

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM  
Monday December 6, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Walhof**

- Mayor Walhof called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- Council members present: Fjelstul, Finney, Wilkening, Bruns, Walhof
- Council members absent:
- Others present during portions of the meeting included:

Terri Bjorklund, Administrator  
John Valen, City Attorney  
Neil Lange, Public Works Director  
Brian Johnson, Newly Elected Mayor  
Gail Levenson, Cass County, EDC  
Mary Johnson, Resident  
Gretchen Gibbons, WACC  
Martha winter, Resident  
Judy Anderson, Lucky Moose  
Jessie LeBlanc, Police Officer

Wayne Tennis, Police Chief  
Sylvia Bakker, City Employee  
Edy Asell, Zoning Administrator  
Annie McMurrin, Newly Elected Council  
Joanne Mitchell, City Employee  
Pat Kastning, WACC  
Dean Morrill, Pilot Independent  
Audrey Chelberg  
Tom Hill, Resident

**CONSENT AGENDA – Mayor Walhof**

**M/S** Finney, Bruns to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1 thru 15 as follows:

1. Approve Walker City Council Public Hearing Minutes of November 1, 2010, vacation of a portion of Thirteenth Street, Pillsbury Addition to Walker.
2. Approve Walker City Council Public Hearing Minutes of November 1, 2010, Paving of Alley between Birchwood Ave. W. and Park Ave. W.
3. Approve Walker City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2010.
4. Approve Canvassing Board Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2010.
5. Approve Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2010, Final Assessment Hearing for the paving of alley between Birchwood Ave. W. and Park Ave. W.
6. Approve Walker City Council Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2010.
7. Review and file Walker Police Department's Monthly Report.
8. Approve Cash Balances as of October 29, 2010.
9. Approve Claim #43963 to Claim #43986, and Claim #43988 to Claim #44105, in the amount of \$110,640.27.
10. Approve payment of Invoice in the amount of \$2,408.77 to Andrew's Plumbing and Heating, Inc. for emergency repairs to the furnace at the Walker Clinic Building.
11. Review and file Cass County Tax Settlement in the amount of \$542,296.94.

12. Review and file Cass County Economic Development Corp. News Flash for November 2010.
13. Review and file Walker Planning Commissions/Board of Adjustments Draft Meeting Minutes of November 29, 2010.
14. Review and file e-mail received from Britta Bloomberg about the Leech Lake Heritage Sites Programs.
15. Approve Pay Request #1 for Partial Payment in the amount of \$74,009.75 to Aspen Construction for work completed on the Cochran's Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Rehabilitation.
16. Addition of Number #11, under Public Works, Ulteig Work Order R09.00326-3, South Side Utility and Street Improvements.

Motion passed: 5-0

**SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Walhof**

- Gail Levenson, Cass County Economic Developments, updated the Council on the Health Care Study.

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

- Received final TIF payment of \$50,000.00 from County Inn & Suites.
- Received a Thank You from the Leech Lake Chamber for help with the Festival of Lights Celebration, and the Reindeer Run.

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

1. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve payment to the Walker Fire Department in the amount of \$15,918.00, for yearly wages.

Motion passed: 4-0 Council member Bruns Abstained.

2. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve a 1 to 4 day temporary Liquor License for the Walker Area Community Center for December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Motion passed: 4-0 Council member Wilkening Abstained

3. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve transfer of \$5,967.50 from the General Account Checking to Library Capital Projects Account for Expenses Incurred on the Library Building.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve transfer of \$50,000.00 from the Ambulance Account to Streets Heavy Equipment Account. 2010 Final Budget Agreement.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bruns to approve transfer of \$4,840.00, from Streets Capital Projects Savings Account to Streets Capital Improvements Checking Account for payment to Commercial Asphalt Repair, LLC.

Motion passed: 5-0

6. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve transfer of \$187.50 from the General Account Checking to Industrial Park Project Account, for a Ulteig Engineering Bill.

Motion passed: 5-0

7. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve the Newly Elected Officials attendance at the LMC's 2011 Leadership Conference at a cost of hotel, mileage and meals.

Motion passed: 5-0

8. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bruns to approve the following Liquor Licenses.

**Liquor License**

Matty's  
Benson's  
Chase on the Lake 502  
Spencer Ross Post  
Tianna Country Club  
Café Zona Rosa  
Lucky Moose Bar & Grill

**Sunday License**

Matty's  
Benson's  
Chase on the Lake 502  
Spencer Ross Post  
Tianna Country Club  
Café Zona Rosa  
Lucky Moose Bar & Grill

**Wine**

Village Square  
Jimmy's Family Restaurant

**3.2 On Sale**

Village Square  
Jimmy's Family Restaurant

**3.2 Off Sale**

Super One (Mineer's)  
Orton's Oil Company

Motion failed: 2-2 Council member Wilkening Abstained.

**M/S** Fjelstul, Bruns to approve all the Liquor Licenses except the Lucky Moose.

Motion passed: 4-0 Council member Wilkening Abstained.

**M/S** Fjelstul, Bruns to extend the period of the Lucky Moose's 2010 taxes being paid until the end of 2011, so they can retain their Liquor License for the 2011 season.

Motion passed: 4-0 Council member Wilkening Abstained.

