

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM  
Monday April 5, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Walhof**

- Mayor Walhof called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- Council members present: Fjelstul, Finney, Walhof, Wilkening
- Council members absent: Worth
- Others present during portions of the meeting included:

Terri Bjorklund, Administrator  
John Valen, City Attorney  
Edy Asell, Zoning Administrator  
Dean Morrill, Pilot Independent  
Greg Smith, Walker Resident  
Lloyd Peterson, Senior Leech Lakers  
Andy Peek, SEH

Wayne Tennis, Police Chief  
Joanne Mitchell, City Employee  
Neil Lange, Public Works Director  
Cindy Wannarka, Leech Lake Chamber  
Gail Levenson, Cass County EDC  
Travis Baker, Police Officer  
Ken Bresley, Airport Commissioner

**CONSENT AGENDA – Mayor Walhof**

**M/S** Wilkening, Finney to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1 thru 8 as follows:

1. Approve Walker City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2010.
2. Approve Cash Balances as of February 28, 2010.
3. Approve Claim #42794 to Claim #42838, and Claim #42840 to Claim #42868, and Claim #42870 to Claim #42895, in the amount of \$138,301.75.
4. Review and file Walker Police Department's Monthly Report.
5. Review and file Cass County Economic Development Corporations News Flash of March 2010.
6. Approve payment of Invoice #12504 to Ulteig Engineering in the amount of \$1,533.00 for Engineering Services on the Water/Sewer Extension to the City's Industrial Park.
7. Review and file Walker Planning Commission/Board of Adjustments Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes of March 29, 2010.
8. Addition of # 10 under Economic Development, discussion on trees at the Industrial Park

Motion passed: 4-0

**SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Walhof**

- Andy Peek, Ken Bresley Walker Airport Parallel Taxiway Update.  
Andy Peek stated the facts on the grant agreement for the Construct Parallel Taxiway – Phase 1, and went over the three special conditions of the grant. Andy Peek also explained the increase in the amount of the Wetland credits that is due to legislative changes.

Ken Bresley informed the council on what work would be done with the first round of grant money, and requested to get approval to start the project. Andy Peek discussed concerns from Councilmember's Fjelstul and Wilkening on the risks involved.

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

- JOBZ Reports for 2009. Administrator Terri Bjorklund stated that all of the reports have been filed.
- Well Head Protection Plan, Wells 4 & 5. Administrator Terri Bjorklund explained that we will start implementing the program and it will be referred to Public Works and Sylvia Bakker.

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

1. **M/S Fjelstul**, Finney to approve Wayne Tennis, Walker Police Chiefs recommendation to send Officer LeBlanc to a one-day Taser Instructor re-certification at a cost of \$195.00, plus meals and mileage.

Motion passed 4-0

2. **M/S Fjelstul**, Wilkening to not waive the Statutory Tort Limits established by Minnesota Statutes 466.04

Motion passed 4-0

3. **M/S Fjelstul**, Wilkening to approve Resolution 15-2010, a resolution accepting donations made to the City of Walker in Fiscal Year 2010. With one change remove Finney Memorial from Fire Department and place under Park

Roll Call: Ayes: Finney, Fjelstul, Wilkening, Walhof. Absent: Worth

Motion passed: 4-0

4. **M/S Fjelstul**, Finney to approve request from Gcubed Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Leech Lake Brewing Company to allow him to apply for an Off-Sale Liquor License, contingent upon Leech Lake Brewing Company's receipt of a Brewer's Notice from the TTB, and Wholesaler's/Manufacturer's Intoxicating Liquor License and a Brewpub Off Sale Malt Liquor License from the state of Minnesota.

Motion passed 4-0

5. **M/S Fjelstul**, Wilkening to approve to accept quote from Turf Tech in the amount of \$416.84 for two applications to spray the City Hall Green Space with Herbicide & Fertilization.

Motion passed: 4-0

6. **M/S Fjelstul**, Finney to approve resolution 16-2010, a resolution to execute Minnesota Department of Transportation Grant Agreement 1101-21 for Airport Improvements, excluding Land Acquisition.

Roll Call: Ayes: Finney, Fjelstul, Wilkening, Walhof. Absent: Worth

Motion passed 4-0

7. **M/S Fjelstul**, Wilkening to approve amending the Purchase Agreement for Wetland Banking Credits from \$35,583.71 to \$42,699.05

Motion passed: 4-0

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/LIQUOR STORE – Councilmember Wilkening**

1. **M/S** Wilkening, Fjelstul to approve Walker Planning Commission/Board of Adjustments Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2010.

