

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER –Mayor Scott Bruns

- Mayor Scott Bruns called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 5:03p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance
 - Council members present: Bruns, McMurrin, Moore, Nelson and Wilkening
 - Council members absent: None
 - Others present during portions of the meeting included:

Terri Bjorklund, City Administrator

Travis Baker, Police

CONSENT AGENDA

M/S Wilkening/Moore to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1 thru 5 as follows, waving the reading.

1. Review and file 2014 LMCIT Property/Casualty Dividend.
2. Review and file final payment of the Timber Sale Contract between the City of Walker and Gregerson Logging.
3. Review and file Walker Area Joint Fire Department December 11th, 2014 Agenda and November 13, 2014 Minutes.
4. Review and file Thank you from the Chamber of Commerce for the 2014 festival of lights sponsorship.
5. Review and file Notice of Application for Authority to Provide Local Telephone Service from CenturyLink.

Motion passed (5-0)

SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS –Mayor Scott Bruns

None.

STAFF COMMENTS – Administrator Terri Bjorklund

None.

PERSONNEL, BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION – Councilmember Nelson

1. **M/S** Nelson/McMurrin to approve to accept Voided Check #50365 from 10/16/2014 and replaced with Check #50466 11/18/2014 in the amount of \$1,090.61.
Motion passed (5-0)
2. **M/S** Nelson/Moore to approve of the Membership Service Agreement between the City of Walker and the Cass County Economic Development Corporation.
Motion passed (5-0)

3. **M/S Nelson/Moore** to approve to enter into a contract for additional timber sales with Sawyer Enterprise.
Motion passed (5-0)
4. **M/S Nelson/McMurrin** to approve of the request of the Accounting Department to transfer \$9,680.00 from Cemetery Operating checking account, to the Cemetery Perpetual Care Savings Account.
Motion passed (5-0)
5. **M/S Nelson/Moore** to approve of the request of the Accounting Department to transfer \$3,585.73 in Fund 376 TIF 2-9 Country Inn to Cass County Auditor for redistribution.
Motion passed (5-0)
6. **M/S Nelson/Wilkening** to approve of the request of the Accounting Department to refund the remaining balance of \$3,568.74 from the Chase Escrow account to Chase on the Lake LLC.
Motion passed (5-0)
7. **M/S Nelson/Wilkening** to approve of the Fund Balance Policy for the City of Walker.
Motion passed (5-0)
8. **M/S Nelson/McMurrin** to approve of the Personnel Committee's recommendation to approve a two year raise structure and insurance benefit in order to better plan for the next fiscal year.
January 1, 2015 5% increase to the current wage of each employee
January 1, 2016 3% increase to the current wage of each employee
For the years 2015 and 2016 to continue the current health benefit and split any additional increase in the premium with the eligible employee that carries insurance 50/50.
Motion passed (5-0)
9. **M/S Nelson/Moore** to approve of the Personnel Committee's recommendation to add to the Personnel Policies **Payment in lieu of Health Benefit:**
An employee eligible for Health Insurance that chooses to not participate in the City's Group Health Insurance Plan will receive 50% of the City contribution for a single policy per pay period with all taxes being applied to the payment. The employee must sign a form stating that they have been offered the coverage and are declining due to one of the following:
 - coverage under a spouse
 - coverage under Federal government
 - Other

Effective January 5, 2015

Motion passed (5-0)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & LIQUOR STORE – Councilmember Moore
None.

LIBRARY, PARKS & AIRPORT – Councilmember McMurrin

1. **M/S McMurrin/Moore** to approve of the request by Jared Olson for the Eelpout Festival to use the Park February 19 thru the 22 for set-up, event and clean-up and to not approve on sale liquor/beer sales or live music until 11pm.
Motion passed (5-0)

PUBLIC WORKS, SAFETY & CEMETERY – Councilmember Wilkening
None.

OTHER BUSINESS –Mayor Bruns

1. **M/S Wilkening/McMurrin** to approve the cost of City Hall, DMV signage and ½ of the sign frame, from timber sale funds and the Liquor Store sign and ½ of the sign frame from Liquor store funds.
Motion Passed (5-0)
2. **M/S Wilkening/Moore** to approve the new Leech Lake Map signage funding from timber sales.
Motion Passed (5-0)
3. **M/S Wilkening/McMurrin** to approve allocation of 10,000.00 from timber sales towards the community digital dynamic sign.
Ayes: Bruns, McMurrin, Moore, Wilkening Nays: Nelson
Motion passed (4-1)

ADJOURNMENT –Mayor Bruns

Mayor Bruns adjourned the Regularly Scheduled Meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Scott Bruns, Mayor

Attest: _____
Terri Bjorklund, Administrator