

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM  
Monday December 7, 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  
Jesse LeBlanc, Police Officer  
Edy Asell, Zoning Administrator

Wayne Tennis, Police Chief  
Joanne Mitchell, City Employee  
Dean Morrill, Pilot Independent  
Neil Lange, Public Works Director

**CONSENT AGENDA – Mayor Walhof**

M/S Finney/Fjelstul to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1 thru 7 as follows:

1. Approve Walker City Council Public Hearing Minutes of Nov. 2, 2009.
2. Approve Walker City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of Nov. 2, 2009.
3. Approve Cash Balance Report as of October 31, 2009.
4. Approve Claim #42299 to Claim #42319, and Claim #42321 to Claim #42409, in the amount of \$105,564.22.
5. Review and file Walker Police Department's Monthly Report.
6. Review and file Cass County Economic Development Corporation October 2009 Activity Report.

Motion passed: 5-0

**SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Walhof**

- Ken Bresley – Airport Commission  
Ken Bresley was not present.

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

- Administrator advised the Council that the City has received payment on the TIF shortfall from Hospitality Investors, LLC.
- We have received a pending employment termination for the DMV/Deputy Registrar and will request permission to advertise for the position.
- Administrator advised the council that she met with the phone company and reviewed the line charges, there are three lines left to investigate but to date we should be saving approximately \$400.00 a month.

- Administrator advised the Council that there is an ad in the paper that on December 15, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Fire Hall there will be an informational meeting for the Small Cities Grant and any business or individual resident that may be interested in applying for that grant may come to the meeting for more information.
- Administrator advised the Council that the new snowplow has been sent out for bid. And they will be accepted or rejected on December 22, 2009.

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

1. **M/S** Fjelstul/Wilkening to approve the following Budget moves as out-lined in Exhibit A.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Fjelstul/Finney to approve the following Liquor/Wine & 3.2 Licenses for 2010.

**3.2 On-Sale**

Village Square  
Jimmy's Family Restaurant

**3.2 Off-Sale**

Jimmy's Family Restaurant  
Orton's BP  
Mineer's Inc.

**Wine**

Village Square  
Jimmy's Family Restaurant

**Liquor On-Sale**

Café Zona Rosa  
Matty's  
Benson's  
Spencer Ross Post 134  
Tianna Country Club  
Chase On The Lake  
Lucky Moose

**Sunday**

Café Zona Rosa  
Matty's  
Benson's  
Spencer Ross Post 134  
Tianna Country Club  
Chase On The Lake  
Lucky Moose

Motion passed: 4-0 Council member Wilkening Abstained.

3. **M/S** Fjelstul/Wilkening to approve Pawn Broker's License for Royce's Gun & Pawn.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Fjelstul/Finney to approve Walker Fire Department's 2009 Payroll, in the amount of \$16,092.00.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. Discussion and Public comment on the City's 2010 Budget and Final Tax Levy. Council member Fjelstul and Council member Wilkening explained the Budget and Tax Levy as presented. Mayor Walhof urged the Council to contact their Representatives informing them of the importance of not cutting Local Aid to

Small Cities any further, and informing them of the devastation it has already caused.

6. **M/S** Fjelstul/Wilkening to approve Resolution 20-2009, a resolution adopting the Final 2010 Budget.

Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Finney, Wilkening, Worth, Walhof Nyes: None

Motion passed: 5-0

7. **M/S** Fjelstul/Wilkening to approve Resolution 21-2009, a resolution adopting the Final Tax Levy.

Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Finney, Wilkening, Worth, Walhof Nyes: None

Motion passed: 5-0

8. **M/S** Fjelstul/Finney to approve Resolution 22-2009, a resolution accepting donations in the amount of \$4,910.00 made to the City of Walker for Fiscal Year 2009.

Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Finney, Wilkening, Worth, Walhof Nyes: None

Motion passed: 5-0

9. **M/S** Fjelstul/Worth to approve advertising and interviewing to fill the Deputy Registrar position, due to Tim Rocks pending resignation.

Motion passed: 5-0

10. **M/S** Fjelstul/Wilkening to approve signing the Letter of Understanding, changing the Teamsters Local 346 Labor agreement from 3% to 1.5% wage increase for the 2010 Fiscal Year.

Motion passed: 5-0

11. **M/S** Fjelstul/Finney to approve a 1.5% wage increase for all full-time and part-time staff, not to include staff in their probation period or covered by a Union Contract.

Motion passed: 5-0

12. **M/S** Wilkening/Worth to approve Cass County Economic Development Corporations request for membership renewal in the amount of \$2,000.00 for fiscal year 2010.

Motion passed: 5-0

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

1. **M/S** Wilkening/Worth to review and file Walker Planning Commissions Meeting Minutes of Nov. 30, 2009.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Wilkening/Finney to approve Walker Planning Commissions recommendation to re-appoint Rich Hanson to the Planning Commission Board.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Wilkening/Worth to approve the resignation of Jesse Adams from the Planning Commission Board.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. Gary Bilben's term has expired on the Planning Commission Board, and he will not be seeking re-appointment.

5. **M/S** Wilkening/Finney to approve Ordinance 2009-06, an Ordinance establishing a fee schedule within the City of Walker as shown in Exhibit A, and Exhibit AA.  
Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Finney, Wilkening, Worth, Walhof Nyes: None

Motion passed: 5-0

6. **M/S** Wilkening/Worth to approve Resolution 23-2009, a Resolution authorizing a summary publication of Ordinance 2009-06, Fee Schedule.

Roll Call: Ayes: Fjelstul, Finney, Wilkening, Worth, Walhof Nyes: None

Motion passed: 5-0

#### **LIBRARY – Councilmember Worth**

1. **M/S** Worth/Finney to approve the resignation of Matt Nelson from the Library Board.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Worth/Wilkening to approve the Final Kitchigami Regional Library’s Joint Powers Agreement.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Worth/Wilkening to approve payment of Kitchigami Regional Library Local Levy Invoice in the amount of \$5,539.50.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Worth/Fjelstul to approve the re-appointment of Mary Beth Mohr to the Kitchigami Regional Library Board.

Motion passed: 5-0

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

1. **M/S** Finney/Wilkening to approve Walker Park Board Meeting Minutes of Nov. 25, 2009.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Finney/Fjelstul to approve Walker Park Board’s recommendation to appoint Marge Reinke to the Walker Park Board.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Finney/Wilkening to approve Walker Park Board’s recommendation to allow use of the Walker City Park on July 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 for a Triathlon, once proper paperwork, and Liability Insurance is filed with the City.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Finney/Fjelstul to approve payment of Invoice in the amount of \$8,378.15 to Electric Pump for an emergency re-pair to re-build the impeller for the Park Lift Station.

Motion passed: 5-0

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

- City Hall/DMV will close at 3:00 p.m. on December 24<sup>th</sup>, and will remain closed December 25<sup>th</sup> for Christmas Day. We will also be closed New Year’s Day January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

- Liquor Store will close at 4:00 p.m. on December 24<sup>th</sup>, and remain closed December 25<sup>th</sup> for Christmas Day, and will be closed January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

**CONTINUATION – Mayor Walhof**

Mayor Walhof continued the meeting until December 22, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at the Walker Fire Hall Meeting room.

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Bradley Walhof, Mayor

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