

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER –Mayor Shaw

- Mayor Jed Shaw called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance
 - Council members present: Haefele, Senenfelder, Shaw, McMurrin and Wilkening
 - Council members absent:
 - Others present during portions of the meeting included:

Dean Morrill, Pilot Independent
Wayne Tennis, City Police
Pamela Smith, City Employee
Cindy Wannarka, Chamber
Chris Thorson, Ulteig

Terri Bjorklund, City Administrator
Dennis King
Shannon Pfeiffer
Janna Kietzman
Pat Kastning

CONSENT AGENDA

M/S Senenfelder/Haefele to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1 thru 7 as follows, waving the reading.

1. Approve Walker City Council regular Meeting Minutes of October 5th, 2015.
 2. Review and file draft of Walker Park Board Meeting Minutes of October 27th, 2015.
 3. Review and file Public Works Meeting minutes of October 21st, 2015.
 4. Review and file Walker Area Joint Fire Department Meeting Minutes of October 8th, 2015.
 5. Review and file Walker Police Department Monthly Report.
 6. Approve Cash Balance Report as of September 30th, 2015.
 7. Approve payment to Kitchigami Regional Library for the 2nd half of the 2015 Levy in the amount of \$6,935.50
- Motion passed (5-0)

SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS –Mayor Shaw

- Janna Kietzman and Pat Kastning-5k color dash request
Janna Kietzman and Pat Kastning address the concerns that the City Council had regarding the Color Dash request from the previous Council meeting. Some of the items addressed; the clean-up of the color will be taken care of by area volunteer fire fighters and the ‘color’ is non-toxic. Kastning stated that this event is designed to have families complete the course together. ‘It is a dash, not a run’
Haefele questioned if the packets of color would be handed out and how they would address the clean-up and prevention of the empty packets from being blown into nearby Leech Lake. Kietzman and Kastning stated that some of the concerns regarding volunteers, traffic and clean-up would be organized once they knew they could get the approval from the Council to host the event in the Park, they then could arrange their own group of volunteers/committees.

- Dennis King, a Turtle Lake township board supervisor addressed the Council with their concerns regarding the playground equipment donation they had submitted earlier in the year. He stated that after Turtle Lake Township saw the plans and had been a part of communication regarding the playground equipment they agreed to make a donation to the City to help with the purchase of playground. However after reading the minutes of the last meeting in the paper they have concerns with the overall process. King notes that there appears to be no actual plan in place now. Turtle Lake Township donated the money for the final plan that was approved by the park board and feels that all donated funds should be returned because the original plan has changed and another board was created that they weren't aware of, changing the original plans that Turtle Lake thought the donated funds were going towards. Mayor Shaw stated that the friends of the Park are a new evolution that they we are working through to give community members that may not have had the opportunity to have a voice a chance to participate with this project. Shaw noted that he does not want to lose the Township's support for future projects. Wilkening stated that he appreciates Mr. King's concerns and was concerned as well that this could damage relationships between townships and the City. When the City behaves badly the city is seen as behaving badly. Haefele-I think we need to be excited and move forward and be as positive as we can be about it. King adds that the Town board meeting is Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. and invites the Council to attend.

CITY STAFF COMMENTS – Administrator Terri Bjorklund

Board and Committee Vacancies as of January 1, 2016

Bjorklund stated that there are quite a few open seats for several of the Boards and to get the word out. Planning Commission will have two open seats on a five member board; they are allowed to stay for two consecutive 3 year terms. Two of the Planning Commission seats could be filled by Nonresident property owners as long as you are a business owner within City Limits. Park board is a seven member board, we have one Walker Resident seat open as of January 1st, (2016). Cemetery Board is a seven member board we have two Walker Resident seats open. We will get the application for appointment on the City website.

PERSONNEL, BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION – Councilmember Senenfelder

1. **M/S** Senenfelder/Wilkening to approve of Claim #51663 to Claim #51802 including Voided Check Numbers 51712 and 51713, and bank drafts in the amount of \$178,831.31.
Motion passed (5-0)
2. **M/S** Senenfelder/Wilkening to approve of Resolution 28-2015, a resolution certifying past due walker water works accounts to the 2016 tax roll.
Roll Call: Ayes: Haefele, Senenfelder, McMurrin, Shaw, Wilkening Nays: None
Motion passed (5-0)

3. **M/S Senenfelder/Haeefe** to approve of Resolution 29-2015, a resolution calling for a Public Hearing on December 7st, 2015 at 6:10 p.m. to consider revisions to Chapter 36: Fees.

Senenfelder-Are we looking at changing anything?

Bjorklund-The committees will decide what their recommendation is for changes if any in the current fee schedule. Then we hold the public hearing for public comment, it then goes to Council for approval. The fees are based on what it costs us to do business so that the citizens in the community aren't paying for things they aren't benefiting from.

Roll Call: Ayes: Haeefe, Senenfelder, McMurrin, Shaw, Wilkening Nays: None
Motion passed (5-0)

4. **M/S Senenfelder/Wilkening** to approve of the request from the Accounting Department to transfer \$3,980.93 from the general account fund 101 to the project account fund 103 for the payment to Ulteig for the 2016 Southside Street and Utility invoice.

Motion passed (5-0)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & LIQUOR STORE – Councilmember Haeefe

Planning Commission meeting not held due to no quorum

LIBRARY, PARKS & AIRPORT – Councilmember McMurrin

1. **M/S McMurrin/Wilkening** to approve of Park Board Minutes of September 22nd, 2015.

Motion passed (5-0)

2. McMurrin/Senenfelder to approve to review and file letter of resignation from Natalie Asell from the Walker Public Library Board.

Motion passed (5-0)

3. **M/S McMurrin/Senenfelder** to approve of the application received from Immanuel Lutheran School to use the Park Saturday June 25th, 2016 starting at 8:00 a.m. for a 5k Color Dash was sent back to the Park Board by the City Council for further information.

Wilkening questioned the possibility of setting up vendors for this event.

Kastning stated they were not sure about vendors but would submit an application if they needed that request.

Wilkening expresses his concerns about having another event down at the Park the week before the Fourth of July. It would be nice to have a list of all the events that happen at the Park.

Ayes: Senenfelder, McMurrin, Haeefe, Shaw

Nays: Wilkening

Motion passed (4-1)

4. **M/S McMurrin/Wilkening** to approve of review and file of revenues from the dump station by the fish cleaning shack.

Senenfelder noted that the Park Board has been discussing a suggested donation amount. There are still a lot of people misusing that.

Motion passed (5-0)

**PUBLIC WORKS, SAFETY & CEMETERY – Councilmember Wilkening
None.**

OTHER BUSINESS –Mayor Jed Shaw

- City offices and DMV will be closed Wednesday November 11th, 2015 in observance of Veterans Day and Thursday November 26th and Friday November 27th, 2015 for observance of Thanksgiving.
- Walker Bay Spirits will be closed on Thursday November 26th, 2015.
- Reminder-Truth in Taxation Meeting to hear public comments will take place at the December 7th, 2015 Council Meeting at 6:05 p.m. at the Walker Fire Hall.
- The online survey for public input on the Comprehensive Plan is available until Monday November 16, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. on the City website at www.walker.govoffice.com.

ADJOURNMENT-Mayor Jed Shaw

Mayor Shaw adjourned the regularly scheduled Meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Jed Shaw, Mayor

Attest: _____
Terri Bjorklund, Administrator