

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM
Monday May 4, 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
Wayne Tennis, Police Chief
Dean Morrill, Pilot Independent
Edy Asell, Planning & Zoning
Lloyd Peterson, Senior Leech Lakers
Robert Mallory, Shingobee Twp.
Mike DeWitt

Sylvia Bakker, City Employee
John Valen, City Attorney
Bob Schlieman- Ulteig
Ken Bresley – Airport
Willard Arends, Resident
Shirley Mallory, Shingobee Twp.
Travis Baker, Police Officer

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 April 6, 2009.
2. Approve Cash Balance Report as of March 31, 2009.
3. Approve Claim #41289 to Claim #41311, and Claim #41315 to Claim #41335, and Claim #41337 to Claim #41402, in the amount of \$91,774.09.
4. Review and file Walker Police Department's Monthly Report.
5. Review and file Cass County EDC's March 2009 Activity Report.
6. Review and file Cass County EDC's News Flash.
7. Approve payment of Invoice in the amount of \$1,450.00 to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for the City's WQ Annual Permit Fee.
8. Review and file Cass County RFP for Sewage Lift Station building at the former Ah-Gwah-Ching Site.
9. Addition of # 9 under Economic Development, request for Property Tax Exemption for the Senior Leech Lakers Property.
10. Addition of #11 under Personnel, Budget & Finance, request for approval of Liquor License for American Legion Post 134.

Motion passed: 5-0

SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Walhof

- Ken Bresley gave the council an update on the Walker Airport Projects. Environmental Assessment is on schedule. Discussed the fueling system.

- Bob Schlieman, updated the Council on projects they are currently working on.

CITY STAFF COMMENTS/CONCERNS – Administrator Terri Bjorklund

- Natural Gas Meeting
- Crackfilling Order

PERSONNEL, BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION – Councilmember Fjelstul

1. **M/S** Fjelstul, Worth to approve a Liquor License for Tianna Country Club.
Motion passed: 4-0 Council Member Wilkening Abstained.
2. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve Terri Bjorklund and Sylvia Bakker's attendance at the 2009 Pay Equity Job Evaluation Training in Bemidji May 29, 2009, at a cost of \$58.00, plus mileage.
Motion passed: 5-0
3. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve Terri Bjorklund & Joanne Mitchell's attendance at the 2009 Tax Increment Financing Workshop June 11, 2009 in Bagley, at a cost of meals, and mileage.
Motion passed: 5-0
4. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve Terri Bjorklund's attendance at the 2009 CGMC Labor & Employee Relations Spring Seminar on Thursday May 21, 2009 in Brainerd, at a cost of meals & mileage.
Motion passed: 5-0
5. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve Steve Kolp's request to advertise for a part-time Liquor Store Clerk for the summer season.
Motion passed: 5-0
6. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve the Liquor Store Employees attendance at the Alcohol Server Training on May 11th, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at Café Zona Rosa, at a cost of \$150.00, plus wages.
Motion passed: 5-0
7. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve quote in the amount of \$415.36 from Turf Tech for two applications of Herbicide & Fertilization at the Walker City Hall.
Motion passed: 5-0
8. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve quote in the amount of \$28,333.00, from O'Day Equipment for a new fueling system at the Walker Airport. This has been approved by the State for a 50/50 grant.
Motion passed: 5-0
9. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve contracting with GoDaddy for Web Hosting Service for the City's Web Site at an annual cost of \$150.00.
Motion passed: 5-0
10. **M/S** Wilkening, Finney to refer the prospect of the City of Walker purchasing an Electronic Sign to the Planning & Zoning Department, with a recommendation back to the Council in June.

Motion passed: 5-0

11. **M/S** Fjelstul, Worth to approve a Liquor License for the American Legion Club, Spencer Ross Post 134.

Motion passed: 4-0 Council Member Wilkening abstained.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/LIQUOR STORE – Councilmember Wilkening

1. **M/S** Wilkening, Worth to review and file Walker Planning Commissions Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2009.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Wilkening, Fjelstul to approve Walker Planning commissions Meeting Minutes of March 30, 2009.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Wilkening, Worth to approve Walker Planning Commissions recommendation for Ordinance Amendment 2009-01, to amend Ordinance §72.05, Congested District (Parking).