9. **M/S** Finney, Wilkening to deny request from the Senior Leech Lakers to add a line item to the 2011 Budget in the amount of \$2,500.00 to help with expenses of the Walker Senior Center.

Motion passed: 5-0

10. Discussed and received Public Comment on the City of Walker's 2011 Budget.

11. **M/S** Wilkening, Finney to approve Resolution 39-2010, a Resolution adopting the Final 2011 Budget at a 4.19% increase.

Roll Call: Ayes: Finney, Wilkening Nays: Fjelstul, Bruns, Walhof

Motion failed: 3-2

**M/S** Fjelstul, Bruns to approve Resolution 39-2010, a Resolution adopting the Final 2011 Budget at a .68% increase.

Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Finney, Bruns, Walhof Nays: Wilkening

Motion passed: 4-1

12. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve Resolution 40-2010, a Resolution adopting the Final Tax Levy, and certifying it to the County.

Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Finney, Wilkening, Bruns, Walhof Nays: None

Motion passed: 5-0

13. **M/S** to approve Resolution 41-2010, a Resolution accepting donations made to the City of Walker.

Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Finney, Wilkening, Bruns, Walhof Nays: None

Motion passed: 5-0

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

1. **M/S** Wilkening, Fjelstul to approve Walker Planning Commissions/Board of Adjustments Meeting Minutes of Oct. 25, 2010.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Wilkening, Bruns to review and file Walker Zoning Administrator's Monthly Report.
3. **M/S** Wilkening, Finney to approve participation in the League of MN Cities Land Use On-Line Training Program, at a cost of \$180.00.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Wilkening, Fjelstul to approve Publicizing to receive applications from those interested in serving on the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment Board.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Wilkening, Fjelstul to approve holding a Public Input meeting to work on drafting a Digital Sign Ordinance.

Motion passed: 5-0

6. **M/S** Wilkening, Bruns to approve Resolution 38-2010, a Resolution for vacating a portion of Front Street/Walker Bay Blvd. Right-of-Way.

Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Finney, Wilkening, Bruns, Walhof Nays: None

Motion passed: 5-0

7. **M/S** Wilkening, Bruns to approve the order for vacating City Right-of-Way.

Motion passed: 5-0

#### **LIBRARY – Councilmember Bruns**

1. **M/S** Bruns, Finney to deny Walker Library Board's recommendation to reappoint MaryBeth Mohr as the City's Representative on the Kitchigami Regional Library Board, until after the New Council is in place at the first of the year.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. Discussed Library Repair Report.

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

1. **M/S** Finney, Bruns to review and file Walker Park Board's Meeting Minutes of November 30, 2010.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Finney, Fjelstul to review and file Neil Lange, Public Works Director's report on the Pressure Reducing Values.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Finney, Fjelstul to review and file letter dated November 16, 2010 from Ulteig, the City's Engineering Firm to Aspen Construction on the punch list that need's to be completed at Cochran's Sanitary Lift Station Rehabilitation.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Finney, Wilkening to approve request from Neil Lange, Public Works director's recommendation to approve quote from Old Dominion Brush Company for Bobcat replacement brooms and sweeper gutter brooms, in the amount of \$706.52.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Finney, Wilkening to approve request from Neil Lange, Public Works Director to pay Invoice #2339, in the amount of \$663.75 to North Star Pump Service for reprogramming controls at the Upper Lift Station.

Motion passed: 5-0

6. **M/S** Finney, Bruns to approve Neil Lange, Public Works Director's request to accept bid in the amount of \$650.00 from Olson Electric for Electrical repairs that need to be completed after the Mock OSHA Inspection.

Motion passed: 5-0

7. **M/S** Finney, Wilkening to approve Neil Lange, Public Works Director's request to purchase two strobe lights that he broke on the new plow truck, in the amount of \$887.10.

Motion passed: 5-0

8. **M/S** Finney, Fjelstul to approve Neil Lange, Public Works Director's request to accept quote in the amount of \$3,200.91 for a V-Plow attachment for the Bobcat.

Motion passed: 5-0

9. **M/S** Finney, Wilkening to approve having Ulteig Engineering move forward with Public Authorities Report in conjunction with the Michigan Ave. Project from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to Minnesota Ave. at a cost not to exceed \$10,500.00.

Motion passed: 5-0

10. **M/S** Finney, Wilkening to approve having Ulteig Engineering move forward with alternate routes for Sewer Line to the Industrial Park at a cost not to exceed \$8,500.00

Motion passed: 5-0

11. **M/S** Finney, Wilkening to approve Work Order No. R09.00326-3 – South Side Utility and Street Improvements, in an amount not to exceed \$16,500.00.

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

- The Walker City Hall and DMV Offices will be closed on Friday December 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday December 31<sup>st</sup> 2010 in honor of Christmas and New Years Days.
- Please join Northern Peace Funeral Home, and Mayor Brad Walhof, on Saturday December 11, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at the Evergreen Cemetery in Walker to celebrate National Wreaths Across America Program to honor our heroes.
- December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 second Council Meeting of the Month.
- Mayor Walhof appointed Council member Wilkening and Fjelstul to the Public Works Committee for the December Public Works Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Walhof**

Mayor Walhof adjourned the Regular Scheduled Meeting at 8:12 p.m.

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Bradley Walhof, Mayor

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