Motion passed: 4-0

2. **M/S** Wilkening/Finney to approve Walker Planning Commissions/Board of Adjustments recommendation to table any action on the Temporary Sign Ordinance until next month.

Motion passed: 4-0

3. **M/S** Wilkening, Fjelstul to approve Walker Planning Commissions/Board of Adjustments recommendation to have the moratorium placed on the Temporary Sign Ordinance only apply to non-commercial Temporary Signs, and to only accept applications for display 15 days in advance.

Motion passed: 4-0

4. **M/S** Wilkening, Finney approve Walker Planning Commissions/Board of Adjustments recommendation to approve LU-2010-02, Forest Service Land Exchanges, compliance with the Comprehensive Plan.

Motion passed: 4-0

5. **M/S** Wilkening, Fjelstul to Review and file Zoning Administrators February 2010 Report.

Motion passed 4-0

6. **M/S** Wilkening, Finney to approve calling for a Public Hearing on April 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., Walker Fire Hall Meeting Room to hear comments and concerns on the proposed Land Exchange between the City of Walker and the Forest Service.

Motion passed: 4-0

7. **M/S** Wilkening, Fjelstul to approve calling for a Public Hearing on May 3, 2010, at 6:30 p.m., Walker Fire Hall Meeting Room to receive comments and concerns pertaining to the City of Walker's Proposed Comprehensive Plan.

Motion passed: 4-0

8. **M/S** Wilkening, Finney to table discussion on the Industrial Park Infrastructure.

Motion passed: 4-0

9. Discussion on the road to the Water Tower/Ball Fields.  
Councilmember Wilkening stated that during the Budget and Finance meeting he and Councilmember Fjelstul thought the City of Walker should address this and possibly take on the engineering of a solution for the road (see map) to the softball fields and soccer fields by the school. Possibly the City of Walker could engineer it, figure out a plan, the cost and set up a meeting with the potential partners, the City, School District, and Leech Lake Television. Mayor Walhof thought this should be turned over to public works. One of the biggest problems is this is not even a public street. Councilmember Fjelstul thought this should be addressed before it gets worse. He would at least like to find out what it would cost to do this. There are so many rocks and it is hard to drive on the road without damaging your vehicle, and his recommendation is to have Public Works take a look at it.

**M/S** Wilkening, Finney to send the map to Public Works for discussion and action.

Motion passed 4-0

10. **M/S** Wilkening, Finney to refer the Industrial Park tree removal proposal from Curt Sawyer to the Walker Planning Commission/Board of adjustment for review and comment and have a recommendation at the next Council meeting.

Motion passed: 4-0

#### **LIBRARY – Mayor Walhof**

1. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve accepting quote from Turf Tech in the amount of \$80.30 for two applications, to spray the Walker Library with Herbicide & Fertilization.

Motion passed: 4-0

2. **M/S** Wilkening, Fjelstul to table getting bids for repair of the Library Roof.

Motion passed: 4-0

3. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to hire structural engineer to look at the Library Building.

Motion passed: 4-0

#### **PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY/ PARKS/CEMETERY– Councilmember Finney**

1. **M/S** Finney, Wilkening to approve request from Neil Lange, Public Works Director to have Aspen Construction replace a broken post at the City Dock at a cost of \$550.00

Motion passed: 4-0

2. **M/S** Finney, Wilkening to approve request from Neil Lange, Public Works Director to accept the quote from team Lab in the amount of \$3,975.00 to spray the City's wastewater ponds.

Motion passed: 4-0

3. **M/S** Finney, Wilkening to approve request from Neil Lange, Public Works Director to purchase Fire Hydrant parts to repair a leaking Hydrant at a cost of \$559.08, plus tax and shipping.

Motion passed: 4-0

4. **M/S** Finney, Wilkening to approve request from Neil Lange, Public Works Director to approve the excavating right of way permit.

Motion passed: 4-0

5. **M/S** Finney, Fjelstul approve payment of Invoice #3102828 in the amount of \$2,432.27 to Hawkins, Inc. for two (2) Regulators and one (1) Auto Switchover for the Chlorine Cylinder at the Water Treatment Plant for an Emergency Repair.

