

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL
CONTINUATION MEETING MINUTES
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM
Thursday December 16, 2004 4:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Walhof

- Mayor Walhof called the continuation meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
- Council members present: Finney, Bresley, Bruns, Reed, Walhof
- Council members absent: None
- Others present during portions of the meeting included:

Stephen Michel, Administrator
John Valen, City Attorney
John K. Thompson, Leech Lake Twp.

Sylvia Bakker, City Employee
Mary Beth Mohr, Resident
Ron Geiser, City Employee

CONSENT AGENDA – Mayor Walhof

M/S Bresley, Bruns to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 thru 6 as follows.

1. Approve Walker City Council Public Hearing Minutes of December 6, 2004.
2. Approve Walker City of Walker Council Minutes of December 6, 2004.
3. Review letter from Otto Ringle.
4. Acknowledge receipt of \$100.00 donation from Otto Ringle to the Holiday Lighting Fund.
5. Addition of Kitchigami Regional Library handout.
6. Request for Officer Tennis and Ratz to attend a training seminar.

Motion passed: 5-0

SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS:

- No Business

CITY STAFF COMMENTS/CONCERNS – Administrator Steve Michel

- The Council expressed their condolences to the Mayor on the recent loss of his mother.

PERSONNEL, BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION–Councilmember Bresley

1. Mayor Walhof presented a Certificate of Appreciation and thanked Ron Geiser for his 29 years of service to the City of Walker.
2. M/S Reed, Finney to approve Walker Personnel Committee’s recommendation to hire Terri Bjorklund as the new City Administrator, at a salary of \$48,000.00 per year.

Motion passed: 5-0

Mayor Walhof and Council members Bruns and Reed voiced their thanks to the personnel committee for all their hard work in the decision making process.

3. **M/S** Finney, Bruns to approve the following Licenses as follows:

Wine License

Jimmy's Family Restaurant

3.2 License – On-Sale

Jimmy's Family Restaurant

3.2 License – Off Sale

Jimmy's Family Restaurant

Jubilee

Holiday Station Store

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Bruns, Finney to approve advertising for a Liquor Store Manager in the Park Rapids, Bemidji, Walker and Pine River Newspapers.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Bruns, Reed to approve the appointment of Bonnie J. Michel as Deputy Registrar effective January 1, 2005. Pay will remain the same as the other Motor Vehicle Clerk. With Ron's retirement the State requires a new appointment.

Motion passed: 5-0

6. **M/S** Finney, Bruns to have Terri Bjorklund start her new position as City Administrator effective Jan. 17, 2005.

Motion passed: 5-0

Council member Bresley expressed his gratitude to outgoing council member Finney for all the long hours and dedication on the personnel committee, during the hiring process.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Councilmember Bruns

1. City Attorney John Valen explained to the Council the only way to annex non-contingent property the City owns outside the City limits, would be orderly annexation. This would require a joint resolution between the City and Township the property lies within. Council member Bruns and the new appointment to meet with Shingobee Township to discuss the issue of the 120 acres lying in Shingobee Township.
2. City Attorney John Valen explained the Ordinance as it now reads pertaining to camping within the City of Walker. If an RV Park were to be allowed, it would require an amendment to the current Ordinance, and would open up camping to all properties located within the City. No action required, as camping is prohibited within the City Limits.

PARKS & REC./CEMETERY/LIBRARY – Councilmember Finney

1. Council member Finney gave the Council an update on the meeting her and City Administrator Stephen Michel attended, pertaining to the new Kitchigami Regional Library Master Agreement being rewritten.

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY – Councilmember Reed

1. M/S Bresley, Bruns to approve payment of Invoice # 6708 in the amount of \$622.00 to Landecker & Associates for General Engineering & Surveying Services.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. M/S Bresley, Finney to approve payment of Invoice # 39973 in the amount of \$557.00 to Widseth/Smith/Nolting for Professional Services on the Conservation Building.

Motion passed: 5-0

Council member Reed questioned when the wear course at Tianna Estates was going to be completed, and if the developer had lived up to the Developers agreement.

OTHER BUSINESS – Mayor Walhof

- Mayor Walhof announced that the City Hall Offices would be closed on Friday December 24, and Friday December 31, 2004 in observance of Christmas and New Year’s Holiday.
- Mayor Walhof announced that there would be a public meeting held before the regular scheduled Jan. 3, 2005 Council meeting in the WHA School auditorium to hear a developer’s vision and plans for a possible downtown revitalization which would include the renovation of the Chase Hotel. The regular scheduled council meeting at the school auditorium would follow the public meeting.
- M/S Bruns, Finney to approve Officer Tennis and Ratz attendance at a Rural Patrol Drug Investigations training seminar to be held January 4, 5 & 6th, 2005 in Lake Vermillion @ a cost of approximately \$53.00 per night, per person.

Motion passed: 5-0

- Mayor Walhof thanked outgoing Council member Finney for her 8 years of service to the City of Walker, and Council member Reed for his 4 years of service.
- Council member Finney thanked the Council for the opportunity to have worked with them, and the knowledge she felt she had gained serving as a member of the Council. Council member Reed voiced his appreciation too.

CONTINUATION - Mayor Walhof

Mayor Walhof continued the meeting until 5:30 p.m. Thursday December 16th, 2004, at the Walker High School Commons area for the DNR meeting.

ADJOURNMENT - Mayor Walhof

Mayor Walhof adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Bradley J. Walhof, Mayor

Attest: _____
Stephen J. Michel, Administrator