

**WALKER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WALKER FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM  
Monday March 7, 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  
Wayne Tennis, Police Officer  
Joe Sherman, Pilot Independent  
Mona Glassmann, Ambulance Director  
Willard Arends, Park Board  
Ron Dvoracek, Resident  
Lisa Katzenmeyer, Leech Lake Chamber  
Lara Shimer, Resident  
Beth Plattner, Self

Sylvia Bakker, City Employee  
Will Hoyt, Landecker & Assoc.  
Dean Morrill, Pilot Independent  
Brian Hein, Self  
Lisa, Leech Lake Chamber  
Jan Dvoracek, Resident  
Frank Allen, Chamber  
Jon Stewart, Resident  
Stephanie Freeman, Chamber

**CONSENT AGENDA – Mayor Walhof**

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

1. Approve Walker City Council Minutes of February 7, 2005.
2. Approve Continuation Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2005
3. Approve February 2005 Disbursements.
4. Review and file Letter from Walker Ambulance Service to Dr. Patrick Lilja, North Memorial Medical Center.
5. Approve payment of Invoice # 565 in the amount of \$676.28 to Mineer Signs.
6. Addition of Walker Ambulance Service Grant Writer Expense, Item # 9 under Personnel, Budget & Finance.

Motion passed: 5-0

**SCHEDULED CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS:**

No Scheduled Citizen Presentations.

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

No City Staff Comments, Concerns

**PERSONNEL, BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION – Councilmember Bresley**

1. Sue Ostlund, Ostlund Accounting, Cash Balance Accounting, and GASB.  
**Postponed until Sue's arrival.**

2. **M/S** to approve amending the Budget as recommended per Sue Ostlund, Ostlund Accounting. **Postponed until Sue's arrival.**
3. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bruns to approve Nick Zubke, and Mark Kimmerle attendance at the League of Minnesota Cities Safety and Loss Control Workshop on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at an approximate cost of \$40.00, plus mileage.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bruns to approve Wayne Tennis, Walker Police Officer attending a MAJPS Training Session April 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005, at a cost of \$75.00.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Bruns, Mohr to approve Resolution 11-2005, appointing and designating the Commissioner of Transportation as agent for the City of Walker to carry out Federally Funded Airport Improvement Projects.

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

Motion passed: 5-0

6. **M/S** Fjelstul, Mohr to approve payment to the Minnesota Council of Airports for membership dues for 2005, in the amount of \$100.00.

Motion passed: 5-0

7. **M/S** Bruns, Mohr to approve the \$1.00 an hour increase in pay for Laurie Hill, Assistant Ambulance Director, as approved December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2004, upon her completion of Paramedic Training.

Motion passed: 5-0

8. **M/S** Fjelstul, Mohr to approve Walker Personnel Committee's recommendation to hire Ben Dikima, for the Ambulance position, with a April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005 starting date, and at a salary rate of \$9.50 per hour, plus .50 cents shift differential. Must become a Licensed Paramedic within 1 year.

Motion passed: 5-0

- Mona Glassmann reported that North Memorial has accepted becoming the Walker Ambulance Services Medical Director.

9. **M/S** Bruns, Fjelstul to approve hiring a grant writer at a cost of \$500.00 to write a grant for the Walker Ambulance Service.

Motion passed: 5-0

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Councilmember Bruns**

1. **M/S** Bresley, Fjelstul to approve the Walker Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2005.

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **M/S** Bresley, Mohr to approve a variance request from Jim Negaard, to use the exiting footprint of a foundation to reconstruct a residence that was damaged by fire.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bresley to approve Walker Planning Commissions recommendation to have City Attorney John Valen research the old railroad grade south of Park Shores.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Bresley, Mohr to approve Walker Planning Commissions recommendation to pass Resolution 12-2005, vacating the East 25' of Third Street.

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

- Gail Levenson, Cass County EDC updated the Council on the Chase Development Project. USDA expressed interest in a grant to fund the replacement of the Senior Citizen Center, to a different location. Grant opportunity's for the USDA grant would be July or October.

5. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bresley to approve the Contract with Guy T. Sharpe for Zoning Administrator Services with a monthly retainer fee of \$400.00. Any other services requested by the City will be billed at a rate of \$50.00 per hour.

Motion passed: 5-0

6. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bresley to approve the Contract with E-Gads for Building Inspection Services, with a monthly retainer fee of \$400.00, in addition to 75% of all building permit fees, and 100% of all plan review fees collected.

Motion passed: 5-0

7. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve payment of Invoice from E-Gads, Inc. in the amount of \$922.50.

Motion passed: 5-0

#### **PARKS & RECREATION/CEMETERY/LIBRARY – Councilmember Mohr**

1. No Library Board Meeting.
2. Reviewed and filed Walker Park Board Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2005.
3. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve Walker Park Board's recommendation to allow approximately 400 motorcycle riders, participating in the American Red Cross 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual RIDE FOR THE RED, to use the Walker City park on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005 from 1 to 3 p.m. for lunch.

Motion passed: 5-0

**M/S** Fjelstul, Bresley to waive the Park fee for the RIDE FOR THE RED.

Motion passed: 5-0

Discussed replacing the docks. Bresley informed the Council that the League of Minnesota Cities strongly recommends no docks, or lifeguards because of Liability issues.

4. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to table Resolution 9-2005, supporting the Lake Country Scenic Byway Associations "Community Signage" grant application.

Motion passed: 5-0

Leech Lake Chamber of Commerce requested of the Council the closure of 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> streets for Crazy Days.

5. **M/S** Fjelstul, Bresley to approve Leech Lake Area Chamber of Commerce request to close 6<sup>th</sup> Street for Crazy Days, and the closure of 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Streets for Ethnic Fest.

Motion passed: 4-0 Nye: Mohr

#### **PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY – Councilmember Fjelstul**

1. Council member Fjelstul updated the Council on the Healthy Communities Grant.
2. Reviewed and discussed Memo from Mark Kimmerle Police Chief.  
**M/S** Bresley, Mohr to have the Police Department help with the buses entering highway 371.

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve paying the City's share of Invoice #11202911 in the amount of \$2,379.39 for salt for the streets.

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve payment of balance of Invoice 76766 to Anderson Brother in the amount of \$1,000.00, for spillways at Bayview Heights, contingent upon removal of concrete castings.

Motion passed: 5-0

5. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve payment of Invoice #6837 in the amount of \$515.00 to Landecker & Associates for General Engineering & Surveying Services for the month of February.

Motion passed: 5-0

6. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to approve payment of Payment Application No. 11 in the amount of \$1,714.00 to Eagle Construction for work on the City Hall/Liquor Store Renovation.

Motion passed: 5-0

7. **M/S** Bresley, Bruns to table payment of Payment Application No. 12 Final Payment at the recommendation of Widseth/Smith/Nolting in the amount of \$24,156.00 to Eagle Construction for final completion on the City Hall/Liquor Store Renovation, until two forms are received.

Motion passed: 5-0

8. **M/S** Bresley, Fjelstul to accept the proposal from Downare, LLC (North) in the amount of \$3,525.00 to repair the Dakota Clinic Roof.

Motion passed: 5-0

9. Reviewed and filed Delinquent Water Posting and Collection List of 2/18/05.

### **OTHER BUSINESS – Mayor Walhof**

### **ADJOURN – Mayor Walhof**

Mayor Walhof adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

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Bradley J. Walhof, Mayor

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