Motion passed: 4-0

6. Discussion and action if needed on the Industrial Park Infrastructure.  
Greg Smith stated that he was advised by his plumbing contractor Bob Andrews, that he had submitted the plumbing plans to the State of Minnesota, and that Bob Andrews was advised by whomever he dealt with at the State to run the restroom waste directly into the septic system that exists in the industrial park and then separately run my waste water from the brewing process from the floor drain to the holding tank as we discussed previously. The difference is that rather than

running all, including the restroom waste into the holding tanks, the State is advising that the restroom waste not go directly into the holding tank but straight out to the septic system. Greg Smith stated that he had talked with Terri Bjorklund and Sylvia Bakker about the meter hookups for each. There will be three separate meters, and three separate accounts. Greg Smith states that he is hoping that the Council will permit this. He is asking for approval for this plan to go forward.

Public Works Director Neil Lange states that he has a letter from the Minnesota Department of Health, dated, February 5, 2010, that states "To prevent potential contamination of these wells it is recommended the city not allow expansion of the nearby community septic system drain field, or discontinue use of Wells 4 and 5. He did not feel our system could handle any more usage. Mayor Walhof stated that they needed this approval in order to open, and did not feel that the usage would be that great, since he would not be sending his production process waste into the sewer system. Edy Asell, zoning Administrator stated that this is a different request than was approved in the conditional use permit that was granted. She would like a report from the City Engineer, Zoning Administration, and Public Works when these requests are brought forward so we have them on file.

**M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve the plan as presented.

Motion passed: 4-0

7. **M/S** Finney, Wilkening to approve Walker Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2010.

Motion passed: 4-0

8. **M/S** Finney, Fjelstul to approve Walker Cemetery Board's recommendation to have Harry Schleeter, redo the fencing at the Walker Cemetery at a cost of \$5,000.00.

Motion passed: 4-0

9. **M/S** Finney, Fjelstul to approve Walker Cemetery Board's recommendation to give Al Bakker a 1.5% raise.

Motion passed: 4-0

10. **M/S** Finney, Wilkening to approve Walker Cemetery Board's recommendation to accept quote from Turf Tech in the amount of \$1,754.90 for two applications to spray the Walker Cemetery with Herbicide & Fertilization.

Motion passed: 4-0

11. **M/S** Finney, Wilkening to approve quote from Turf Tech in the amount of \$1,100.00 for Irrigation Service Agreement.

Motion passed: 4-0

12. **M/S** Finney, Fjelstul to approve Walker Park Board's Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2010.

Motion passed: 4-0

13. **M/S** Finney, Wilkening to approve Walker Park Board's recommendation to allow Alita Reque, to use the Walker City Park on August 21, 2010 for a wedding.

Motion passed: 4-0

14. **M/S** Finney, Fjelstul to approve Walker Park Board's recommendation to allow Cornerstone Church to have a picnic in the Walker City Park on August 1, 2010.

Motion passed: 4-0

15. **M/S** Finney to approve Walker Park board's recommendation to allow HOWA to use Lake May Beach for part of the Amazing Race on July 10, 2010.

Motion failed for lack of second

**M/S** Wilkening, Finney to pass this on to the Chief of Police for review and report back to us on our April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion passed: 4-0

16. **M/S** Finney, Wilkening to approve Walker Park board's recommendation to allow the Leech Lake Area Chamber of Commerce to use the Park on August 12 thru 15, 2010 for Walker Bay Days.

Motion passed: 4-0

17. **M/S** Finney, Fjelstul to approve Walker Park Board's recommendation to allow the purchase and installation of 3 DogiPot Stations and extra bags from the Jack Finney Memorial Money.

Motion passed: 4-0

18. **M/S** Finney, Wilkening to approve Walker Park Board's recommendation to accept quote from Turf Tech in the amount of \$1,758.10 for two applications to spray the Walker City Park for Herbicide & Fertilization.

Motion passed: 4-0

**OTHER BUSINESS – Mayor Walhof**

Ken Bresley stated it was his recommendation to proceed with the Parallel Taxiway Construction and would like permission to do so.

**M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to proceed with Construction of the Parallel Taxiway Construction Phase I

Motion passed 4-0

**ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Walhof**

Mayor Walhof adjourned the Regular Scheduled Meeting at 8:14 p.m.

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Bradley Walhof, Mayor

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