

**Minutes of the Walker City Council
Monday, April 12, 2021
Walker City Council Chambers**

Mayor Pro Tem Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Council Present: Paul Nielsen, John Pint, Dianna Thorp, Rob Dunn. Absent: Kene Shoop. Mayor Voss arrived at 7:27 pm.

Others Present: Kevin Shoop, Cody Voss, Margaret Moore, Joe Moore, and Jessica Moore.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn.

Motion/Second by Pint/Nielsen to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following: 4-12-2021 agenda, 3-8-2021 minutes, 4-1-2021 minutes, accounts payable, March payroll reports, 1st quarter 2021 payroll reports and renewal of cigarette/tobacco/nicotine/vapor permit for Casey's. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Linn County Sheriff's Report: Our contract is for 61.0 hours per month and they were in Walker for 109.4 hours since the last meeting.

Mayor: 1 permit was issued for a fence. Mayor Voss inquired if council had any opposition to the coffee groups returning to the community room. Council has no opposition if it is not a problem with the clerk since she is the one in the building. Connie has no objection.

Clerk: Written report is available at City Hall. The March gross payroll was \$11,643.74. The gross payroll for the 1st quarter 2021 was \$38,333.62. The ending balance on March 31, 2021 was \$1,159,612.52.

Public Works Technician: Written report is available at City Hall.

Fire Dept: There were 6 calls in March. Truck 304 has a battery charger issue, and this is being fixed at no cost. We have several DNR burns lined up and are working to get a firefighter 1 class for this winter.

Council/Committee Reports: None

Open Forum: Jessica Moore and the Moore family are proposing a memorial bench for Everett Moore, who has been actively involved in city projects for many years. He was a fire fighter, a city councilmember, a business owner, and held the position of Mayor for many years. Everett was always looking out for this community and doing things, whether people knew about them or not, to make Walker a better town. They are requesting to place a permanent memorial bench for him in front of city hall. Council likes the idea and asks that they bring their final bench design and plan when they are complete.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion/Second by Pint/Thorp Dunn/Shoop to allow Kula's to close Greene Street for a lunch time ride on Saturday, May 8, 2021. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

We received one bid for the concession stand roofing project. The bid was from Sherbon Construction in the amount of \$4,335.00. Motion/Second by Nielsen/Pint to accept the bid from Sherbon Construction in the amount of \$4,335.00 for the concession stand roofing project. Ayes: Pint, Nielsen, Thorp, Dunn. Absent: Shoop. Motion carried.

Council asked Will to put together an estimate for replacing the cement around the concession stand building at the ballpark. The estimate is for \$1,891.00 and the city employees will do the work with him,

including removal of the old cement. Motion/Second by Nielsen/Thorp to proceed with replacement of the cement with an estimate of \$1,891.00. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Nuisance hearing for property on Bever Street set for Monday, April 19, 2021 at 7 pm.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Thorp to approve Resolution 2021-6 – Resolution to approve the Center Point Library Contract for FY22 in the amount of \$7,500.00 Ayes: Dunn, Thorp, Pint, Nielsen. Absent: Shoop. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Pint/Thorp to approve Resolution 2021-7 – Resolution approving FY21 fund transfers. Ayes: Pint, Nielsen Thorp, Dunn. Absent: Shoop. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Pint to approve Resolution 2021-8 – Resolution approving the final plat for the Reierson Addition to Linn County, Iowa. Ayes: Nielsen, Dunn, Thorp, Pint. Absent: Shoop. Motion carried.

Discussion on water/sewer rates held. Motion/Second by Dunn/Pint to make no adjustment to the water rates and to increase sewer minimum to \$56.00 and the rate per 1,000 gallons over the minimum to \$14.00. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Public hearing for Ordinance 350 – Amending provisions pertaining to water service customer deposits is set for Monday, May 10, 2021 at 7:10 pm

Public hearing for Ordinance 351 – Amending provisions pertaining to sewer service charges and customer deposits is set for Monday, May 10, 2021 at 7:10 pm

Public hearing for Ordinance 352 – Amending chapter 160-Flood plain management set for Monday, May 10, 2021 at 7:10 pm.

Discussion held on RAGBRAI on July 29, 2021. Vendor fees, clean up deposit for out-of-town vendors, local business vendors, and local non-profits discussed. The clerk has the vendor application ready and will get them updated. Council also approved music from 10 am – 2 pm and hiring Jam Time D. J. Productions. The attorney is working on the ordinance suggested by RAGBRAI to prevent vendors from setting up without permission from the City on this day.

Public hearing for FY21 budget amendment #2 set for Monday, May 10, 2021 at 7:10 pm.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Pint to adjourn at 8:11 pm. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 10, 2021 at 7 pm at the Walker City Council Chambers.

Bills Approved:

IPERS, January Contributions.....\$1,764.75
IRS, January federal payroll tax withholding.....\$2,866.17
Treasurer, State of Iowa.....January water excise tax\$787.00
Alliant Energy, utilities.....\$5,784.69
Bank of America, Arlo, Microsoft, Zoom, Dropbox, supplies.....\$308.83
City of Central City, salt/sand mix....\$1,793.00
Dave's Service, rental of boom lift.....\$450.00
IAMU, membership dues.....\$651.00
Linn Co-op Lawn Care, ball diamond and city park.....\$2,544.12
Linn Co-op Oil, diesel.....\$996.65
Martin Equipment, rental end loader.....\$5,400.00
Menards, lock for city shop.....\$119.00
IPERS, February Contributions.....\$2,141.40

IRS, February federal payroll tax withholding.....\$3,495.43
Computer Troubleshooters, IT/website agreements.....\$445.00
CP Farm & Auto, supplies.....\$268.79
Rexco, repair skid loader.....\$1,793.44
Office Depot, supplies.....\$33.59
eurofins dba Test America, wwtp testing.....\$831.60
Rudd Sanitation, February municipal contract....\$3,857.00
McCright Agency, annual insurance/work comp premium.....\$37,261.00
Iowa League of Cities, Spring 2021 IMFOA Conference.....\$125.00
TOTAL.....\$73,717.46

Revenues for March 2021: General Fund \$4,315.61; Fire Equipment \$1.63; Road Use Fund \$3,423.94; RE Taxes – Employee Benefits \$182.89; RE Taxes – Emergency Levy \$99.76; Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$16,413.88; Debt Service Fund \$1,181.61; Water Projects – Restricted \$3.058; Sewer Projects – Restricted \$.15; Streets Project – Restricted \$3.87; Water Fund \$15,680.64; W/S Deposits \$.43; Water Sinking Fund \$4,878.84; Sewer Fund \$22,826.17; Sewer Sinking Fund \$10,024.37; Garbage Fund \$4,005.99. TOTAL \$83,042.86.

Expenditures for March 2021: General Fund \$41,637.61; Road Use Fund \$25,174.31; Water Fund \$16,083.76; Sewer Fund \$21,014.50; Garbage \$3,857.00. TOTAL \$107,767.18.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Helms, City Clerk

Approved by:

James Voss, Mayor