

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM
Monday April 4, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Walhof

- Mayor Walhof called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Council members present: Mohr, Bresley, Bruns, Fjelstul, Walhof
- Council members absent: None
- Others present during portions of the meeting included:

Terri Bjorklund, Administrator
John Valen, City Attorney
Dean Morrill, Pilot Independent
Rosie Ochs, Resident
Ron Dvoracek, Resident
Jon Stewart, Resident
Bonnie Stewart, Resident
Jan Cyr, Business Owner
Willard Arends, Resident
Sherrie Kennedy, Solutions Salon
Lloyd Kennedy, Resident
Steve Dody, Business Owner
Steve Michel, Representative Steve Olson

Sylvia Bakker, City Employee
Will Hoyt, Landecker & Assoc.
Dick Kolp, Resident
Judi Moravec, Mathias Justin, CPA
Jan Dvoracek, Resident
Lara Shimer, Resident
Larry Cyr, Business Owner
John Zacher, Business Owner
Dave Kellogg, Business Owner
Jana Weise, Business Owner
Brian Hein, Resident
Audrey Chelberg, Library
Wayne Tennis, Police Officer

CONSENT AGENDA – Mayor Walhof

M/S Fjelstul, Bresley to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1 thru 5 as follows.

1. Approve Walker City Council Minutes of March 7, 2005
2. Approve March 2005 Disbursements.
3. Review and file Deputy Registrar Review.
4. Review and file Cass County Mill Rate Sheet.
5. FYI: Post Board Training for Police Officers, April 13 & 19th, 2005.

Motion passed: 5-0

SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Walhof

M/S Bresley, Bruns to approve Resolution 13-2005, a resolution supporting the control of Cormorants on Leech Lake.

Roll Call: Ayes: Bresley, Fjelstul, Mohr, Bruns, Walhof Nyes: None

Motion passed: 5-0

M/S Fjelstul, Mohr to approve the Ethnic Fest Committee's request to use the green space by the rock garden for children's activities, and a petting zoo during Ethnic Fest.

Motion passed: 5-0

- The Council listened to concerns from a group of Business Owners with access off Michigan Avenue, concerning the closure of 6th Street for Crazy Days.

Council member Fjelstul, suggested meeting with the retail service committee, before bringing it to the Council.

Council member Bresley, suggested not closing any street

Lisa from the Chamber suggested closing Fifth Street instead. Mayor Walhof said that he was opposed to that idea, and Council member Bresley agreed.

Council member Bresley stated that the stoplight is the only flow thru for traffic. Tourists don't know that they can make it all the way through town on a back street. After more discussion Council member Bresley entertained a motion.

M/S Bresley, Walhof to not close any street for the first Crazy Days, and see how it works out.

Motion failed: 2-3 Ayes: Bresley, Walhof Nyes: Fjelstul, Mohr, Bruns

M/S Bruns, Mohr to table the issue and let the Chamber and Business Owners, and Retail Service Committee discuss the issue and come back to the Council with a recommendation.

Motion passed: 5-0

- Scott Gustafson, Fisheries Specialist, MN DNR Fisheries. Not present

CITY STAFF COMMENTS/CONCERNS – Administrator Bjorklund

- Advised the Council that the City Administrator, Nick Zubke, and the MN Dept. of Health have started working on the amended Wellhead Protection Plan. No cost the first year, second year will have to budget \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00 dollars.
- Advised the Council that Laurie Hill, Assistant Ambulance Director attended North Ambulance Training for C-CAT.
- Discussed DMV hours

M/S Fjelstul, Bresley to approve extending the DMV Office hours on Monday evenings until 6:30 p.m., on a 6 month trial basis. Will post and advertise the extended hours.

Motion passed: 5-0

PERSONNEL, BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION – Councilmember Bresley

1. **M/S** Mohr, Bruns to approve Tim Rock and Bonnie Michel attending a Training Session for the new DNR Web Site, on April 6th & 7th, at a cost of travel & meeting time, plus mileage.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. Council member Bresley explained to the Council the building permit surcharges in the amount of \$3,149.82.

M/S Bruns, Mohr to make payment in the amount of \$3,149.82.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. Judi Moravec, Mathias C. Justin, LTD, CPA answered questions from the Council on the difference in changing the City's accounting methods.
4. **M/S** Bruns, Mohr to approve Resolution 14-2005, changing the City of Walker's accounting methods to a Cash Basis Accounting System.

