

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM
Monday June 1, 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
John Valen, City Attorney
Bob Schlieman, Ulteig
Larry Pinerski
Susan Blaisdell
Joyce Hemmingson
Herbert Freeberg
Lara Stewart
Bonnie Stewart
Curt Vining
Tom Schackman
Margie Richardson
Mary Beth Mohr
Robert Mallory
Larry Kimball
Shelly Tennis
Ione Eischens
Kaitlyn Aldersen
Yvonne Ahles

Sylvia Bakker, City Employee
Edy Asell, Zoning Administrator
Dean Morrill, Pilot Independent
Kathy Pinerski
Marge Reinke
Lars Hemmingson
Isabelle Freeberg
Steve Bilben
Jon Stewart
Marlene Cooney
Mary Andrus
Delores Alger
Rollie Haugen
Brian Hein
Shirley Mallory
Steve Frick
Nancy Freeman
Crystal Freeman
Ashely Pemberton
Larry Howes

CONSENT AGENDA – Mayor Walhof

M/S Wilkening, Worth to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1 thru 9 as follows:

1. Approve Walker Public Hearing Minutes of May 4, 2009
2. Approve Walker City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2009.
3. Approve Cash Balance Report as of April 30, 2009.
4. Approve Claim #41403 to Claim #41446, and Claim #41448 to Claim #41538, in the amount of \$148,506.98.
5. Review and file Walker Police Department's Monthly Report.
6. Review and file bids for the Sewage Lift Station Building at Ah-Gwah-Ching.

7. Review and file correspondence from Marion Ridge.
8. Review and file correspondence from Landt Auto Body Plus.
9. Review and file correspondence from the Initiative Foundation.
10. Addition of # 4 Under Economic Development.

Motion passed: 5-0

SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Walhof

1. Police Chief reported the Fishing Tournament went very well.

CITY STAFF COMMENTS/CONCERNS – Administrator Terri Bjorklund

- Administrator Terri Bjorklund updated the Council on the Ambulance Billing.
- Administrator Terri Bjorklund updated the Council on Part Two of the Wellhead Protection Plan. Concern about the Industrial Park, and the Nitrate Levels.
- Administrator Terri Bjorklund updated the Council on the Natural Gas Line. We are \$200,000.00 dollars short of being able to accomplish the project at this time.

PERSONNEL, BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION – Councilmember Fjelstul

1. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve payment of Invoice #31323 in the amount of \$69,174.00 to the League of MN Cities Insurance Trust for the City’s Insurance Policy.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve payment of Invoice #31324 in the amount of \$1,680.00 to the League of MN Cities Insurance Trust for the Municipal Liquor Stores Liability Policy.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve payment of Invoice #31325 in the amount of \$6,195.00 to the League of MN Cities Insurance trust for the City’s Excess Liability Policy.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve payment of Invoice #31326 in the amount of \$335.00 to the League of MN Cities Insurance Trust for the City’s Open Meeting Liability Policy.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve to contract with Ehlers & Associates for the City’s TIF Reporting in an amount not to exceed \$2,280.00.

Motion passed: 5-0

6. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve payment of dues in the amount of \$651.30 for the City’s Membership in the Minnesota Association of Small cities.

Motion passed: 5-0

7. **M/S** Fjelstul, Worth to approve Walker Personnel Committee’s recommendation to hire Julie Morris as a part-time Liquor Store Clerk at \$8.00 per hour.

Motion passed: 5-0

8. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve Walker Fire Department's application for a 1 to 4 day Temporary Liquor License for July 24th & 25th, contingent upon receiving the Liquor Liability Policy, and the City waiving the \$75.00 fee.

Motion passed: 4-0 Councilmember Wilkening Abstained.

9. **M/S** Fjelstul, Worth to approve Walker Rotary Club's application for a 1 to 4 day Temporary Liquor License for July 4th, contingent upon receiving the Liquor Liability Policy.

Motion passed: 4-0 Councilmember Wilkening abstained.

10. **M/S** Fjelstul, Worth to approve Walker Rotary Club's application for a 1 to 4 day Temporary Liquor License for August 7th & 8th, 2009, contingent upon receiving the Liquor Liability Policy.

Motion passed: 4-0 Councilmember Wilkening abstained.

11. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve the transfer of \$5,000.00 from the General Fund to the Project account to pay Turf Tech for the landscaping done on the Boulevard by the Chase.

Motion passed: 5-0

12. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve Resolution 11-2009, a resolution approving a State of Minnesota/City of Walker Lease Agreement for the Walker Fire Hall, for the Department of Public Safety to hold Driver's License Exam's.

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

Motion passed: 5-0

13. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve Resolution 12-2009, a resolution to execute a Minnesota Department of Transportation Grant Agreement for Airport Improvements, excluding Land Acquisition.

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

Motion passed: 5-0

14. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve a contract with Christy Johnson in the amount of \$15.00 an hour on an as needed basis to teach staff Ambulance Billing effective June 2, 2009.

Motion passed: 5-0

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/LIQUOR STORE – Councilmember Wilkening

1. No Meeting of the Economic Development Board.
2. **M/S** Wilkening, Finney that the bike trail extension, and the components of June 1st, 2009 Public Hearing be turned over to the Comprehensive Committee to be included in the Comprehensive Plan.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. Mayor Walhof appointed Gary Wilkening and John Fjelstul to attend the Walker Area Community Center's Meetings.
4. **M/S** Wilkening, Worth to approve Staff Drafting an Ordinance Amendment similar to Cass County's (to allow road projects to be approved without a conditional use permit, if under 1,000 cubic yards). Ordinance to be reviewed by the Planning Commission at their June meeting, along with a Public Hearing, and come before the Council in July.

Motion passed: 5-0

PARKS & RECREATION/LIBRARY – Councilmember Worth

1. **M/S** Worth, Finney to review and file Walker Park Board Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2009.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Worth, Wilkening to approve Walker Park Board’s recommendation to appoint Char Moore to the Walker Park Board.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Worth, Finney to approve Walker Park Board’s recommendation to install 4 existing light arms on existing poles in the Walker City Park at a cost of approximately \$1,400.00.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Worth, Wilkening to approve Walker Lions Clubs request to use the Walker City Park for the 4th of July celebration, waiving the \$100.00 fee.

Motion passed: 5-0

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY/ CEMETERY– Councilmember Finney

1. **M/S** Finney, Wilkening to approve Work Order No. R09.01210-1, not to exceed \$5,000.00 for Preliminary Engineering Work on the extension of the watermain and sanitary sewer to the City’s Industrial Park.

Motion passed: 5-0

OTHER BUSINESS – Mayor Walhof

- Walker City Hall and DMV Office will be closed on Friday July 3rd, 2009 in observance of Independence Day.
- Comprehensive Plan kickoff August 6th.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Walhof

Mayor Walhof adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Bradley Walhof, Mayor

Attest: _____
Terri Bjorklund, Administrator