

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM  
Monday August 3, 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  
Brian Johnson  
Craig Dennis  
Shirley Mallory  
Verlyn Dennis  
Greg Smith

Sylvia Bakker, City Employee  
Dean Morrill, Pilot Independent  
Ken Bresley, Airport Commissioner  
Mary Johnson  
Bob Mallory  
Bob Dennis  
Willard Arends

**CONSENT AGENDA – Mayor Walhof**

M/S Wilkening, Fjelstul to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1 thru 4 as follows:

1. Approve Walker City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2009.
2. Approve Cash Balance Report as of June 30, 2009.
3. Approve Claim #41690 to Claim #41733, and Claim #41735 to Claim #41756, and Claim #41758 to Claim #41821 in the amount of \$288,364.72.
4. Review and file Walker Police Department's Monthly Report.
5. Addition under scheduled citizen presentations, Ken Bresley, Airport Update.
6. Addition of Item # 4 under Parks, benches at Walker City Dock.

Motion passed: 5-0

**SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Walhof**

1. Brian Johnson & Wayne Tennis presented installing a Camera System in the Park.
2. Bob Schlieman presented the Preliminary Engineering Report for Water & Sanitary Sewer Improvements for the Industrial Park.
3. Ken Bresley, Airport Update. City Administrator Terri Bjorklund and the Council thanked Ken for the countless hours he has donated to the Walker Airport

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

- Presented the revisions to the Kitchigami Regional Library Joint Powers Agreement.
- County has approved the 40 days to life to be held on the Courthouse Lawn.
- Wellhead Protection Plan.
- Gail Leverson - Preliminary application for Small Cities Development. Federal Program, with Hackensack serving as the fiscal agent.

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

1. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve request from the City Accounting Department to transfer \$9,520.94 from the General Fund to the Parking Capital Projects Fund to cover the expenses for the City Hall Parking Project.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve paying annual dues in the amount of \$650.00 to the Minnesota Municipal Beverage Association.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Fjelstul, Worth to approve request from the Initiative Foundation to budget \$350.00 for 2010 annual support.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Wilkening, Worth to approve restructuring the Public Works Department starting with the approval of the Public Works Director Job Description.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Fjelstul, Worth to approve advertising and interviewing for a Public Works Director.

Motion passed: 5-0

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

1. **M/S** Wilkening, Fjelstul to approve Walker Planning Commissions Meeting Minutes of June 29, 2009.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Wilkening, Finney to review and file Walker Planning Commissions Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2009.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Wilkening, Finney to approve directing the City Attorney to review the proposed sign Ordinance Amendment, and give input on off premise signage.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Wilkening, Fjelstul to approve Walker Planning Commissions recommendation to approve LU 2009-06, Metes & Bounds Subdivision. Reggie Thiel Property at 513 Front St. W.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Wilkening, Finney to approve Walker Planning Commissions recommendation to approve LU 2009-04, Conditional Use Permit for Greg Smith at 513 Front St. W.

Motion passed: 5-0

6. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve LU 2009-05, Variance for Craig Dennis at 200 Sixth St. S.

Motion passed: 4-0 Wilkening Nye

7. Review and file Land Use Report for June 2009.
8. **M/S** Wilkening, Worth to table approval of the City's Official Zoning Map.

Motion passed: 5-0

9. **M/S** Wilkening, Fjelstul to approve participation in the pre-application for Small Cities Development Plan.

Motion passed: 5-0

#### **PARKS & RECREATION/LIBRARY – Councilmember Worth**

1. Review and file Walker City Park Board Meeting Minutes of July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009. No Quorum.
2. **M/S** to review and file Walker City Park Board Meeting Minutes of July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Worth, Finney to approve Mary Johnson to solicit funds for a camera system in Walker City Park. Quote in the amount of \$10,895.00.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Fjelstul, Worth to approve Jeff Holly spearheading a group to re-do the benches donated by the Voight Family, and get them replaced at the Walker City Dock.

Motion passed: 5-0

#### **PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY/ CEMETERY– Councilmember Finney**

1. **M/S** Finney, Wilkening to approve quote in the amount of \$1,085.56 from Sherwin Williams for striping paint.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. Discussion on the Preliminary Engineer Report for Water & Sanitary Sewer Improvements for the Industrial Park.
3. **M/S** Finney, Wilkening to approve setting a Public Hearing for Nov. 2, 2009 at 6:45 p.m. Walker fire Hall Meeting Room, for comments and concerns on the City's Well Head Protection Plan. Copies available at Walker City Hall.

Motion passed: 5-0

#### **OTHER BUSINESS – Mayor Walhof**

- Comprehensive Plan Kick-off Thursday August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Everyone is invited to participate in the future planning of Walker.
- National Night Out – Wayne Tennis

- **M/S Fjelstul, Wilkening** to approve the GPS Grant Application for the Walker Municipal Airport, at no cost to the City.

Motion passed: 5-0

- September 7, 2009, Walker City Hall and DMV will be closed in Observance of Labor Day.
- The next regularly scheduled Council meeting is September 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Walhof**

Mayor Walhof adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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Bradley Walhof, Mayor

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