

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM
Monday December 4, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Walhof

- Mayor Walhof called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Council members present: Bresley, Fjelstul, Mohr, Bruns, Walhof
- Council members absent: None
- Others present during portions of the meeting included:

Terri Bjorklund, Administrator
John Valen, City Attorney
Pam Worth, Resident
Wayne Tennis, Police Chief
Dean Morrill, Pilot
Cindy Wannarka, LLAC
Shirley Mallory, Shingobee Twp.
Skip Duchesneau, Park Shores
Nancy Freeman
Laurie Hill, Ambulance
Nicole Nater, Ambulance

Sylvia Bakker, City Employee
Will Hoyt, Landecker
Pat Finney, Resident
Joe Sherman, LLAC
Travis Baker, Police Officer
Bob Mallory, Shingobee Twp.
Joel Mensch, Resident
Willard Arends, Park Board
Eric Myhra, Ambulance
Mike Nater, Ambulance
Travis Carlson, Ambulance

CONSENT AGENDA – Mayor Walhof

M/S Bresley, Bruns to approve the consent agenda items 1 thru 8 as follows:

1. Approve Walker City Council Public Hearing Minutes, Business Subsidy Policy of October 2, 2006.
2. Approve Walker City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2006
3. Approve Walker City Council Continuation meeting minutes of November 13, 2006.
4. Approve November 2006 disbursements.
5. Approve Cash Balance Report as of October 31, 2006.
6. Review and file Walker Monthly Police Report.
7. Review and file Walker Ambulance Services Monthly Call Summary.
8. Review and file Condemnation proceedings. Copies of Petition, Notice to Property Owners, and Notice of Pendency.
9. Addition of Partial Payment Voucher # 1 – Tower Ave. & 2nd Street Improvement Project under # 5, Public Works.

Motion passed: 5-0

SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Walhof

- Joel Mensch – Discussed Parking Tickets. Wayne Tennis, Police Chief explained the City’s Ordinance.

CITY STAFF COMMENTS/CONCERNS – Administrator Terri Bjorklund

No City Staff Comments, Concerns

PERSONNEL, BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION – Councilmember Bresley

1. **M/S** Bruns, Mohr to approve Resolution 30-2006, a resolution accepting donations made to the City of Walker during fiscal year 2006.

Roll Call: Ayes: Bresley, Fjelstul, Mohr, Bruns, Walhof Nyes: None

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Bruns, Mohr to approve the Walker Volunteer Ambulance Services 2006 payroll, in the amount of \$53,632.00.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Fjelstul, Mohr to approve the Walker Volunteer Fire Departments 2006 payroll, in the amount of \$11,364.00.

Motion passed: 4-0 Council members Bruns abstained.

4. **M/S** Fjelstul, Mohr to approve sending Pam Worth to the League of MN Cities Conference for Newly Elected Officials, at a cost of \$265.00, plus boarding, meals, and mileage.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Fjelstul, Mohr to approve sending Pat Finney to the League of MN Cities Conference of Experienced Officials, at a cost of \$195.00, plus boarding, meals, and mileage.

Motion passed: 5-0

6. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bruns to approve Walker Ambulance Service’s recommendation to increase reimbursement to the Ambulance Volunteer Staff, for Paramedic to \$17.00 an hour, \$15.00 an hour for EMT’s for run-time, and to pay the volunteers a rate of \$1.50 per hour for on-call time, and increase meetings, from \$5.00 a meeting to \$10.00 a meeting beginning December 1, 2006.

Motion passed: 5-0

7. **M/S** Mohr, Bruns to approve Walker Personnel Committee’s recommendation for salary increases for the year 2007, which is an average of 4.4%.

Motion passed: 5-0

8. **M/S** Bruns, Mohr to approve accepting the Personnel Committee’s recommendation for Ambulance Director/Safety Coordinator, once interviews have been completed, and allow them to officially offer the position to the qualified applicant.

Motion passed: 5-0

9. **M/S** Bruns, Mohr to approve Resolution 31-2006, a resolution approving the Leech Lake Area Amateur Hockey Association conducting Charitable Gambling at the Lucky Moose Bar & Grill.

Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Bresley, Mohr, Bruns, Walhof Nyes: None

Motion passed: 5-0

10. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bruns to approve payment of \$978.00 to the League of MN Cities for 2006-2007 membership dues.

Motion passed: 5-0

11. **M/S** Bruns, Fjelstul to approve payment of Invoice 0151320 in the amount of \$12,778.04 to SEH for the Airport Layout Plan Update.

Motion passed: 5-0

12. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bruns to approve the following Licenses for the year 2007.

Wine

Jimmy's Family Restaurant
Village Square

Liquor

Benson's
The Wharf
Café Zona Rosa
Lucky Moose Bar & Grill

Club

Tianna Country Club
Spencer Ross Post 134

3.2 On-Sale

Jimmy's Family Restaurant
Village Square

3.2 Off-Sale

Jimmy's Family Restaurant

Pawn

Royce's Pawn Shop

Motion passed: 5-0

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Councilmember Bruns

1. **M/S** Mohr, Bresley to approve Walker Planning Commissions Regular Meeting Minutes of November 27, 2006.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Bresley, Fjelstul to table the Walker Planning Commissions recommendation to allow a conditional use permit request for signage on the Northern Plaza Building, and turn it over to the Planning Commission for a Public Hearing to be held on December 18, 2006.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Bresley, Fjelstul to approve Walker Planning Commissions recommendation to approve the Park Shores Plat Correction.

Motion passed: 5-0

PARKS & RECREATION/CEMETERY/LIBRARY - Councilmember Mohr

1. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve Walker Park Board Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2006.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Fjelstul, to approve Walker Park Board's recommendation to grant a variance to allow the MS Tram to camp in City Park July 22, 2007.

Motion died for a lack of a second.

M/S Fjelstul, Bresley to invite the MS Tram to come to Walker, and try to work something out on the camping.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve Walker Park Board's recommendation to re-appoint Willard Arends, and Chris Opheim to the Walker Park Board for a three year term from 2007 thru 2010.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Bruns, Bresley to approve Walker Library Board's Meeting Minutes of November 2006.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bresley to approve Walker Library Board's recommendation to re-appoint Steve Berry, and Linda Nye to the Walker Library Board for a three year term from 2007-2010.

Motion passed: 5-0

6. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve Quam Court Board Meeting Minutes of November 27, 2006.

Motion passed: 5-0

7. **M/S** Bresley, Fjelstul to approve re-appointment of Sandy Pauly to the Walker Cemetery Board for a three year term, from 2007 thru 2010.

Motion passed: 5-0

8. The Cemetery Board has an open seat for a Walker Resident. Interested Citizens may contact Walker City Hall.

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY – Councilmember Fjelstul

1. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve payment of Invoice #333849 in the amount of \$525.00 to Elher's & Associates, Inc., for the American Legion Tax Abatement.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Bruns, Bresley to approve payment of Invoice #7750 in the amount of \$14,900.00 to Landecker & Associates for the Tower Ave. & 2nd Street Project.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve the Street Departments request to order a pallet of salt for the sidewalks, from Walker Ace Hardware at a cost of \$720.00.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve re-newing contract with Johnson Jet-Line to Jet-Vac 5,000 feet of sewer lines in 2007, at .52 cents a foot, or \$2,600.00, plus mobilization fee of up to \$2.00 a mile.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve Landecker & Associates recommendation to pay Partial Payment Voucher # 1 in the amount of \$133,643.79 to Aspen Construction for work on the Tower Ave. & 2nd Street Project.

Motion passed: 5-0

OTHER BUSINESS – Mayor Walhof

- Mayor Walhof presented a plaque to Scott Bruns, and Ken Bresley for their years of service to the Walker City Council.

- Ken Bresley stated he would really like to thank the Citizens of Walker for their support over the years. Scott Burns said he would too.
- Reminder of Council meeting on Thursday December 14, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

CONTINUATION – Mayor Walhof

- Mayor Walhof continued the meeting until December 14th at 5:00 p.m.

Bradley J. Walhof, Mayor

Attest: _____
Terri Bjorklund, Administrator