.
 Roll Call: Ayes: Haefele, McMurrin, Shaw, Wilkening Nays: None
 Motion passed (4-0)
3. **M/S** Wilkening/McMurrin to approve of Resolution 13-2016, a Resolution for Parallel Parking Only on Fifth Street North.
 Chris Thorson explains that this is standard resolution-one of their requirements upfront to cover all bases.
 Bjorklund stated that she was under the understanding that is to retain driving lane width.
 Roll Call: Ayes: Haefele, McMurrin, Shaw, Wilkening Nays: None
 Motion passed (4-0)

OTHER BUSINESS –Mayor Jed Shaw

None.

The regular City Council meeting was closed at 6:57 p.m. for City Council and the City Attorney to discuss negotiation strategies in conjunction with the proposed sale of the Clinic condo.

Open the closed meeting at 7:05 p.m. and adjourn without discussion.

ADJOURNMENT-Mayor Jed Shaw

Mayor Shaw adjourned the regularly scheduled Meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Jed Shaw, Mayor

Attest: _____
Terri Bjorklund, Administrator