

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 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, Senenfelder, and Wilkening
 - Council members absent: McMurrin
 - Others present during portions of the meeting included:

Scott Privatsky
Paul, Linda Nye
Wayne Tennis, City Police
John Valen, City Attorney
Dick Kolp
Phil Lavoie
Carlyne Raymond

Vivian Auel
Terri Bjorklund, City Administrator
Chris Thorson, Ulteig
Travis Bakker, City Police
Peg Hanson
Al Fiske
Rich Raymond

CONSENT AGENDA

None.

CITIZENS PRESENTATIONS –MAYOR SHAW

None.

SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS –Mayor Shaw

None.

CITY STAFF COMMENTS – Administrator Terri Bjorklund

None.

PERSONNEL, BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION – Councilmember Wilkening

None.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/LIQUOR STORE & AIRPORT – Mayor Shaw

None.

LIBRARY, PARKS– Councilmember Haefele

None.

PUBLIC WORKS, SAFETY & CEMETERY – Councilmember Wilkening

1. Overview and discussion of the proposed 2016 Southside and Fifth Street North Project

Thorson stated the bid came in at around 4.6 million and the engineers estimate for the project was around 5.1 million. He explained that after that process they can establish a project cost through PFA and assessments. Thorson adds that the City is getting \$592,000 in PFA or ‘grant money’ and the non-funded amount is 4.8 million.

Public-Why are some of the water mains not being replaced while others are?

Thorson-Because they were replaced in the ‘80’s and ‘90’s.

Wilkening explains to the Public the significant difference in amount that was thought to be funded under the grant.

Wilkening-Over the course of the years the City has been financially prudent with their money and because the City has been good stewards with their monies and not having excessive debt; we are now penalized by not getting nearly near the loan forgiveness of what we would have had we been poor stewards of the money.

Public-How do we know where the line is being replaced; if we have freezing issues on the street side of the curb stop?

Thorson-If you do have a pipe that freezes on an annual basis we will make sure to get some insulation over the top of it before the street is finished. Please let us know if you have these issues.

Public-How do we figure out how much per year we will be assessed.

Thorson-The City is looking into a 15 year term at an interest rate at 3%. For example if you had a 100 foot lot at the full assessment of \$10,871, the annual amount would be approximately \$910.

Wilkening adds that it is important to point out that at the public hearing the projected amount of an ‘80 foot lot was \$7,560. That same amount because of not receiving the grant funding is \$9,093.80. If you back up about four years or so when we did the preliminary hearing on Fifth Street, that same lot would have been about \$17,000 in assessments. By receiving some relief with the combination of PFA funding and the City taking on a greater percentage of the ‘burden’ and you take the individual assessment with PFA forgiveness combined with the lower quote; instead of looking at a \$17,000 assessment you are looking at a \$9,100 assessment.

The public and council discussed how to have better communication regarding this project. Ideas such as website notices, newspaper ads, radio announcements, group texts and email notices were noted. One community member mentioned that he didn’t have a computer and was unaware of this meeting taking place. Bjorklund reminded the public that council meetings are held the first Monday of the month and the third Thursday of the month if needed. They can also call city hall whenever they want to ask questions about the project or to confirm the 2nd council meeting.

2. M/S Wilkening/Senfelder to approve of Resolution 15-2016 a resolution accepting the bid of R.L. Larson Excavating Inc. for the 2016 Southside and Fifth Street North Project.

Motion passed (4-0)

3. **M/S** Wilkening/Senenfelder approve City Staff to work with Ehlers and Associates, along with Briggs & Morgan to secure PFA funding for the 2016 Southside and Fifth Street North project.
Motion passed (4-0)
4. **M/S** Wilkening/Senenfelder approve to hire T&C Excavating to repair the manhole on Cleveland Blvd in the amount of \$5,174.00. (This does not include paving of the area)
Motion passed (4-0)

OTHER BUSINESS –Mayor Jed Shaw

None.

ADJOURNMENT-Mayor Jed Shaw

Mayor Shaw adjourned the regularly scheduled Meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Jed Shaw, Mayor

Attest: _____
Terri Bjorklund, Administrator