

Minutes of the Walker City Council
Monday, August 10, 2020
Walker City Council Chambers

Mayor Voss called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. Council Present: Paul Nielsen, Dianna Thorp, and Kene Shoop. Absent: John Pint & Rob Dunn.

Others Present: Dave Hoeger, Tom Zasadny, Rod Eckhoff, Kevin Shoop and Will Sherbon.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Voss.

Motion/Second by Shoop/Thorp to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following: 8-10-2020 agenda, 7-13-2020 minutes, accounts payable and July payroll reports. 3 ayes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Mayor: 1 building permit was issued for a storage shed.

Clerk: Written report is available at City Hall. The July gross payroll was \$16,546.59. The ending balance on July 31, 2020 was \$1,008,622.14. Two emails from citizens were shared with city council as well for consideration.

Public Works Technician: Written report is available at City Hall. Both the VFD project at the wastewater treatment plant and the sewer main lining project were completed this week.

Fire Dept: There were no calls for service this month.

Open Forum: Dave Hoeger, the new superintendent at North Linn Community School District wanted to introduce himself to the city council. Gary Mausser expressed his displeasure with the city for changing to Linn County for building permits and inspections. He feels we do not need to have them as it will just cost the taxpayers more money and people would not want to move into town. Mayor Voss explained that the public forum for this has been postponed until we feel it is safe to have a gathering of 30-40 people in council chambers at one time. The public will be notified of the new date and time once it is rescheduled. It was also explained that the council decided to investigate this as an option to ensure the safety of our citizens and to ensure that construction codes are properly followed. Mr. Mausser stated that any contractor he would hire would follow codes without going to this. He does not feel that we have problems of this type in the community. Councilmember Shoop explained that Center Point utilizes Linn County for their building permits and inspections, and it has prevented work from being done incorrectly as it is inspected by certified inspectors. Mr. Mausser became aggravated and was asked to leave the meeting. The city clerk presented the council with a written proposal from Tim Foss, the owner of 218 Greene Street, for support for the Community Catalyst Program Grant with the Iowa Economic Development Authority. Council was provided information on the program and will review and discuss further to determine how they wish to proceed.

Old Business:

Building Permits and Inspections Public Forum has been postponed until further notice.

ATV/UTV Ordinance – this has been referred to the city attorney for review.

Land Development Update – council was presented with information regarding setting up an urban renewal district and tax increment financing. Connie will provide this information to the developer to see how they would like to proceed.

New Business:

Bids for Municipal Garbage Contract received as follows:

Rudd Sanitation: \$14.50 per month x 3 years for two trash cans that hold 35 gallons and unlimited recycling for Friday morning pick up. \$1.00 tags can be purchased at Casey's for any additional garbage.

Kluesner Sanitation: Option 1:\$15.40 per month with a 2% increase in the 2nd year and another 2% increase in the 3rd year for two trash cans that hold 35 gallons and unlimited recycling with Thursday pick up. \$1.00 tags would be available for purchase for any additional garbage. Option 2: \$14.95 per month with a 1% increase in the 2nd year and another 1% increase in the 3rd year with 2 totes provided, 1 for garbage and 1 for recycling, with weekly trash pick-up on Thursdays and bi-weekly recycling pick up on Thursdays.

Motion/Second by Shoop/Nielsen to approve Resolution 2020-20 awarding the Municipal Garbage Contract to Rudd Sanitation in the amount of \$14.50/month for residential pick up. Roll call vote – ayes: Thorp, Shoop, Nielsen. Absent: Pint, Dunn, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Shoop/Thorp to approve Resolution 2020-21 approving the FY20 Street Finance Report. Roll call vote – ayes: Shoop, Nielsen, Thorp. Absent: Pint, Dunn, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Shoop/Nielsen to approve the purchase of the MDV Kohler KDW1003 Level Lift Bed UTV with the following options: roof, windshield, rear window, driver's side door, passenger door, rear view mirror, wiper kit, beacon kit and roof wire harness kit, for a cost of \$17,371.00. 3 ayes, 2 absent, motion carried. The city clerk has been instructed to place an ad for sealed bids for the sale of the old utv.

