

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM
Monday April 6, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Walhof

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

Terri Bjorklund, Administrator
Travis Baker, Police
Dean Morrill, Pilot Independent
Edy Asell, Planning & Zoning
Judy Moravec, City Auditor
Willard Arends, Resident

Sylvia Bakker, City Employee
John Valen, City Attorney
Gary Nansen - Ulteig
Ken Bresley – Airport
Buddy Danielson – Legion Club
Marion Ridge, Kitchigami Regional Library

CONSENT AGENDA – Mayor Walhof

M/S Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1 thru 11 as follows:

1. Approve Walker City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2009.
2. Approve Cash Balance Report as of February 28, 2009.
3. Approve Claim #41182 and Claim #41184, to Claim #41240 and Claim #41242, to Claim #41288, in the amount of \$159,968.37.
4. Review and file Walker Police Department's Monthly Report.
5. Review and file Cass County EDC Newsletter.
6. Review and file Cass County EDC's February 2009 Activity Report.
7. Review and file letter dated March 3, 2009 from Herschel Blasing, Pollution Control Specialist.
8. Review and file letter dated March 25, 2009 from Dan Frank, Initiative Foundation.
9. Review and file 2008 Deputy Registrar Review.
10. Review letter being sent to Club Liquor License Holders.
11. Consider approval to pay Invoice #1679 in the amount of \$2,000.00 to Community Growth Institute for the Comprehensive Plan.
12. Addition of # 12 under Personnel, Budget & Finance, a request for a 1 to 4 day Temporary Liquor License, for the Walker Community Center.
13. Addition of # 8 under Economic Development, request for Property Tax Exemption for the Senior Leech Lakers Property.
14. Addition of Gary Nansen, Ulteig under Citizen Comments and Concerns.

Motion passed: 5-0

AUDIT PRESENTATION – Judy Moravec

- Judy Moravec – City Auditor presented the 2008 Audit

SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Walhof

- Ken Bresley gave the council an update on the Walker Airport Projects.
- Marion Ridge, Kitchigami Regional Library updated the council on the Joint Powers Agreement.
- Buddy Danielson, Legion Club Manager requested the council to consider a 2:00 a.m. bar closing.
- Gary Nansen, updated the Council on projects they are currently working on.

CITY STAFF COMMENTS/CONCERNS – Administrator Terri Bjorklund

PERSONNEL, BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION – Councilmember Fjelstul

1. **M/S Fjelstul**, Wilkening to approve the 2008 Audit as presented.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S Fjelstul**, Wilkening to approve payment of the 2009 Property Tax for the Walker Ambulance Building, in the amount of \$9,372.00.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S Fjelstul**, Finney to approve payment of the 2009 Property Tax for the Reggie Thiel Property in the amount of \$3,096.00.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S Fjelstul**, Wilkening to approve entering into a lease with Metro Sales, in the amount of 8,417.80 yearly, for a copier for the DMV, Zoning Department.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S Fjelstul**, Finney to approve Resolution 10-2009, a resolution appointing an agent for the City's LMCIT Insurance Coverage.

Roll Call: Ayes: Finney, Fjelstul, Wilkening, Worth, Walhof Nays: None

Motion passed: 5-0

6. **M/S Wilkening**, Finney to use parcel ID #28-323-4400 to establish wetland credits for the Walker Airport if it is determined to be cost effective.

Motion passed: 5-0

- **M/S Wilkening**, Finney to turn over the establishment of wetland credits to Planning & Zoning Department.
- 7. **M/S Fjelstul**, Wilkening to move forward with the purchase of wetland credits for the Airport Taxiway.

Motion passed: 5-0

8. **M/S Fjelstul**, Finney to move forward with creating an RFP for grading of the parallel taxiway, and advertise for bids.

Motion passed: 5-0

9. **M/S Fjelstul**, Wilkening to approve applying for stimulus money for the parallel taxiway.

Motion passed: 5-0

10. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve quote in the amount of \$1,312.00 from R & R Petroleum Equipment Sales, Inc. for 70 feet of new gas line hose, and installation for the Walker Airport.

