

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WALKE FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM
Monday April 2, 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, Worth, Walhof
- Council members absent: None
- Others present during portions of the meeting included:

Terri Bjorklund, Administrator
Wayne Tennis, Police Chief
John Valen, City Attorney
Will Hoyt, Landecker & Assoc.
Ron Berry, Resident
Tony Sauer
Gary Wilkening, Resident
Mark Olson
Gail Leverson, Cass County EDC
Barb Morrill, CavCom

Sylvia Bakker, City Employee
Derek Anderson, Landecker & Assoc.
Bonnie Stewart, Resident
Dean Morrill, Pilot Independent
Deb Wilkening, Park Board
Rosie Ochs, Resident
Willard Arends, Park Board
Paul Dybing, Bank Forward
Cindy Wannarka, LLACC
Jeff Morrill, CavCom

CONSENT AGENDA - Mayor Walhof

M/S Finney, Worth to approve the consent agenda items 1 thru 9 as follows

1. Approve Walker City Council Public Hearing Minutes of Mar. 5, 2007.
2. Approve Walker City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of Mar. 5, 2007.
3. Approve Walker City Council Continuation Meeting Minutes of Mar. 12, 2007.
4. Approve March 2007 disbursements.
5. Approve Cash Balance report as of February 28, 2007.
6. Review and file Walker Police Departments Monthly Report
7. Review and file Walker Ambulance Departments Call Summary.
8. Review and file Walker Legion Club's letter dated March 27, 2007.
9. Review and file Leech Lake Area Chamber of Commerce letter dated March 26th, 2007.
10. Addition of # 14 under Public Works, T & C Proposal to repair water main.
11. Addition of # 15 under Public Works, Fire Department FEMA Grant request.
12. Addition of # 6 under Personnel, Liquor Store request to attend the Alcohol Awareness Training.

Motion passed: 4-0

SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Walhof

- Mark Olson – Olson Electric, discussed with the Council the City Park Electrical Proposal.
- Cindy Wannarka – Leech Lake Area Chamber
 - Discussed the Governor’s Fishing Opener Community Picnic, and the City’s role.
 - Discussed the Byway Entrance Signs, and base.
 - Discussed Crazy Days, and Ethnic Fest Street Closures.

CITY STAFF COMMENTS/CONCERNS – Administrator Terri Bjorklund

- Wayne Tennis – Updated the Council on Parking Logistics for the Governor’s Fishing Opener.
- Administrator Bjorklund informed the Council that the City has received its first request for Gap Funding. The City’s portion for funding is \$3,758.00.

PERSONNEL, BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION – Council member Fjelstul

1. **M/S** Finney, Worth to approve Police Officer Travis Baker, and Jesse LeBlanc attendance at a Methamphetamine Interdiction Class on April 4th & 5th, at a cost of wages.

Motion passed: 4-0

2. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve request from the Summer Recreation Director, for funding in the amount of \$5,000.00

Motion passed: 4-0

3. **M/S** Finney, Worth to approve request from Northern Lakes Floral & Garden Center, and Barb’s Creative Gardens for funding in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the Walker Beautification Project, with half to be split in the purchasing of Flowers from the Floral Shop located within the City Limits.

Motion passed: 4-0

4. **M/S** Finney, Fjelstul to approve payment of Invoice #ARLET200751 in the amount of \$800.00 to Arrowhead Region Law Enforcement Training, for membership for 4 Officers.

Motion passed: 4-0

5. **M/S** Finney, Worth to approve Walker Personnel Committee’s recommendation to appoint Gary Wilkening to the vacated Council Seat, to be sworn in at the May 1st, 2007, Council meeting.

Motion passed: 4-0

6. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve the Liquor Store Employees attending the MLBA’s Alcohol Awareness Course on May 6th, 2007, at a cost of \$16.00 per employee, plus meals and mileage.

Motion passed: 4-0

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mayor Walhof

1. **M/S** Finney, Worth to approve Walker Planning Commission’s Regular Meeting Minutes of March 26th, 2007.

Motion passed: 4-0

2. **M/S** Fjelstul, Worth to approve Walker Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the Conditional Use permit for Bank Forward, under the condition that the sign display's only Time, Temperature, and Public Information.

Motion passed: 4-0

3. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to deny Walker Planning Commission's recommendation that all sign applications be routed thru the Planning Commission.

Motion passed: 4-0

4. Reviewed and filed Cass County Economic Development Corporation's February 2007 Activity Report.
5. Gail Leveson – Cass County EDC gave the Council an update on activity.
 - Request for funding in the amount of \$600.00 for two Industrial Park Signs, to be installed by MNDOT.
6. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to transfer \$30,000.00 from the Liquor Store Fund, to the Street Department, and Park Funds.

Motion passed: 4-0

PARKS & RECREATION/LIBRARY – Council member Worth

1. **M/S** Finney, Fjelstul to approve Walker Park Board Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2007.

Motion passed: 4-0

2. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve quote from Olson Electric in the amount of \$17,405.00, plus locates for Extra Power, for more lighting, speakers and electricity in the City Park.

Motion passed: 4-0

3. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve Walker Park Board's recommendation to remove the boulders and add signage to use the old entrance into the Park as a one-way exit from the Park onto Second Street on a temporary basis.