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Wilkening, Finney to approve Walker Planning Commissions recommendation to allow the Zoning Administrator to issue temporary sign permits to applicants whose sign applications meet the requirements of the draft sign ordinance amendment, at no charge, with the temporary permit to clearly state that a regular sign permit must be applied for after August 4th, and the standard fee paid. If the signage exceeds the standards of the revised sign ordinance actually passed, the sign must be made to conform.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Wilkening, Fjelstul to approve Walker Planning Commissions recommendation to schedule a Public Hearing for Monday May 18, 2009 at 5:30 p.m., Walker Fire Hall Meeting Room for the proposed amendment to the Fence Ordinance.

Motion passed: 5-0

6. **M/S** Wilkening, Fjelstul to file Walker Planning Commissions Staff Report for March 2009.

Motion passed: 5-0

7. **M/S** Wilkening, Finney to schedule a Public Hearing for the next Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Option 4 & Option 5 of the proposed Bike Trail.

Motion passed: 5-0

8. **M/S** Wilkening, Fjelstul to approve Work order No. #R09-00327-2, Bike Trail Extension, not to exceed \$12,000.00.

Motion passed: 5-0

9. **M/S** Wilkening, Fjelstul to approve request from the Senior Leech Lakers to receive Tax Exempt Status on their parcel located at 508 8th Street S.

Motion passed: 5-0

PARKS & RECREATION/LIBRARY – Councilmember Worth

1. **M/S** Worth, Finney to review and file Walker Park Board Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2009.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Worth, Wilkening to approve Walker Park Board’s recommendation to place a statue of a Coyote in the Walker City Park as a deterrent for the birds to see if it will work, and if it does, permission to buy two of them from Reed’s at a cost of \$130.00, plus tax.

Motion passed: 4-0 Nye: Walhof

3. **M/S** Worth, Wilkening to approve Walker Park Board’s recommendation to get quote’s for the placement of 2 Street Lights in the upper portion of the Park.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Worth, Wilkening to approve Walker Park Board’s recommendation to place permanent garbage cans in the top portion of the Park.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Worth, Fjelstul to approve Walker Park Board’s recommendation to have the City Crew open the Public Restrooms on before opening fishing, and leave them open till after Ethnic Fest, with the hours being from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on an annual basis.

Motion passed: 5-0

6. **M/S** Worth, Finney to approve Walker Park Board’s recommendation to change the Park Board Meetings from the 4th Tuesday of the month, to the 2nd Tuesday of the month, and from 3:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Motion passed: 5-0

7. **M/S** Worth, Fjelstul to approve quote in the amount of \$1,751.92 for two applications of Herbicide & Fertilization at the Walker City Park.

Motion passed: 5-0

8. **M/S** Worth, Wilkening to approve quote in the amount of \$80.00 for two applications of Herbicide & Fertilization at the Walker Library.

Motion passed: 5-0

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY/ CEMETERY– Councilmember Finney

1. **M/S** Finney, Fjelstul to approve Change Order #3 in the amount of a deduction of \$20,780.00, on the Municipal Parking Project.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Finney, Wilkening to approve quote in the amount of \$4,975.00 from Turf Tech to do the Landscaping on the Municipal Parking Project.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Finney, Fjelstul to approve quote in the amount of \$3,975.00 from Team Lab for 2 sprayings of the City’s Sewer Ponds.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Finney, Fjelstul to approve entering into an Annual Maintenance Contract with Electric Pump to inspect the Lift Station Pumps at a cost of \$679.00 annually.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Finney, Worth to approve quote in the amount of \$1,300.37 from Turf Tech to apply one application of Herbicide to the whole Cemetery this spring, and one application to the Creeping Charlie in the fall.

Motion passed: 5-0

6. **M/S** Finney, Wilkening to approve payment of the City's deductible for the 1995 Ford L8000 Plow Truck.

Motion passed: 5-0

7. **M/S** Finney, Fjelstul to approve quote from Day's Sewer Service for a Handi-Cap Toilet at the Walker City Park and the City Breakwater.

Motion passed: 5-0

8. **M/S** Finney, Wilkening to move forward with discussion, on the proposed Natural Gas Line through the City.

Motion passed: 5-0

9. **M/S** Finney, Wilkening to approve the City being placed on a Drinking Water Revolving Fund Project Priority List for the Industrial Park.

Motion passed: 5-0

OTHER BUSINESS – Mayor Walhof

- Walker City Hall will be closed on Monday May 25, 2009 in observance of Memorial Day.
- Planning & Zoning Administrator discussed the Rescheduling of the Comprehensive Plan Meetings.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Walhof

Mayor Walhof adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Bradley Walhof, Mayor

Attest: _____
Terri Bjorklund, Administrator