

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM
Thursday December 16, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Walhof

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

Terri Bjorklund, Administrator
Wayne Tennis, Chief of Police
Sylvia Bakker, City Employee
Annie McMurrin, Newly Elected Councilman
Gretchen Gibbons, WACC
Alex Rogen
Judy Anderson
Ken Bresley

Edy Asell, Zoning Administrator
Neil Lange, Public Works Director
Joanne Mitchell, City Employee
Pat Kastning, WACC
Jim Rogen
Greg Smith
Bob Ostlund
Jamie Tatge

CONSENT AGENDA – Mayor Walhof

- No Business

SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Walhof

- No Business

CITY STAFF COMMENTS/CONCERNS – Administrator Terri Bjorklund

- No Business

PERSONNEL, BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION – Councilmember Finney

1. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bruns to approve Royce’s Gun & Pawn License for the year 2011.
Motion passed: 5-0
2. **M/S** Fjelstul, Finney to approve transferring \$26,300.00 from the Ambulance checking account to Water Capitol Projects checking account for the cost of painting the Water Tower as previously budgeted for. Council member Wilkening expressed concern over maintaining the \$500,000.00 in the account.
Motion passed: 5-0
3. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve the Walker Area Community Center’s request of \$7,000.00 to help offset the cost of operating the outdoor ice rink. The funds will be used to provide supervision at the rink as a pleasure rink, open to all free of charge and no organized hockey practices will be allowed.
Motion passed: 5-0

M/S Wilkening, Finney to transfer the money from the Liquor Store Account to the General account to pay the \$7,000.00 to the WACC to help offset the cost of running the outdoor skating rink.

4. M/S Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve the Personnel Committee's recommendation to hire Mark Sekulich, and Wayne Striebel as temporary part-time Police Officers at the wage of \$12.00 per hour, contingent upon them passing all requirements.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. M/S Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve the Walker Police Departments Guidelines and Procedures regarding response to reports of procession of property seized for Administrative Forfeiture as required by MN State Statue §609.531.

Motion passed: 5-0

6. M/S Fjelstul, Finney to approve the Walker Personnel Committee's recommendation to hire Wendy Drews at a salary of \$12.00 an hour for the Deputy Registrar position, and upon completion of a 6 month probationary period increase in salary of 3%.

Motion passed: 5-0

7. M/S Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve the Walker Personnel Committee's recommendation to approve a 3% salary increase for Police Officers as outlined in the union contract for the year 2011.

Motion passed: 5-0

8. M/S Fjelstul, Finney to approve the Personnel Committee's recommendation to approve a 3% raise for all other eligible employees for the year 2011.

Motion passed: 5-0

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/LIQUOR STORE – Councilmember Wilkening

1. M/S Wilkening, Fjelstul to deny applying for a Community Arts Access Project Grant, thru the Five Wings Arts Council, and forward the process to the Park Board for review and addressing a plan to be established in 2011, and consideration for the 2012 budget.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. Discussed the City's Liquor License Ordinance, and the Council following and enforcing the City's Ordinance's.

LIBRARY – Mayor Walhof

- No Business

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY/ PARKS/CEMETERY– Councilmember Finney

- No Business

OTHER BUSINESS – Mayor Walhof

- City Hall and the DMV Department will be closed on Friday December 24, 2010 and Friday December 31, 2010 in honor of Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Walhof

Mayor Walhof adjourned the Regular Scheduled Meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Council Member Wilkening, presented plaques to outgoing Mayor Brad Walhof, and outgoing Council Member Pat Finney. Following the presentation cake and coffee were served.

Bradley J. Walhof, Mayor

Attest: _____
Terri Bjorklund, Administrator