19 Ely Street Remediation/Rehabilitation Project – Tom Zasadny discussed his plans for the old elementary school building. He is using the space in the newer section of the building for his piano business and has seen growth and just recently hired several new employees. He has had a roofer look at what needs to be done to fix the roof over the gymnasium and would like to see that preserved for the community to use. He is thinking of several other options for the remainder of the building such as a library, apartments, lofts, art studios, just to mention a few. He is hoping the city can contribute in some way and assist him in possibly getting money for the Community Catalyst Grant from the Iowa Economic Development Authority. Since we have both Mr. Zasadny and Mr. Foss looking at this same program, the council will have to review and decide which project is the best fit as the city can only have one building in the community apply for this grant. The city clerk said there are several other options to look at, possibly tax increment financing, and other grants that she can investigate as well. This will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to adjourn at 8:15 pm. 3 ayes, 2 absent, motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7 pm at the Walker City Council Chambers.

Bills Approved:

AirGas USA, LLC, oxygen cylinder.....\$43.52
Alliant Energy, utilities.....\$5,894.94
Apparatus Testing Services, annual pump
certification.....\$330.50
Bank of America, website, Arlo, Microsoft,
Dropbox, flowerpots, flowers.....\$1,325.74
Casey's Business MasterCard, gasoline.....\$292.51
F.J. Krob & Co, weed spray.....\$108.00
Hygienic Lab, water testing.....\$13.00
Iowa One Call, utility locates.....\$6.30
Kevin Shoop, reimburse for live traps.....\$94.98
Computer Troubleshooters, IT agreement.....\$320.00
Iowa DNR, NPDES Annual fee.....\$210.00
AWWA, membership dues.....\$245.00
LL Pelling, Co, FY20 road project.....\$40,861.42

Iowa Rural Water Assoc., Conference.....\$320.00
 Iowa DNR, Annual Public Water Supply fee.....\$90.91
 Rudd Sanitation, July Municipal Garbage Contract
 payment.....\$4,020.00
 Nicole Carlson, refund water/sewer deposit &
 overpayment on account.....\$155.10
 Joyce Bebensee, refund north pavilion
 deposit.....\$100.00
 Windstream, telephone/internet.....\$594.92
 Woodward Community Media, publications.....\$192.67
 Linn Newsletter, subscription.....\$35.00
 Rudd Sanitation, dumpster.....\$65.00
 Eurofins dba TestAmerica, wastewater treatment
 plant testing.....\$949.20
 Linn Co. Public Health, air permits.....\$135.00
 Wendling Quarries, rock.....\$671.56
 Budget Copy Systems, copier maintenance
 agreement.....\$324.46
 Builder's FirstSource, athletic field marker,
 supplies.....\$203.40
 Office Depot, office supplies.....\$86.94
 Truck Builder's, repair fire truck.....\$20,529.10
 Crawford Engineering & Surveying, boundary
 line survey.....\$1,698.80
 IPERS, July contributions.....\$2,248.90
 IRS, July federal payroll withholding tax.....\$3,776.31
 TOTAL.....\$85,943.18

Revenues for July 2020: General Fund \$5,521.18; Fire Equipment \$4.55; Road Use Fund \$13,298.96;
 RE Taxes – Employee Benefits \$77.70; RE Taxes – Emergency Levy \$44.03; Local Option Sales Tax
 Fund \$8,954.16; Debt Service Fund \$529.94; 2019 GO Bond Fund \$0.81; Water Projects – Restricted
 \$9.15; Sewer Projects – Restricted \$1.14; Streets Project – Restricted \$11.60; Water Fund \$18,745.30;
 W/S Deposits \$151.10; Water Sinking Fund \$4,807.93; Sewer Fund \$23,541.75; Sewer Sinking Fund
 \$9,982.31; Garbage Fund \$3,890.98. TOTAL \$89,572.59.

Expenditures for July 2020: General Fund \$23,070.51; Road Use Fund \$3,818.68; Debt Service
 \$500.00; Water Fund \$15,033.33; Water Fund Deposits \$150.00; Sewer Fund \$26,423.30; Garbage
 \$4,020.00. TOTAL \$73,015.82.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Helms, City Clerk

Approved by:

James Voss, Mayor