

Minutes of the Walker City Council
Monday, August 9, 2021
Walker City Council Chambers

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

Others Present: Will Sherbon, Margaret Moore, Jessica Hammerand, Cody Voss, Kevin Shoop, Doug Winn, Pastor Patrick Munyawaz, Terry Shaffer, Alexander Cummer, Shawn Snitkey, Bill Avis, and Linn County Deputy Schmid.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro Tem Shoop.

Motion/Second by Pint/Nielsen to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following: 8-9-2021 agenda, 7-12-2021 minutes, accounts payable, and July payroll reports. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Linn County Sheriff's Report: Our contract is for 61.0 hours per month, and they met/exceeded those hours in Walker since the last meeting.

Mayor: no permits were issued since the last meeting.

Clerk: Written report is available at City Hall. The July gross payroll was \$20,205.32. The balance on July 31, 2021, was \$1,069,291.78.

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

Fire Dept: There were 13 calls for service this month. They have had 1 person inquire about becoming a member. The breakfast went well on Pickle Days as did RAGBRAI.

Council/Committee Reports: Council member Nielsen reported that he has reviewed all the financial reports.

Open Forum: Alexander Cummer asked if it would be possible to do something with his dealer's license at the current station while the Board of Adjustments and Planning & Zoning are working on this request regarding the lot at the southeast corner of the intersection of Greene and Rowley Streets. We will put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

New Business:

The clerk did not receive any volunteers to be appointed to fill the mayor vacancy. Mayor pro tem Kene Shoop stated that he is willing to complete the term. Motion/Second by Dunn/Pint to appoint Kene Shoop as Mayor. 4 ayes, 1 abstain (Shoop), motion carried. We now have a council seat open, however, because the election on November 2, 2021, is less than 60 days out, we do not have to fill the council vacancy. The newly elected council member will fill the vacancy as soon as the vote is canvassed following the election.

Council discussed June water billing for account 000027040603. Public works will do a flow test on the meter and verify the current reading. This will be put on the next agenda for further discussion.

Motion/Second by Pint/Dunn to adopt Resolution 2012-12 – Resolution Approving the HRGreen Master Professional Services Agreement for GIS Services. Roll call vote: Ayes: Dunn, Thorp, Pint, Nielsen. Nay: vacant seat. Motion carried.

Information regarding a text alert system was presented to council. They would like to pursue this further and have instructed the clerk to gather further information for the next meeting.

Ordinances 354-359 were presented to council. These are updates due to changes in state legislation to keep our ordinances codified. Copies of the ordinances are available at city hall. Public hearing set for Monday, September 13, 2021, at 7:05 pm.

Information regarding property maintenance and nuisance abatement with Linn County Public Health presented to council. Council would like to pursue entering a 28E agreement for these services and have instructed the clerk to gather further information and costs for the next meeting.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to approve the building for the 1950 fire truck. 4 ayes, 1 vacant, motion carried. The fire department has come up with a new plan for the structure. The new plan addresses the issues that Planning & Zoning had regarding line of vision at the corner of Park and Rowley Street as well as the concerns regarding drainage. The building will be for fire department memorabilia as well to honor past firefighters. It will be funded by donations and fundraisers and no tax dollars from the city will go towards the building.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to adjourn at 7:53 pm. 4 ayes, 1 vacant, motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 13, 2021, at 7 pm at the Walker City Council Chambers.

Bills Approved:

Treasurer, State of Iowa, 2nd quarter water excise tax balance.....\$851.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa, 2nd quarter sales tax.....\$278.00
IPERS, June 2021 contributions.....\$1,824.68
IRS, June 2021 federal withholding payroll tax.....\$3,089.88
Treasurer, State of Iowa, 1st quarter state withholding payroll tax.....\$1,522.00
Alliant Energy, utilities.....\$6,807.64
Apparatus Testing Service, annual pump certification.....\$612.25
AWWA, annual membership dues.....\$252.00
Bank of America, arlo, Microsoft, adobe, dropbox, conference, supplies.....\$1,207.53
Casey's Business Mastercard, gasoline.....\$197.01
Hygienic Lab, water testing.....\$13.00
Iowa DNR, annual public water supply fee – FY22.....\$90.71
Lease Consultants Corp., copier lease.....\$98.10
Quill, office supplies.....\$219.81
Tanner Avis, refund deposit.....\$150.00
Jam Time DJ Productions, RAGBRAI music.....\$375.00
Kevin Shoop, reimburse for cable and clips for bike parking on RAGBRAI.....\$106.44
Port O Johnny, port-a-potties for RAGBRAI.....\$1,600.00
WSA Promotions, Inc., RAGBRAI signage/shirts.....\$745.00
IMFOA, clerk recertification fee.....\$50.00
IPERS, July 2021 contributions.....\$2,619.20
IRS, July 2021 federal withholding payroll tax.....\$4,621.20
Computer Troubleshooters, IT/Website agreements.....\$445.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa, July 2021 water excise tax payment.....\$963.00
Linn County Sheriff, police services.....\$6,916.00
Zapco, power needs for RAGBRAI.....\$239.00
Connie Helms, lunch for RAGBRAI workers.....\$140.02
Simmering-Cory, codification of ordinances.....\$1,419.00
Windstream, utilities.....\$665.08
Builder's Firstsource, supplies for horseshoe court.....\$356.14
Petty cash.....\$49.30
Fire Service Training Bureau, fire fighter 2 class.....\$50.00
Badger Meter, Beacon mobile hosting service.....\$20.16
Bodensteiner Equipment, service mower, Stihl blower.....\$861.70
Eurofins, dba TestAmerica, wastewater treatment plant testing.....\$957.60

Linn News, annual renewal.....\$49.00
Budget Copy Systems, copier maintenance agreement.....\$479.71
Roto Rooter, Hydro-excavation for hydrant replacement.....\$875.00
Wendling Quarries, rock.....\$71.68
Woodward Community Media, publications.....\$205.99
Rudd Sanitation, July 2021 contract.....\$3,857.00
TOTAL: \$45,950.83

Revenues for July 2021: General Fund \$16,833.96; RAGBRAI \$.09; Fire Equipment Fund \$1.48; Road Use Fund \$12,373.47; RE Taxes – Employee Benefits Fund \$51.27; RE Taxes – Emergency Levy Fund \$27.96; Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$9,629.15; Debt Service Fund \$331.75; Water Projects – Restricted Fund \$2.96; Sewer Projects – Restricted Fund \$.13; Streets Project – Restricted Fund \$3.53; Water Fund \$17,016.83; W/S Deposits Fund \$600.42; Water Sinking Fund \$4,846.67; Sewer Fund \$24,418.85; Sewer Sinking Fund \$9,962.92; Garbage Fund \$3,726.39. TOTAL \$99,828.97.

Expenditures for July 2021: General Fund \$20,911.85; RAGBRAI Fund \$91.99; Road Use Fund \$4,170.68; Debt Service Fund \$500.00; Water Fund \$20,271.51; Water Fund Deposits \$150.00; Sewer Fund \$21,334.62; Garbage Fund \$3,886.00. TOTAL \$71,316.65.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Helms, City Clerk

Approved by:

Kene Shoop, Mayor