Motion passed: 4-0

4. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve Walker Park Board's recommendation to allow the Leech Lake Area Chamber of Commerce to use the Park on Friday May 11th, 2007, for the Governor's Fishing Opener Community Picnic.

Motion passed: 4-0

5. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve Walker Park Board's recommendation for the City Administrator to draw up an RFP, for estimates to repair the bathrooms at Walker City Park.

Motion passed: 4-0

6. **M/S** Finney, Fjelstul to approve the Walker Park Board's recommendation to order Irri-Tape for the City Beach, at a cost of \$135.00, plus tax & shipping for a 500-foot roll.

Motion passed: 4-0

7. **M/S** Finney, Fjelstul to approve Walker Park Board's recommendation to order 4 Terro-Eyes at a cost of \$270.00, plus tax & shipping.

Motion passed: 4-0

8. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve Walker Park Board's recommendation to advertise for a Life Guard to work 24 hours per-week at the City Beach.

Motion passed: 4-0

9. **M/S Fjelstul, Finney** to approve Leech Lake Area Chamber's request for the City to pay for Extra Port-a-potties, Hand Washing Stations, and extra garbage cans for the Governor's Fishing Opener, with the Administrator to work with the Chamber to find the best price.

Motion passed: 4-0

10. **M/S Fjelstul** to table Leech Lake Area Chamber's request for the City to provide funding towards the base of the Scenic By Way Sign, until we can get more information.

Motion passed: 4-0

11. **M/S Finney, Fjelstul** to approve Leech lake Area Chamber's request to close 5th Street June 21st, 6th Street July 19th, 5th Street August 9th, and 5th & 6th Street from Mn Ave. to the alley for Crazy Days, and Ethnic Fest.

Motion passed: 4-0

12. **M/S Fjelstul, Finney** to approve request by Mary Beth Mohr to remain as the Kitchigami Regional Library Board Representative for the City.

Motion passed: 4-0

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY/CEMETERY – Council member Finney

1. **M/S Fjelstul, Worth** to approve Walker Street Departments request to purchase a Pickup Broom, and four Gutter Brooms for the Street sweeper, at a cost of \$548.00, plus tax & shipping.

Motion passed: 4-0

2. **M/S Fjelstul, Worth** to approve Walker Street Departments request to purchase 10 5-gal buckets of White Paint, and 2 5-gal buckets of Yellow, at a cost of \$764.02, plus tax and shipping.

Motion passed: 4-0

3. **M/S Fjelstul, Worth** to approve Walker Ambulance Departments request to purchase a 2006 Ford Super liner Type III Ambulance, with 8,000 miles, from 94 Services, Inc. at a cost of \$105,837.00, plus graphics.

Motion passed: 4-0

4. **M/S Fjelstul, Worth** to approve Cass County's Health, Human & Veterans Service request to provide an agreement, reducing the rate for Ambulance Services by 50%.

Motion passed: 4-0

5. **M/S Fjelstul, Worth** to approve Walker Ambulance Services request to purchase uniforms at a cost of \$1,365.00, plus shipping.

Motion passed: 4-0

6. **M/S Fjelstul, Worth** to approve Walker Ambulance Departments request to purchase 2 Laptop Computers, and 2 mobile printers at a cost of \$4,052.00, plus tax and shipping.

Motion passed: 4-0

7. **M/S Fjelstul, Worth** to approve Walker Ambulance Departments request to purchase 2 EZ I/O's for protocol change at a cost of \$1,050.00

Motion passed: 4-0

8. **M/S** Finney, Fjelstul to approve Walker Ambulance Departments request for a Contract Change, for a site purchase from Ortivus, in the amount of \$1,950.00.

Motion passed: 4-0

9. **M/S** Worth, Fjelstul to approve Walker Ambulance request to have all the Ambulances repaired at a cost not to exceed \$8,447.50.

Motion passed: 4-0

10. **M/S** Fjelstul, Worth to approve Walker Cemetery Board's Meeting Minutes of March 13th, 2007.

Motion passed: 4-0

11. **M/S** Fjelstul, Worth to approve renewing the Cemetery's Independent Contract with Al Bakker, for the 2007/2008 season, with a 3% increase.

Motion passed: 4-0

12. **M/S** Fjelstul, Worth to approve payment to Cass County Highway Department for Crack sealer for the Walker Street Department in the amount of \$1,182.79.

Motion passed: 4-0

13. **M/S** Worth, Fjelstul to approve payment of Invoice #561, in the amount of \$805.00 for emergency repairs to a water main.

Motion passed: 4-0

14. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve estimate in the amount of \$4,498.50 to repair water main at the corner of 4th Street & Birchwood Street.

Motion passed: 4-0

15. **M/S** Finney, Worth to approve Walker Fire Departments, request to rewrite and resubmit the FEMA Grant Application, and if awarded the grant, there will be a \$500.00 charge

Motion passed: 4-0

OTHER BUSINESS – Mayor Walhof

M/S Finney, Worth to approve Proclamation #1-2007, a proclamation proclaiming April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Roll Call: All

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Walhof

Mayor Walhof adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Bradley J. Walhof, Mayor

Attest: _____
Terri Bjorklund, Administrator