Roll Call: Ayes: Bresley, Fjelstul, Mohr, Bruns, Walhof Nyes: None

Motion passed: 5-0

5. Discussed and considered possible Development Incentives for the Chase Hotel Development.

6. **M/S Fjelstul, Bruns** to approve changing the Chase Escrow amount from \$50,000.00 to \$25,000.00, at which time the account is drawn down to \$5,000.00, Mr. Olson would be informed so he could add to the account to keep the Chase project moving forward.

Motion passed: 5-0

Steve Michel, representing Steve Olson, requested that the City of Walker not move forward with anything until at which time he can be certain the project is still on track.

7. **M/S Bresley, Mohr** to approve payment of Invoice # 174337 in the amount of \$1,028.00 to Metro Sales, Inc. for the printer maintenance agreement.

Motion passed: 5-0

8. **M/S Fjelstul, Bruns** to have City Attorney review the Dakota Clinic Lease to include a 180 day termination notice for just cause

Motion passed: 5-0

Council member Bresley explained to the Council how the Airport has been designated a NAPIAS Airport – which means that we are allotted \$150,000.00 in grant money each year to be used as the city sees fit. The City may retain the funds for up to three years, and when a project is done the Federal Government will match it 95% of the project to the City's 5%. To qualify for this type of funding it requires an airport to have a lay out plan, which is why we are requesting RFQ's from engineering firms.

M/S Fjelstul, Bruns to proceed with the RFQ requests.

Motion passed: 5-0

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Councilmember Bruns

1. Reviewed and filed Walker Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2005. Bresley, Mohr to accept the minutes.
2. **M/S Fjelstul, Bresley** to approve setting a Public Hearing for April 25, 2005 at 5:15 p.m. in the Walker Fire Hall Meeting Room to hear comments and concerns relative to using the RV definition of the City Code to form a possible Park Ordinance Change.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. Gail Levenson, Cass County EDC – gave semi annual report.
4. **M/S Fjelstul, Bresley** to approve a request from Next Innovations to amend the Business Subsidy Agreement to an affiliated entity (Next Innovations Worldwide Sales, Inc.) owned by the same shareholders of the Company, contingent upon approval by the MN Dept. of Revenue.

Motion passed: 5-0

PARKS & RECREATION.CEMETERY/LIBRARY – Councilmember Mohr

1. No Park Board Meeting.
2. **M/S Bresley, Bruns** to approve application from Fishing the Wildside to use Walker City Park June 4 & 5, 2005 for the Evinrude Walleye Classic Tournament.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to table application from Leech Lake Realty to use Walker City Park Aug. 19, 2005 for a customer appreciation 15th Anniversary Celebration.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. Reviewed and filed Walker Library Board Meeting Minutes of March 30, 2005.
5. Discussed letter dated March 18, 2005, from Shingobee Township, pertaining to the Evergreen Cemetery. Council referred the matter to the Cemetery Board. City Attorney John Valen to draft a document to bring before the Cemetery Board.
6. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve payment to Emerald Lawn, Inc. in the amount of \$1,004.01 for the 2005 Contract for the sprinkler system at the Cemetery.

Motion passed: 5-0

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY – Councilmember Fjelstul

1. Council member Fjelstul updated the Council on the Healthy Communities Grant.
2. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve payment of payment application No. 12- Final payment, in the amount of \$24,156.00 to Eagle Construction for the Walker City Hall/Liquor Store relocation.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Bruns, Bresley to approve payment of Invoice #84053 in the amount of \$942.50 to Anderson Brothers, for sand for the streets.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve estimate from Eric Myhra Ford in the amount of \$1,524.74, to repair the 2001 Squad Car.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Bruns, Bresley to approve proposal in the amount of \$7,013.76, from Anderson Brothers to overlay Elm Street from 7th Street to HWY 34, proposal in the amount of \$2,283.84, from Anderson Brothers to patch an area by the water treatment plant, proposal in the amount of \$2,002.00, from Anderson Brothers to patch an area by the corner of the Chase, and a proposal in the amount of \$2,428.40 from Anderson Brothers to patch an area on the corner of 4th & Highland.

Motion passed: 5-0

OTHER BUSINESS – Mayor Walhof

Status of discussion on Park Shores. May agenda

ADJOURN – Mayor Walhof

Mayor Walhof adjourned the meeting at 9:02

Bradley J. Walhof, Mayor

Attest: _____
Terri Bjorklund, Administrator