

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM  
Monday October 5, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Walhof**

- Mayor Walhof called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- Council members present: Fjelstul, Finney, Worth, Walhof, Wilkening
- Council members absent: None
- Others present during portions of the meeting included:

Terri Bjorklund, Administrator  
John Valen, City Attorney  
Bob Scheilman , Ulteig  
Edy Asell, Zoning Administrator

Wayne Tennis, Police Chief  
Bob Mallory, Shingobee Twp  
Joanne Mitchell, City Employee

**CONSENT AGENDA – Mayor Walhof**

M/S Fjelstul, Finney to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1 thru 11 as follows:

1. Approve Walker City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of Sept. 14, 2009.
2. Approve Cash Balance Report as of August 31, 2009.
3. Approve Claim #42014 to Claim #42067, and Claim #42069 to Claim #42073, and Claim #42075 to Claim #42146 in the amount of \$153,962.95.
4. Review and file Walker Police Department's Monthly Report.
5. Approve payment of Invoice #8957 in the amount of \$1,092.50 to Ulteig for work related to drainage issue at the school.
6. Review and file The American Legion Department of Minnesota Sixth District Committee Resolution A.
7. Review and file Leech Lake Chamber of Commerce Thank-You.
8. Review and file Cass County EDC Newsletter.
9. Review and file Police and Fire State Aid. The City has received the Police State Aid.
10. Addition of Approval to pay League of MN Cities Membership dues for 2009-2010 in the amount of \$1,127.00.
11. Addition to Approve the Community Development priorities for the City of Walker

Motion passed: 5-0

**SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Walhof**

- No Business

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

- Water Tower Painting & Lettering  
Discussion on the painting of the old water tower referred to Public Works
- Lift Station Building at Ah-Gwah-Ching.  
Guy Sharpe has concerns on the project; the contractor will be on sight Wednesday so Terri Bjorklund and Guy Sharpe will meet with them.

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

1. **M/S** Fjelstul To donate \$500.00 to the Walker City on the Bay Second Annual Sled Dog Races Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Motion failed for lack of second.  
**M/S** Worth, Finney to support the event by donating time from our Police and Public Works Department.

Motion Passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve City to Advertise for an Insurance Agent.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve payment of Invoice # 14880 in the amount of \$7,123.62 to Tyler Technologies for Maintenance Support for the City's Accounting Program.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve Office Travis Baker to attend the Annual Safe And & Sober Conference in Duluth on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> 2009, at a cost of mileage, meals and wages.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve the Liquor License application for Matty's of Walker Inc. Council Member Wilkening abstain, City Liquor License Holder

Motion passed: 4-0 Wilkening Abstained - Abstention noted

6. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve the Personnel Committee's Recommendation to re-advertise for the Public Works Director Position.

Motion passed: 4-1

7. **M/S** Wilkening, Finney To allow Council Member John Fjelstul to continue working on the Outdoor Skating Rink to establish a rate and hours of operation and to explore ways to get the current skating rink area cleaned up.

Motion passed: 5-0

8. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve to expend up to \$1,000.00 in TIF Administrative Fees to Elher's & Associates to calculate the Tianna TIF note to see if the principal needs to be reduced.

Motion passed: 5-0

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

1. Review and file Walker Planning Commissions Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2009.
2. **M/S** Wilkening, Worth to approve Walker Planning Commissions Meeting Minutes of August 31, 2009.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Wilkening, Finney to Review and file Walker Zoning Administrators August 09 Land Use Report.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Wilkening, Fjelstul to forward the City's Revised Sign Ordinance to the City Attorney for final review prior to the Council adopting the Ordinance and table adopting the Ordinance until the next council meeting.

Motion passed: 5-0

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

1. No Park Board Meeting. No Quorum.
2. **M/S** Worth, Finney to approve the recommendation of the Walker Park Board to allow Andrea Pederson to use the Park on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 for a wedding reception.

Motion passed: 5-0

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

1. **M/S** Finney, Fjelstul to approve quote in the amount of \$650.00 from Minnesota Power to install a street light on the corner of Second St. & Birchwood Ave.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Finney, Fjelstul to approve quote in the amount of \$2,242.44 from Northwest Tire Inc. for tires on the Snowplow.

Motion failed: 0-5

**M/S** Finney, Wilkening to except Stewart's Automotives quote in the amount of \$2,570.93 for tires on the Snowplow.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. Presentation by Bob Scheilman of Ulteig on the 2009 Capital Improvement Plan. explained that this is simply a draft or blue print of the City, this is for review only.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Finney, Fjelstul to approve quote in the amount of \$22,900 by Terry Cyr Construction Inc for Clinic Window Replacement.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Finney, Fjelstul consider approval to raise the base Water Rate \$2.00 per month effective January 1, 2010.

Motion passed: 5-0

6. Consider request of Walker School District to Pay 50% of the bill incurred by the school to manage Storm Water runoff.

**M/S** Finney, Worth to pay \$3,930.00, which was storm drain cost for the School's Storm Water Project.

Motion passed: 5-0

7. **M/S** Finney, Worth to approve tabling the painting of the old Water Tower until we receive a firm quote.

Motion failed

**M/S** Finney, Wilkening Motion to allow Terri Bjorklund to spend up to \$25,000 on the base color painting of the Old Water Tower.

Motion Passed: 5-0

**OTHER BUSINESS – Mayor Walhof**

- No other business.

**ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Walhof**

Mayor Walhof adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

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Bradley Walhof, Mayor

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