

**Minutes of the Walker City Council**  
**Monday, August 14, 2023**  
**Walker City Council Chambers**

Mayor Bamrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Council Present: John Pint, Rob Dunn, Paul Nielsen, Kyle Glenn arrived at 7:02pm. Absent: Dianna Thorp.

Others Present: Will Sherbon, Brian & Lori Prucha, Kevin Shoop, Craig Kluesner, Rod Eckhoff, Jim Hopkin, Brett Freeman, Cody Voss, and Linn County Sheriff's Deputy Derek Palmquist.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bamrick.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Pint to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following: 8-14-23 agenda, 7-10-23 minutes, accounts payable, July payroll reports. 3 ayes, 2 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.

Mayor: 5 permits were issued – a covered front porch/covered deck, 2 Fences, a new home, and a deck.

Clerk: Written report is available at City Hall. July gross payroll: \$16,425.68. The ending balance on July 31, 2023, was \$878,679.55. Update given on clean up at 26 Mill St. He continues to make progress. We will follow up in 1 month.

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

Fire Dept: There were 11 calls for service in July. The breakfast on Pickle Days went well, serving approximately 350. There is a valve leaking on #304 and they are getting that repaired this week. Coggon, Troy Mills and Walker fire departments are going to be working together to provide medical coverage at the football games this year.

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

Open Forum:

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion/Second by Pint/Dunn to close Rowley St. from Greene St. to Dows St. on Sunday, August 27, 2023, for an event at Kula's, as well as approve an extended outdoor service area liquor license if all necessary paperwork is received. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried. Connie did state that as of today, an extended outdoor service area for the liquor license has not been applied for. If it does get applied for, they will have to comply with all fencing/seating requirements of the license.

Garbage bids opened: Bids were received from Rudd Sanitation, Inc., Kluesner Sanitation, LLC, and ABC Disposal Systems.

Motion/Second to approve Resolution 2023-26 awarding the bid for a Municipal Garbage Contract effective December 1, 2023, to Rudd Sanitation for weekly garbage and recycling pick-up at the following rates: year 1 \$15.00, year 2 \$15.50, year 3 \$16.00. Ayes, Glenn, Pint, Dunn. Nays: Nielsen, Thorp. Motion carried.

Connie presented HR Green's report on the bids for the city shop and their recommendation.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Glenn to approve Resolution 2023-27 authorizing the City Shop Project and awarding the bid to Beck Construction in the amount of \$566,850.00. Ayes: Glenn, Nielsen, Pint, Dunn. Nays: Thorp. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to approve Resolution 2023-28 approving the FY23 Street Financial Report. Ayes: Pint, Dunn, Glenn, Nielsen. Nays: Thorp. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Glenn to approve the FY23 Annual Financial Report. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

### **MAYORAL PROCLAMATION:**

Whereas, VALOR, Inc., in partnership with the Cedar Rapids Metro Area Veterans Council, the Iowa City VA Medical Center, and the Linn County Continuum of Care will hold Linn County's 17th annual Stand Down for homeless and near-homeless veterans and non-veterans, and;

Whereas, Stand Down is a term used in times of war in which exhausted combat units come off the battlefield to rest and recover in a place of safety, and;

Whereas, According to the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, the first Stand Down was organized in 1988 by a group of Vietnam Veterans in San Diego, and;

Whereas, Today, Stand Down also refers to a community-based program that assists homeless and near-homeless veterans transition to community living by providing access to human service agencies, including benefits counseling (Social Security and Veterans), employment and training assistance, eye exams screenings, health care screenings, housing services, legal assistance, mental health treatment and substance abuse counseling, and;

Whereas, Stand Downs have been used as an effective tool in reaching out to homeless veterans, nationally reaching more than 200,000 veterans and their family members.

Now, Therefore, I, Cole Bamrick, Mayor of Walker, Iowa, do hereby proclaim September 7, 2023, as the:

### **“17th Annual Five Seasons Stand Down Day”**

and encourage residents to recognize the positive impacts of this event to assist Veterans, and to express gratitude to those who have served and continue to serve.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Pint to split the cost of a powered suction device and new set of equipment bags with the GCW Mutual Aid Society. The city share will be approximately \$900.00 to be paid from the fire department budget. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Discussion held regarding the GCW's gator/trailer. Council will consider and revisit it at the September meeting if it has not been sold at that time. In the interim, it will be posted on Public Surplus to see if the GCW can get it sold.

Discussion was held regarding the wireless internet antenna and other equipment on the water tower. At this time, council has decided to leave the equipment unless it causes a problem.

Discussion was held regarding a request for a reduction in sewer charges on account 000008061000. The city was not notified of the issue until 2 months after it occurred. It has been the policy of the city to not reduce sewer charges in these situations. Connie has been instructed to notify the property owner.

