

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM  
Monday April 3, 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.  
John Valen, City Attorney  
Joyce Young  
Gary Endicott  
Gordon Voldress  
Amy Jones  
Lana Lunz  
Lara Stewart  
Bonnie Stewart  
John Grimley  
Steve Michel  
Jim Dowson  
Steve Bilben  
Cindy Wannarka, Leech Lake Chamber  
Dean Morrill, Pilot Independent

Sylvia Bakker, City Employee  
Will Hoyt, Landecker & Assoc.  
Steve Olson, Chase Plaza Dev.  
Les Young  
Jared Olson  
Nancy Freeman  
Stephanie Freeman  
Sid Inman  
Jon Stewart  
Tony Sauer  
Richard Kolp  
Gail Leverson  
Mary Andrus  
Wayne Tennis, Police Officer  
Lynn Mineer

**CONSENT AGENDA – Mayor Walhof**

M/S Bresley, Bruns to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1 thru 4 as follows:

1. Approve Walker City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2206.
2. Approve Walker City Council Continuation Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2006.
3. Approve March 2006 disbursements.
4. Approve February 2006 cash balances.
5. Add Amy Jones – Signage proposal.
6. Addition of Item No. 6 under Economic Development.

Motion passed: 5-0

**SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Walhof**

- Acknowledged Thank-You letter dated March 7, 2006 from the Leech Lake Area Chamber of Commerce.
- Heard a report from Steve Bilben on hiking and biking trails.
- Stephanie Freeman – Report on downtown makeover.
- Amy Jones – Report on signage proposal. City to submit application for permit.

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

- Scholarship award in the amount of \$250.00 for the 2006 Minnesota Municipal Clerks Institute.
- Let's Go Fishing/Senior Outings.

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

1. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bruns to approve Resolution 17-2006, a resolution approving the Walker American Legion Auxiliary's application for a Premise Permit to conduct charitable gambling at its premises located at 407 Front Street West.

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

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Bruns, Mohr to approve payment of Work Order No. 24008 in the amount of \$602.73 to Emergency Apparatus for maintenance completed on Ambulance Unit 201.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bruns to approve payment of Work Order No. 24009 in the amount of \$797.30 to Emergency Apparatus for maintenance completed on Ambulance Unit 202.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Bruns, Mohr to approve payment of Invoice B948 in the amount of \$650.00 to North Memorial EMS Education for Initial Basic EMT Training for (1) student.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bruns to approve payment of Invoice B939 in the amount of \$920.00 to North Memorial EMS Education for Basic EMT Refresher Course for (4) students.

Motion passed: 5-0

6. **M/S** Mohr, Bruns to approve Walker Ambulance Services request to hire a grant writer for a Paramedic Program at a cost of \$500.00.

Motion passed: 5-0

7. **M/S** Fjelstul, Mohr to approve Walker Fire Departments request to hire a grant writer for SCBA Equipment and a compressor at a cost of \$500.00.

Motion passed: 4-0 Council member Bruns abstained.

8. **M/S** Fjelstul, Mohr to approve the purchase of a new computer and monitor for the Administrators Office at a cost of \$780.00, plus tax and shipping.

Motion passed: 5-0

9. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bruns to approve a lease proposal with Deatons Mailing Systems, Inc., for a Hasler M300 Folder/Inserter and a Hasler Auto Feed WJ95 & IWP5 Scale.

Motion passed: 5-0

10. **M/S** Bruns, Mohr to approve Resolution 19-2006, a resolution approving a Term Sheet Agreement with Leisure Hotels, LLC., which will become the basis for the development agreement.

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

Motion passed: 5-0

11. Discussed James T. Negaard Trust. City Attorney John Valen stated that the status remained the same, and he hadn't been able to receive an answer on if the property could be sold as long as the money was used for a medical center. He advised the Council to accept the property with the current conditions, and he would draft a letter to the family on behalf of the City.

**M/S** Bruns, Mohr to assume the property with the conditions set forth.

12. **M/S** Bruns, Mohr to approve Walker Personnel Committee's recommendation to discontinue service with Ostlund Accounting as of April 1, 2006, with a 2 week severance pay of \$1,250.00.

Motion passed: 5-0

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

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

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Bresley, Mohr to approve Walker Planning Commissions recommendation to approve the Professional Plaza LLC Plat, contingent on compliance with the letter from Landeckers, that the screening on the north side of the property be four (4) to six (6) feet Conifer trees to be ten (10) feet on center, and that they look for any additional storage on the site for storm water run-off. All signage must comply with the current sign ordinance.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Bresley, Fjelstul to approve Walker Planning Commissions adoption of Resolution 15-2006.

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

**M/S** Bresley, Fjelstul to approve Resolution 16-2006, a resolution adopting the modification to the development program for Development District No. 2; and establishing Tax Increment Financing District No. 2-15 therein and adopting a Tax Increment Financing Plan Therefor., contingent upon a certified development agreement.

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

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bresley to approve Walker Planning Commissions recommendation to award the proposal for Platting Services on the Industrial Park to Landecker & Associates in the amount of \$17,980.00.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bresley to approve payment of Invoice #332471 in the amount of \$1,400.00 to Ehlers & Associates, Inc. for the Chase Hotel Project. Escrow Account.

Motion passed: 5-0

6. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bresley to approve entrance signs into the City of Walker, and for the City to submit all applications for the permit.

Motion passed: 5-0

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

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

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Bresley, Fjelstul to approve Walker Park Board’s recommendation to pass Resolution 18-2006, a resolution to support the Creation, Improvement, and Maintenance of Bicycling and Hiking Trails within the vicinity of the Walker Area.

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

Motion passed: 5-0

3. Library Board Update.
4. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve Walker Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes of March 30, 2006.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bruns to approve Walker Cemetery Board’s recommendation to renew Al Bakker’s Independent Contract as caretaker, as negotiated by the Cemetery Board.

Motion passed: 5-0

**PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY – Councilmember Fjelstul**

1. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve payment of Invoice #7373 in the amount of \$9,452.50 to Landecker & Associates for the Tower Ave. Feasibility.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve payment of Invoice #WAL-01 in the amount of \$525.05 to Mesabi Bituminous, Inc. for cold-mix to patch the pot-holes in the streets.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve request to replace the springs on the Plow Truck, at a cost of \$3,180.00, plus tax and labor.

Motion passed: 5-0

**OTHER BUSINESS – Mayor Walhof**

Ken Bresley advised the Council that T & C Contracting had been retained to do some Landscaping work at the Walker Airport, but due to weather conditions had not been begun. Hoping to start sometime next week.

**ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Walhof**

Mayor Walhof adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

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Bradley J. Walhof, Mayor

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