

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER –Mayor Scott Bruns

- Mayor Scott Bruns called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance
 - Council members present: Bruns, McMurrin, Moore, Nelson and Wilkening
 - Council members absent:
 - Others present during portions of the meeting included:

Wayne Tennis, Police Chief
Dean Morrill, Pilot Independent
Jed Shaw, Self
Jim Senenfelder, Self
Pamela Smith, City Employee
Jarrod Mankie, Self

John Valen, City Attorney
Terri Bjorklund, City Administrator
Charolette Hines, City Employee
Neil Lange, City Employee
Janelle Mankie, Self
Dave Cochran, Self

CONSENT AGENDA

M/S Moore/Wilkening to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1 thru 9 as follows, waving the reading.

1. Approve Walker City Council regular meeting minutes of October 6th, 2014.
2. Review and file Draft of Walker Park Board Meeting Minutes of October 28th, 2014.
3. Review and file Draft Walker Planning Commissions/Board of Adjustments Meeting of October 27th, 2014.
4. Review and file September 2014 Zoning Administrator report.
5. Review and file Walker Police Department Monthly Report.
6. Review and file Cass County Economic Development report.
7. Approve Cash Balance Report as of September 30th, 2014.
8. Approve payment of invoice WK2014-2 from Kitchigami Regional Library for the 2nd half of the 2014 Levy in the amount of \$6,733.50.
9. Review and file MDH letter regarding the Lead/Copper Tap Water Monitoring Report.

Motion passed (5-0)

SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS –Mayor Scott Bruns

None.

STAFF COMMENTS – Administrator Terri Bjorklund

Administrator Bjorklund reminds the council and public that Elections will take place tomorrow Tuesday November 4th, 2014 at the Walker Fire Hall meeting room. The polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

PERSONNEL, BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION – Councilmember Nelson

1. **M/S Nelson/Moore** to approve of Claim #50284 to Claim #50400 including Voided Check Numbers 50328, 50329 and 50378 and bank drafts in the amount of \$181,316.72.
Motion passed (5-0)
2. **M/S Nelson/Wilkening** to approve request from the Accounting Department to transfer \$9,680.00 from the Cemetery Operating Checking Account to the Cemetery Perpetual Care Savings Account.
Motion passed (5-0)
3. **M/S Nelson/Moore** to approve to have DMV write a check to the City of Walker for expenses incurred 1-1-2014 thru 10-8-2014 in the amount of \$8,672.93.
Motion passed (5-0)
4. **M/S Nelson/McMurrin** to approve of Resolution 26-2014, a Resolution Certifying Past Due Walker Water Works Accounts to the 2015 Tax Roll.
Roll Call: Ayes: Nelson, Moore, Bruns, McMurrin, Wilkening Nays: None
Motion passed (5-0)
5. **M/S Nelson/Moore** to approve of Resolution 27-2014 calling for a Public Hearing on December 1st, 2014 at 5:45 p.m. to consider revisions to Chapter 36: Fees.
Roll Call: Ayes: Nelson, Moore, Bruns, McMurrin, Wilkening Nays: None
Motion passed (5-0)
6. **M/S Nelson/McMurrin** to approve to accept the immediate resignation of John Gunthmiller as Cemetery Caretaker and Part Time Liquor Store Clerk effective 10-24-2014.
Motion passed (5-0)
7. **M/S Nelson/Moore** to approve of the recommendation to hire Dayna Merten as a Part-Time Liquor Store Clerk at a rate of \$9.00 an hour with a .25¢ increase upon a successful completion of a six month probation period.
Motion passed (5-0)
8. **M/S Nelson/Moore** to approve of the request to send Officer Travis Baker to the yearly Towards Zero Deaths conference in Duluth on November 13th, 2014 thru November 14th, 2014 at a cost of mileage, meals and wages.
Motion passed (5-0)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & LIQUOR STORE – Councilmember Moore

1. **M/S Moore/Nelson** to approve of Consider approval of Walker Planning Commission/Board of Adjustments Meeting Minutes of September 29th, 2014.
Motion passed (5-0)
2. **M/S Moore/McMurrin** to approve of the request of the Initiative Foundation to move forward with applying for a USDA Rural Development Grant that provides funds for local community and economic development programs and projects in our region.
Nelson questions whether or not this is an annual Grant.
Bjorklund states that this goes beyond what everyone else contributes and helps fund projects like the updating of the Walker Comprehensive Plan.
Motion passed (5-0)