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Motion/Second by Nielsen/Dunn to adjourn at 8:16 pm. 4 ayes 1 absent, motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2023, at 7 pm at the Walker City Council Chambers.

FY2024 Bills Approved:

Bank of America, subscriptions,  
Conference, supplies.....\$1,141.91  
Budget Copy Systems, maintenance  
Agreement.....\$459.87  
Casey's Mastercard, gasoline.....\$306.64  
Center Point Auto Parts, supplies.....\$94.08  
City of Center Point, jet vac rental.....\$250.00  
FJ Krob & Co., chemicals.....\$85.00  
Flowers by Shayna, dirt and flowers for  
Flowerpots.....\$638.75  
Hawkeye Electric CR, generator  
Maintenance agreements.....\$420.48  
HR Green, engineering.....\$190.50  
Hygienic Labs, water testing.....\$14.50  
Lease Consultants Corp, August copier  
Lease.....\$98.10  
Linn Co-op Oil, diesel.....\$958.70  
Menards, supplies.....\$282.86  
Petty Cash, postage.....\$45.64  
US Cellular, cell phones.....\$303.68  
Ace Electric, repair generator at  
WWTP.....\$230.00  
Altorfer, Inc., troubleshoot generator  
At WWTP.....\$499.00  
AWWA, membership dues.....\$266.00  
EDI, acidization of SAGR cells at  
WWTP.....\$11,700.00  
Iowa DNR, Annual Public Water  
Supply fee.....\$75.70  
Iowa DNR, NPDES Permit fee.....\$210.00  
Linn County Sheriff, police services  
July-Sept. 23.....\$7,280.00  
Menards, toolbox and supplies.....\$1,370.82  
Alliant Energy, utilities.....\$6,027.14  
Cy & Charley's, repair tire.....\$29.00  
ECICOG, CDBG-DR grant administration  
Fees.....\$8,847.50  
IRS, July 2023 federal payroll tax  
Withholding.....\$3,667.10  
IPERS, July 2023 contributions.....\$2,234.54  
Computer TroubleShooters, IT/website  
Agreements.....\$548.00  
Treasurer, State of Iowa, July 2023 water  
Excise tax payment.....\$961.84  
Badger Meter, Gateway monthly fee July-  
Sept. 2023.....\$60.00

Dunlap Motors, oil change.....\$52.95  
 Eurofins, wastewater treatment plant  
 Testing.....\$957.60  
 Ferguson Enterprises, LLC, hydrant  
 Meter.....\$1,218.50  
 Gazette Communications, publications.....\$275.87  
 Hawkins, Inc., chlorine.....\$228.52  
 HR Green, engineering.....\$6,396.44  
 Iowa One Call, utility locates.....\$18.90  
 Office Depot, office supplies.....\$250.59  
 Simmering-Cory, codification of ordinances  
 367-369.....\$145.00  
 EBTC, telephone/internet.....\$384.92  
 Gordon Flesch co, Inc., shipping.....\$18.45  
 Lake Delhi Tree Service, tree  
 Removal.....\$4,150.00  
 Hygienic Labs, water testing.....\$14.50  
 Independence Plumbing, heating, repair  
 Water heater.....\$252.00  
 Julie Andersen, cleaning.....\$78.75  
 Linn County Public Health, air permit  
 Renewals.....\$135.00  
 MARC, weed killer.....\$7,551.50  
 Rudd Sanitation, July contract  
 Payment.....\$3,915.00  
 US Cellular, cell phones.....\$303.71  
 TOTAL: \$75,645.55

Revenues for July 2023: General Fund \$5,355.09; Fire Equipment Fund \$1.26; Road Use Fund \$7,732.08; RE Taxes – Employee Benefits Fund \$84.64; RE Taxes – Emergency Levy Fund \$45.63; Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$8,892.07; Debt Service Fund \$490.55; Water Projects – Restricted Fund \$8.34; Sewer Projects – Restricted Fund \$37; Streets Project – Restricted Fund \$11.18; Greene St. Water Main/Downtown Project Fund \$2,949.66; Water Fund \$18,088.75; W/S Deposits Fund \$2.12; Water Sinking Fund \$4,323.02; Sewer Fund \$25,563.87; Sewer Sinking Fund \$8,509.02; Garbage Fund \$3,868.30. TOTAL \$85,925.95.

Expenditures for July 2023: General Fund \$22,855.15; Road Use Fund \$28,804.82; Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$144.75; Greene St. Water Main Fund \$218.00; CDBG-DR Grant \$8,847.50; Water Fund \$46,778.97; Sewer Fund \$60,001.77; Garbage Fund \$3,915.00. TOTAL \$171,565.96.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Helms, Finance Director, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by:

Cole Bamrick, Mayor