Motion passed: 5-0

11. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve Nick Zubke's attendance at the Gopher State One Call Before You Dig Seminar to be held in Park Rapids at a cost of mileage.

Motion passed: 5-0

12. **M/S** Fjelstul, Worth to approve a 1 to 4 day Temporary Liquor License for the Walker Area Community Center for April 26, 2009, contingent upon receipt of Liquor Liability Policy.

Motion passed: 4-0 Council Member Wilkening Abstained.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/LIQUOR STORE – Councilmember Wilkening

1. **M/S** Wilkening, Worth to approve Walker Planning Commissions Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2009

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Wilkening, Finney to review and file Walker Planning Commissions Meeting Minutes of March 30, 2009

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Wilkening, Finney to review and file Planning & Zoning Monthly Activity Report.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Wilkening, Fjelstul to approve Walker Planning Commissions recommendation to approve LU 2009-01, conditional use permit for exterior storage for the Holiday Station Store.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Wilkening, Finney to approve setting a Public Hearing for April 27, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Walker Fire Hall Meeting Room to review the proposed Resolution to amend the Ordinance for Congested District.

Motion passed: 5-0

6. **M/S** Wilkening, Worth to continue working on the proposed bike trail route, and send that also to Planning & Zoning for review, for final review once it gets narrowed down a little bit closer, as far as another preliminary design taking into account Railroad being maintained as two way traffic. Have a Public Hearing to gather Public input on that Project.

Motion passed: 5-0

7. **M/S** Fjelstul, Worth to deny request from Buddy Danielson, Walker Legion Club Manager for a 2:00 a.m. bar closing.

Motion passed: 4-0 Council Member Wilkening Abstained.

8. **M/S** Wilkening, Fjelstul to approve a tax exemption status for the Senior Citizen Property, as allowed by Minnesota Statute 272.02, subd. 14.

Motion withdrawn.

- **M/S** Wilkening, Worth to set a Public Hearing at the next City Council Meeting to discuss Tax Exempt Status for the Senior Leech Lakers Property.

Motion passed: 5-0

PARKS & RECREATION/LIBRARY – Councilmember Worth

1. **M/S** Worth, Finney to review and file Walker Park Board’s Non Quorum Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2009.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Worth, Wilkening to approve accepting the resignation of Otto Ringle from the Walker Park Board.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Worth, Fjelstul to approve ordering garbage can lids at a cost of \$115.00 (metal) each for the garbage cans in the Park, to help keep the birds out

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Worth, Fjelstul to approve ordering “Don’t Feed the Birds” signs at a cost of \$35.00 each, plus tax and shipping, or have the City crew build some.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Worth, Wilkening to approve donating \$5,000.00 to the Walker/Hackensack/Akeley 2009 Summer Recreation program.

Motion passed: 5-0

6. **M/S** Worth, Finney to approve Walker Library Board’s recommendation to appoint Deb Farrell to fill the vacated seat.

Motion passed: 5-0

7. **M/S** Worth, Fjelstul to approve entering into a Joint Powers Agreement with Kitchigami Regional Library System in principal subject to provisions effective Jan. 1, 2010.

Motion passed: 5-0

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY/ CEMETERY– Councilmember Finney

1. **M/S** Finney, Fjelstul to approve quote in the amount of \$17,375.80 from Paul Pence Construction to redo the columns at the Walker Evergreen Cemetery.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Finney, Fjelstul to approve quote in the amount of \$735.06 from M & R Signs for 25 Green U Channel Sign Posts.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Finney, Wilkening to approve the purchase of 6000 lbs of crack filler in the amount of \$2,530.25 for the City of Walker Streets.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Finney, Wilkening to approve the Industrial Discharge Permit for West Central Environmental Consultants.

Motion passed: 5-0

- Ah-Gwah-Ching pre construction meeting for water/sewer lines.

OTHER BUSINESS – Mayor Walhof

- Mayor Walhof read a letter dated April 1, 2009 from friends of the park.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Walhof

Mayor Walhof adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Bradley J. Walhof, Mayor

Attest: _____
Terri Bjorklund, Administrator