3. **M/S Moore/Nelson** to approve of the recommendation of the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustments to approve the land exchange between David Cochran and City of Walker with the City retaining a 50 foot easement upon utilization of the easement only normal restoration of vegetation is required and also subject to an easement for ingress and egress for members of the Tianna Estates Homeowners association to access their beach area.
 McMurrin questions how the land exchange would benefit the City.
 McMurrin-It doesn't make any sense to me, the property will all be divided up, why doesn't the City just sell the property?
 Bruns questioned if the Planning Commission had considered that as an option.
 Wilkening stated that they had not.
 McMurrin adds that it would make more sense to sell it at Fair Market Value versus have all the divided pieces of land.
 The board discusses at length the access point of the lake and the options surrounding the ability to retain the access to the lake or loose the access along with the possibility of a Vacate of the property.
 Wilkening stated that if a Vacate took place it would automatically go to the surrounding property owners.
 Dave Cochran stated that he was concerned during the winter he stores his docks on his property adjacent to the lake access which is on City property. He fears with snowmobiles coming on and off the lake that someone would get hurt on his property.
 Cochran noted that you would not be able to sell a platted City Street you would have to vacate it. That is why I didn't propose that in the first place because vacating the street would benefit me and the Tianna Estates residents.
 Bruns reminds the Council that if we allow this transaction to take place the City would not retain the whole piece anymore and just the piece in the middle, if this motion would be approved it would divide Vonda Street and Lakeside parcel in half.
 Ayes: Nelson, Moore, Wilkening
 Nays: McMurrin, Bruns
 Motion passed (3-2)
4. **M/S Moore/Wilkening** to approve of the request of the Walker Planning Commission/Board of Adjustments to approve LU-2014-06, a Conditional Use permit for Dirt Removal for a driveway.
 Motion passed (5-0)

LIBRARY, PARKS & AIRPORT – Councilmember McMurrin

1. **M/S McMurrin/Moore** to approve of the Walker Park Board Minutes of September 23rd, 2014.
 Motion passed (5-0)
2. **M/S McMurrin/Moore** to approve of the recommendation of the Walker Park Board to approve the application to use the Park for a Wedding Ceremony on September 5th, 2015.
 Motion passed (5-0)

3. **M/S McMurrin/ Wilkening** to approve of the recommendation of the Walker Park Board to approve the action plan for allowing access to the park beach area prior to the event and the boat launching area during the event for the Chase the Police Triathlon.
Motion passed (5-0)

PUBLIC WORKS, SAFETY & CEMETERY – Councilmember Wilkening

1. **M/S Wilkening/McMurrin** to approve of the request from the Public Works to enter into a Timber sale contract for select cutting of parcel 96-027-0001 with Tom Gregerson estimated at 600 Cords Aspen and 50 of mixed hard wood minimum payment of \$18,750.00.
Motion passed (5-0)
2. **M/S Wilkening/McMurrin** to approve of the request to stock the 6inch valve ordered for 5th street for future use and to order an 8 inch valve for that project at a cost of \$7,291.00 plus shipping.
Motion passed (5-0)
3. **M/S Wilkening/Moore** to approve of the request of Public Works to request NEI to update the Tower Avenue plans for the portion of the road that was not completed due to the Walker Hill Site (21CA668) at a cost of \$1,500.00 (bid ready) and to do a cost review to come up with an estimate for construction of that section of road in today's dollars at a cost of \$500.00.
Wilkening describes that this is a continuation from what was asked of the staff to prepare and research from the previous meeting in October.
Neil-Did the plan include connecting Cole Street?
Wilkening-It did not.
Motion passed (5-0)
4. **M/S Wilkening/Nelson** to approve of the request to add a spray in bed liner to the 2015 Public Works truck at an additional cost of \$500.00.
Motion passed (5-0)

OTHER BUSINESS –Mayor Bruns

- Election Day is Tuesday November 4, 2014
- Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, submittals for the December 1st, 2014 Council meeting are due by November 21, 2014 at Noon.
- City offices and DMV will be closed Tuesday November 11, 2014 in honor of Veterans Day and Thursday November 27th and Friday November 28th, 2014 for Thanksgiving.
- Walker Bay Spirits will be closed on Thursday November 27th, 2014.
- Reminder-Truth in Taxation Meeting to hear public comments will take place at the December 1st, 2014 Council Meeting at 6:05 p.m. at the Walker Fire Hall.
- Canvas election results November 10th at 5:00pm.

CONTINUATION-Mayor Bruns

M/S Bruns/Nelson to continue the meeting until Monday November 10th, 2014, at 5:00 p.m., Walker Fire Hall Meeting Room for canvassing election results.
Motion passed (5-0)

The regular City Council meeting was closed at 6:35p.m. for attorney client privilege to consult with the City Attorney regarding Sixth Street Assessment Litigation.

The closed portion of the meeting was closed and the regular meeting reopened at 6:47pm with the meeting being continued until November 10, 2014 at 5:00pm to Canvass Election results.

Scott Bruns, Mayor

Attest: _____
Terri Bjorklund, Administrator