

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM
Thursday July 15, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Walhof

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

Terri Bjorklund, Administrator
Neil Lange, Public Works Director
Audrey Chelberg
Gretchen Gibbons

Sylvia Bakker, City Employee
Lloyd Peterson
Paul Fairbanks

CONSENT AGENDA – Mayor Walhof

- Discussed the Walker Area Community Center’s request to approve the following ballot question and complete the steps necessary to include it on the November 2 ballot serving the Walker precincts. “Shall the Walker City Council seek special legislation authorizing a one half of one percent local sales tax and use tax (.5%) for the purposes of paying the original construction financing debt owed by the Walker Area Community Center and the Senior Leech Lakers Center and improving the parking lot at the Walker Area Community Center?
The total of these costs is currently about \$2,278,300. The tax will be used for no other purpose and will expire when these improvements are completed and debts are paid.”
Discussed if this was something that could even be done, and forming a taxing district. Discussed if this was a possibility for improvements to the City’s Library.

M/S Wilkening, Finney to not except the proposal for putting it on the ballot for the November General Election in 2010.

Motion passed: 3-0 Absent: Council Member Bruns and Fjelstul

M/S Wilkening, Finney that the City work with the Community Center Board and Area Townships to develop a plan that allows for the establishment and creation of a sales tax, potentially for use of the Community Center.

Motion passed: 3-0 Absent: Council Member Bruns and Fjelstul

- As the Mayor I appoint Gary Wilkening, and John Fjelstul, for that Committee, as they are already on the Committee working with the Community Center, and those two are on the finance committee. so I think that fits in pretty well.

More discussion ensued about forming a taxing district, and looking further into future needs.

- Discussed the bike trail, and if there had ever been a signed contract, and if the Council had ever seen the plans before.

M/S Wilkening, Finney to have Terri, City Administrator call Ann at Shingobee Township to see about getting a copy of a signed contract.

SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Walhof

CITY STAFF COMMENTS/CONCERNS – Administrator Terri Bjorklund

- No Business

PERSONNEL, BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION – Councilmember Fjelstul

- No Business

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/LIQUOR STORE – Councilmember Wilkening

- No Business

LIBRARY – Mayor Walhof

- No Business

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY/ PARKS/CEMETERY– Councilmember Finney

- No Business

OTHER BUSINESS – Mayor Walhof

- No Business

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Walhof

Mayor Walhof continued the Regular Scheduled Meeting until July 16th at 5:30 p.m.

Bradley Walhof, Mayor

Attest: _____
Terri Bjorklund, Administrator