

Minutes of the Walker City Council
Monday, April 8, 2024
Walker City Council Chambers

Mayor Bamrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Council Present: Paul Nielsen, Jonathan Wolff, Abigail Wells, and Rob Dunn. Absent: Kyle Glenn.

Others Present: Will Sherbon, Kevin Shoop, Bill Avis, Mona Blair, Rozena McVey, Ted Beuter, Jen Mims, Brian and Lori Prucha from Rudd Sanitation, Derek Anthony, Donna VanHorn, Gene VanHorn, Betty Gottschalk, Lin Schulte, Ragine Dvorak, Joe Horaney from Linn County Solid Waste Agency, Tina Chapman, Hunter Chapman, Dean Pecinovsky, Austin Prose, Misty Cavalier, and Linn County Deputy Williams.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bamrick.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Wolff to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following: 4-8-24 agenda, 3-11-24 minutes, 4-1-24 minutes, accounts payable, March payroll reports, 1st quarter 2024 payroll reports, and renewal of Kula's liquor license. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Linn County Sheriff's Report: We contract for 14 hours per week. They have exceeded the required hours for the last month.

Joe Horaney, Linn County Solid Waste Agency gave the annual update on solid waste and recycling collection. A copy of his presentation is available at city hall.

Mayor: 3 permits were issued – 1 pergola, 2 new houses in February.

Clerk: Written report is available at city hall. March gross payroll: \$13,734.42. 1st quarter 2024 gross payroll: \$42,389.04. The ending balance on March 31, 2024, was \$1,738,552.53.

Public Works Technician: Written report is available at city hall.

Fire Dept: There were 9 calls for service in the past month – 6 medical calls, 1 mutual aid fire and 2 controlled burns.

Council/ Committee Reports: Councilmember Nielsen stated he has reviewed and signed off on all of the financial reports.

Planning & Zoning Commission: They did not meet this month.

Open Forum: Rozena McVey inquired when the last time an audit was done. It has been a while. Connie explained that beginning next year we will be required to have an annual examination as we have exceeded \$1,000,000.00 in expenditures for 2 consecutive years.

Old Business: Ted Beuter gave an update on the projects at the ballpark. They are looking to get 4 new picnic tables for under the pavilion at the ballpark. They will get quotes and come back to council to see if they would pay ½ with the little league paying the other ½.

New Business:

Motion/Second by Wolff/Dunn to approve the car show at the ballpark on Friday, July 26, 2024, with a rain date of Sunday, July 28, 2024, sponsored by Twisted Torque. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Wolff/Wells to approve Music in the Park sponsored by Twisted Torque following a car cruise on Saturday, August 31, 2024, with music from 4-8 pm. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Iowa's communities and countryside provide the basis for making this a special and unique place to live; and

WHEREAS caring residents and citizens desire to build the pride and respect toward our community's natural lands and the environment, knowing that these are essential to the cultural and economic health and vitality of the state where we live; and

WHEREAS visitors to Iowa will respect and admire the communities and countryside that make us special; and

WHEREAS Iowa's towns and cities and their leaders recognize the importance of maintaining clean and attractive areas; and

WHEREAS, Keep Iowa Beautiful, a state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, works to build partnerships with government organizations, private companies, communities, counties, and volunteer/service groups statewide to conduct litter prevention, recycling, beautification, community and landscape enhancement, increased volunteerism and waste minimization programs and projects; and

WHEREAS, for more than 20 years, Keep Iowa Beautiful, its Board of Trustees, and sponsors, have combined leadership, creativity, insight, and expertise that continues to enhance the beauty and cleanliness of Iowa:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cole Bamrick, Mayor of Walker, will encourage our City Council, city staff, teachers and all our citizens, young and old, to undertake personal and organizational efforts that will enhance the cleanliness, health and beauty in our community and state. I do hereby proclaim April 2024 KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL MONTH.

National Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation

WHEREAS our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of Walker; and

WHEREAS, childhood trauma, including abuse and neglect, is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

WHEREAS childhood trauma can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and

WHEREAS communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that build strong children and families; and

WHEREAS we acknowledge that we must work together as a community in partnership to build awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cole Bambrick, *Mayor of the City of Walker, Iowa*, do hereby proclaim April as NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in Walker, and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and their families.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Dunn to accept the bid from K & M Tree Service in the amount of \$4,750.00 for the removal of 12 trees. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Wells to approve the estimate for 2024 street maintenance in the amount of \$76,528.80 from L. L. Pelling Co. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Wolff/Nielsen to publish minutes in the Linn News as well as the Gazette for price comparison. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Public hearing for FY24 Budget Amendment is set for Monday, May 13, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Walker City Council Chambers.

We did not receive any interest in the planning & zoning commission opening. We will re-post and look to appoint at the May 13, 2024, meeting.

