

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM  
Thursday December 18, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER – Acting Mayor Finney**

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

Terri Bjorklund, Administrator  
Wayne Tennis, Police Chief  
Judy Anderson, Lucky Moose

Sylvia Bakker, City Employee  
Dawn Anderson, Lucky Moose

**CONSENT AGENDA – Acting Mayor Finney**

Acting Mayor Finney opened the meeting by reading a Memo from Mayor Walhof.

M/S Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1 thru 12 as follows:

1. Approve Walker City Council TNT Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2008.
2. Approve Walker City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2008.
3. Review and file Cash Balance Report for November 30, 2008.
4. Approve payment of Invoice #20081203 in the amount of \$2,573.44 to Ortivus for Sweetsoft Ambulance Billing Program for the Walker Ambulance Service.
5. Approve payment of Invoice #212301 in the amount of \$9,825.00 to SEH for work completed on the Walker Airport Parallel Taxiway Preliminary Design, Wetland Delineation and Wetland Permit Application.
6. Approve payment of Invoice #2411 in the amount of \$980.00 to Young Excavating, Inc. for digging the Water/Sewer lines at the Senior Citizen Building Site.
7. Approve payment of Invoice #75375 in the amount of \$4,505.42 to Wes Plumbing for installation of Water/Sewer lines to the Senior Citizen Building site.
8. Approve payment of Invoice #2410 in the amount of \$1,100.00 to Young Excavating, Inc. for clearing and Grubbing at the Senior Citizen Building Site.
9. Approve payment of Invoice in the amount of \$8,500.00 to Briggs & Morgan for Professional Services rendered for the period from Jan. 2004 to Nov. 25, 2008.
10. Review and file League of Minnesota Cities Resource Information pertaining to the State Budget Deficit.
11. Review and file Thank You from Leech Lake Area Chamber.
12. Addition of work Order #148582, approval to pay work order #148582 in the amount of \$519.90 to Swanson's Repair for work on Fire Truck #703.

Motion passed: 4-0

## **SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS – Acting Mayor Finney**

- No Business

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

- Update on the Deed Grant. The City has received \$503,126.92.
- Update on proposed LGA Cuts.

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

1. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve request from Edy Asell, Safety Officer to attend the OSHA/Safety Assistance 102 training to be held Jan. 21, 2009 at a cost of \$155.40.

Motion passed: 4-0

2. **M/S** Fjelstul, Worth to approve the transfer of \$330,000.00 from the project fund, back to the Ambulance Fund, as the Deed Grant money came in.

Motion passed: 4-0

3. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve Resolution 39-2008, a resolution accepting donations made to the City of Walker from Dec. 1, 2008 till Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

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

Motion passed: 4-0

4. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve Resolution 40-2008, a resolution adopting the Final 2009 Budget.

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

Motion passed: 4-0

5. **M/S** Fjelstul, Worth to approve Resolution 41-2008, a resolution adopting the Final Tax Levy.

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

Motion passed: 4-0

6. **M/S** Fjelstul, Worth to approve Resolution 42-2008, a resolution supporting maintenance of Local Title and Registration Services.

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

Motion passed: 4-0

7. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve transfer of \$35,611.04 from the General Fund to the projects cash account for the Industrial Park Project to zero out the account balance.

Motion passed: 4-0

8. **M/S** Fjelstul, Worth to approve transfer of \$779.33 from the General Fund to the projects cash account for the Tower Avenue Project to zero out the account balance.

Motion passed: 4-0

9. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve transfer of \$301.50 from the General Account to the projects cash account for the Leech Lake Seniors project to zero out the account balance.

Motion passed: 4-0

10. **M/S** Worth, Fjelstul to approve the On-Sale, and Sunday Liquor License for the Lucky Moose, with the following provisions stipulated by City Attorney John Valen being met.

1. That 2007 taxes be paid by December 31, 2008.
2. That the first half of 2009 taxes be paid on the May 15<sup>th</sup> due date.
3. That at least the first half of 2008 taxes be paid by the end of August 2009.
4. That as of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009, all taxes will be up to date, or the City will have the authority to revoke the License.

Motion passed: 3-0 Council member Wilkening abstained.

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

1. **M/S** Wilkening, Fjelstul to approve the property exchange purchase agreement with Reggie Thiel, with Reggie paying the first half of the 2009 property taxes, on his parcel and the City paying the second half of the property taxes in the amount of \$1,587.00. This would cost the City approximately \$866.12 with a loss of income of \$720.88 in 2009.

Motion passed: 4-0

#### **PARKS & RECREATION/LIBRARY – Councilmember Worth**

1. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening Review and file Walker Park Board's Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2008.
2. **M/S** Fjelstul, Worth to approve Walker Park Board's recommendation to work on the Pathway of Time at the Walker City Park as it will cost the City no money. The steps have been put on hold for now due to the budget cuts.

Motion passed: 3-0 Nye: Council member Wilkening

3. **M/S** Fjelstul, Wilkening to approve Walker Library Board's recommendation to appoint Diana Kramer, Matthew Nelson, and Audrey Chelberg to the Library Board for a three year term.

Motion passed: 4-0

4. The Park Board would like to Thank Chris Opheim and Willard Arends for their years of service on the Walker Park Board, and direct the City Administrator's to send a Thank You card to them.

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

1. **M/S** Finney, Fjelstul to approve quote in the amount of \$1,790.27 from Hackensack Lumber & hardware for PVC Pipe for the aireater at the Water Treatment Plant. Need to be replaced every eight to ten years.

Motion passed: 4-0

2. **M/S** Finney, Wilkening to approve quote in the amount of \$1,538.78 from Jason Jones Automotive Services for repair to squad car #WPD1.

Motion passed: 4-0

**OTHER BUSINESS – Acting Mayor Finney**

- M/S Worth, Fjelstul to close City Hall at 3:00 p.m. on December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008
- City Hall will be closed Thursday December 25<sup>th</sup>, and January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 for the Holidays.
- The City Council wishes everyone a Very Merry Christmas.

**ADJOURNMENT – Acting Mayor Finney**

Mayor Walhof adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

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Pat Finney, Acting Mayor

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