

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM  
Monday May 2, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Johnson**

- Mayor Johnson called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 7:00.
- Council members present: McMurrin, Fjelstul, Wilkening, Johnson, Moore
- Council members absent:
- Others present during portions of the meeting included:

Terri Bjorklund, Administrator  
John Valen, City Attorney  
Joanne Mitchell, City Employee  
Dean Morrill, Pilot Independent  
Kelly Felton  
Travis Baker, Police Officer  
Mar Kuha

Neil Lange, Public Works Director  
Wayne Tennis, Police Officer  
Tom Hill  
Art Thongdonnak  
Paul Mitchell  
Audrey Chelberg

**CONSENT AGENDA – Mayor Johnson**

M/S Fjelstul, Moore to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1 thru 10 as follows, waving the reading:

1. Approve Walker City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2011.
2. Approve Cash Balances as of March 31, 2011.
3. Review and file Walker Police Department's Monthly Report.
4. Approve Claim #44636 to Claim #44677, and Claim #44679 to Claim #44681, and Claim #44683 to Claim #44793 in the amount of \$168,007.28.
5. Approve payment of Invoice #20858, in the amount of \$1,497.44 to Ulteig Engineering for engineering services for the Water and Sewer Extension to the Industrial Park.
6. Approve Transfer in the amount of \$1,497.44 from the General Account to the projects account for payment of above invoice.
7. Approve payment of invoice dated 3-31-2011 from the Cass County Highway department in the amount of \$4,962.41.
8. Review and file Draft Walker Planning Commissions/Board of Adjustments meeting minutes of April 25, 2011.
9. Review and file Draft Walker Cemetery Board Minutes of April 25, 2011.
10. Addition of Senior Leech Lakers property agreement under Other Business.

Motion passed: 5-0

**SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Johnson**

- Presentation of Roughrider Award to Art Thongdonnak
- Mayor Johnson presented the Roughrider Award to Carl Frazier earlier in the day

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

- Minnesota Council of Airports Award of Excellence

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

1. **M/S** Moore, Wilkening to approve request from the Accounting Department to transfer \$10,355.00 from the General Account to the Projects Account for payment of Ulteig Invoice #20555 for the Water and Sewer Extension to Industrial Park.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Moore, Fjelstul to approve Resolution 18-2011 a resolution accepting donations made to the City of Walker thru fiscal year 2011.

Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Moore, Wilkening, McMurrin, Johnson Nays: None

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Moore, Wilkening to approve Resolution 19-2011 a resolution for Police officer Declaration.

Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Moore, Wilkening, McMurrin, Johnson Nays: None

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Moore, Fjelstul to approve adoption of Social Host Ordinance 2011-01 and to publish Social Host Ordinance 2011-01 by summary.

Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Moore, Wilkening, McMurrin, Johnson Nays: None

Motion passed: 5-0

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

1. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve Walker Planning Commission/Board of Adjustments Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2011.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve Walker Planning Commission's recommendation to re-evaluate zoning of the properties listed in staff packet and prepare a re-zoning application for the parcels.

Motion passed: 5-0

**LIBRARY/PARKS – Councilmember McMurrin**

1. **M/S** Moore, McMurrin, to approve Walker Park Board Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2011.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** McMurrin, Wilkening to approve payment of Invoice #02092011 from Kitchigami Regional Library in the amount of \$7,138.00, for the 1<sup>st</sup> half Levy payment and the Automation Repair & Replacement reserve requirement for 2011.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S McMurrin, Moore** to approve Walker Park Board's recommendation to allow the Boys & Girls Club of the Leech Lake Area to use the Walker City Park for 2011 National Night Out Tuesday August 02, 2011.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S McMurrin, Fjelstul** to approve Walker Park Board's recommendation to allow the Leech Lake Area Youth Hockey to use the Walker City Park on July 04, 2011 for a City on the Bay 10K (will coordinate with the Lions/Rotary clubs).

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S McMurrin, Moore** to approve and recommit to last month's motion to accept the Fisherman Statue to be placed in Walker City Park.

Motion passed: 5-0

6. **M/S McMurrin, Moore** to approve Walker Park Board's recommendation to install hand dryers in the park restrooms at a cost of \$1,680.00 plus tax.

Motion passed: 5-0

7. **M/S McMurrin, Moore** to approve Walker Park Board's recommendation to contribute ½ of the cost of a used bed and Tommy Lift for the 1999 1 Ton Tuck at the total cost of \$3,980.00 plus tax.

Motion passed: 5-0

8. **M/S McMurrin, Moore** to approve Walker Park Board's recommendation to have Neil Lange, Public Works Director to receive bids for the removal of the Slab Burner in Walker City Park

Motion Passed: 5-0

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

1. **M/S Wilkening, Fjelstul** to approve request from Neil Lange, Public Works Director to accept Sawyer Enterprises LLC's proposal for pine thinning at the Walker Industrial Park with full cleanup. There is approximately 200 cord of wood, rates will be \$10.00 cord for pine pulp and \$35.00 cord for pine bolts pulp.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S Wilkening,** to approve request from Chip and Ineke Leer, for the City of Walker to pay their insurance deductible of \$5,000.00 on sewer back-up for the Minnesota Avenue properties.

Motion failed for lack of second

3. **M/S Wilkening, McMurrin** to consider request by Dick Kolp to install two speed bumps on Fifth Street. Public works does not recommend.

Motion Failed: 0-5

4. **M/S Wilkening, Moore** to approve request from Neil Lange, Public Works Director to purchase a used Flat Bed, with Tommy Dump Lift Gate from Crysteel Truck Equipment in the amount of \$3,890.00 plus tax, with one half of the funds coming from Park funds and one half coming from Street funds.

Motion Passed: 5-0

5. **M/S Wilkening, Fjelstul** to approve final payment to Aspen Construction in the amount of \$3,962.87 for the Cochran's Lift Station project.

Motion Passed: 5-0

6. **M/S** Wilkening, McMurrin to accept the Source Water Protection Competitive Grant, to purchase and install a generator at the Industrial Park Water Treatment Plant. This is a 50/50 match grant, the City's portion being \$4,100.00. Total project cost is \$8,200.00. This is an action item in our Wellhead protection Plan.

Motion Passed: 5-0

7. **M/S** Wilkening/Moore to approve request from Neil Lange, Public Works director to purchase street paint from Sherwin-Williams in the amount of \$2,531.60 plus tax.

Motion Passed: 5-0

8. **M/S** Wilkening, Fjelstul to approve the Cemetery Boards recommendation to allow three cremation burials in one plot based on what the purchaser was told in 1993 when the plot was purchased. The cremation charge will be \$500.00

Motion Passed: 5-0

9. **M/S** Wilkening, McMurrin to approve the Cemetery Boards recommendation to renew Alfred Bakker's contract with a 3% increase in contract wages.

Motion Passed: 5-0

#### **OTHER BUSINESS – Mayor Johnson**

- Discussion on Senior Leech Lakers draft property agreement.
- 1. **M/S** Wilkening, Moore to accept the property agreement from the Senior Leech Lakers, Inc.

Motion Passed: 5-0

- Discussion on the Boys and Girls Club painting the park garbage cans if the City furnishes the paint.
- Discussion with Tom Hill about a possible courtesy car at the airport. He will get more information and bring to the next council Meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Johnson**

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Scheduled Meeting at 7:55 p.m.

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John Fjelstul, Acting Mayor

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