Motion/Second by Wolff/Wells to change garbage collection to no recycling with three 35-gallon cans and an increase of \$.50 per month effective July 1, 2024. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Council instructed to make list of properties they want addressed for nuisance for the May 13, 2024, meeting. Mayor Bambrick also tasked those in attendance to do the same and bring their list to city hall.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Wolff to adjourn at 8:14 pm. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

The FY25 Budget public hearing is scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Walker City Council Chambers.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Walker City Council Chambers.

Bills Approved:

- AED Superstore, AED pads.....\$128.40
- Bank of America, subscriptions, Hotel/meals
Map copies for P & Z.....\$1,663.81
- Goldstar Products, Inc., UV wipes.....\$448.28
- Hygienic Labs, water testing.....\$14.50
- IMFOA, annual dues.....\$50.00
- Lease Consultants Corp., April copier
Lease.....\$98.10
- UMB Bank, NA, 2024a GO Bond
Acceptance fee.....\$300.00
- US Cellular, utilities.....\$253.49
- Casey's Business Mastercard,
Gasoline.....\$120.11
- HR Green, engineering.....\$1,528.04
- IMFOA, 2024 Spring IMFOA Conference

Registration.....\$150.00
 Iowa Prison Industries, golf cart
 Stickers.....\$53.16
 Linn County Recorder, recording
 Fees.....\$99.00
 Schimberg, water supplies.....\$159.04
 Simone, Perrine, Moyer, Bergman,
 Legal services.....\$80.00
 Speer Financial, Inc., Municipal
 Advisor fees.....\$7,100.00
 Ahlers & Cooney, PC, Bonding
 Attorney fees.....\$11,750.00
 Alliant Energy, utilities.....\$5,125.72
 Badger Meter, network fees, annual
 Licenses.....\$1,359.77
 Carson Repair Service, fire truck
 Annual maintenance.....\$1,057.50
 Dearborn Life Ins. Co., emp. Life April-
 June 2024.....\$35.49
 Eurofins, wastewater testing....\$1,294.70
 HR Green, engineering.....\$2,778.50
 HR Green, engineering.....\$6,500.00
 IAMU, annual dues.....\$752.00
 Iowa Prison Industries, sign.....\$190.80
 Oakland Corporation, annual Laserfiche
 Software fees.....\$420.00
 Office of Auditor of State, annual
 Periodic exam fee.....\$1,500.00
 Simmering-Cory, codification.....\$211.00
 Stone City Quarries, lime.....\$44.44
 IRS, March 2024 federal payroll withholding
 Tax.....\$3,196.38
 IPERS, March 2024 Contributions.....\$2,062.89
 Treasurer, State of Iowa, 1st Quarter 2024
 State payroll withholding tax.....\$1,908.00
 Computer Troubleshooters, IT/Website
 Agreements, Screen share.....\$548.00
 Treasurer, State of Iowa, March 2024 water
 Excise tax payment.....\$743.05
 The McCright Agency, annual property insurance
 and work comp insurance.....\$53,956.00
 Brett Freeman, refund deposit.....\$206.69
 Shirley Hettinger, refund deposit.....\$52.70
 Menards, supplies.....\$74.46
 FJ Krob & Co., grass seed.....\$17.50
 Linn News, publication.....\$12.70
 Julie Andersen, cleaning.....\$37.50
 Gazette Communications, publications.....\$699.08
 Connie Helms, mileage.....\$73.82
 Rudd Sanitation, municipal garbage
 Contract payment.....\$3,945.00
 Summers' Enterprise, Inc., final payment for
 Greene St. water main project.....\$39,189.67
 TOTAL: 152,179.51

Revenues for March 2024: General Fund \$12,150.20; Fire Equipment Fund \$1.31; Road Use Fund \$5,609.74; RE Taxes – Employee Benefits Fund \$382.05; RE Taxes – Emergency Levy Fund \$194.38; Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$8,319.03; Debt Service Fund \$2,324.44; Water Projects – Restricted Fund \$5.73; Sewer Projects – Restricted Fund \$0.38; Streets Project – Restricted Fund \$6.98; Greene St. Water Main/Downtown Project Fund \$8,858.37; CBDG-DR Grant \$0.00; 2024 GO Bond Fund \$803,599.28; Water Fund \$14,334.63; W/S Deposits Fund \$2.32; Water Sinking Fund \$4,326.61; Sewer Fund \$23,215.31; Sewer Sinking Fund \$8,515.92; Garbage Fund \$3,919.10. TOTAL \$895,765.78.

Expenditures for March 2024: General Fund \$12,489.10; Road Use Fund \$4,340.86; Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$00.00; Debt Service \$300.00; Greene St. Water Main Fund \$1,528.04; CDBG-DR Grant \$00.00; 2024 GO Bond Fund \$176,275.00; Water Fund \$12,187.51; Water Fund Deposits \$00.00; Water Sinking Fund \$00.00; Sewer Fund \$19,114.03; Sewer Sinking Fund \$00.00; Garbage Fund \$3,945.00. TOTAL \$230,179.54.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Helms, Finance Director, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by:

Cole Bamrick, Mayor