

**Minutes of the Walker City Council
Monday, December 11, 2023
Walker City Council Chambers**

Mayor Pro Tem Glenn called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Council Present: Paul Nielsen, Kyle Glenn, and Dianna Thorp. Absent: Mayor Barrick, John Pint, and Rob Dunn.

Others Present: Kevin Shoop, Will Sherbon, Cody Voss, Bill Avis, and Linn County Sheriff's Deputy Tope.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro Tem Glenn.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Thorp to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following: 12-11-23 agenda, 11-13-23 minutes, accounts payable, November payroll reports, and renewal of Flowers by Shayna, LLC liquor license. 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: 1 permit was issued – storage shed.

Clerk: Written report is available at City Hall. November gross payroll: \$22,590.68. The ending balance on November 30, 2023, was \$944,816.89.

Public Works Technician: Written report is on file. Kevin reported that they burned the brush pile again. This is the 3rd time this year and in the few days since we have burned it, we have collected quite a bit of brush again but are not aware of any trees that were cut down in town. He suggested we lock the gates at night over the winter and if a citizen wants access, all they need to do is contact city hall. Council agrees.

Fire Dept: The soup supper was Saturday, November 18, 2023, and went well. They had 5 calls for service last month and held office elections. The new fire chief effective January 1, 2024, is Bill Avis.

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

Open Forum: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion/Second by Thorp/Nielsen to approve Resolution No. 2023-39 – Resolution to Approve the Linn County Sheriff's Contract for FY25 at 14 hours per week and \$42.00 per hour. Ayes: Nielsen, Glenn, Thorp. Nays (absent): Pint, Dunn. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Glenn/Thorp to approve the proposed changes to the city shop foundation. These changes will net us savings of \$17,000.00. Ayes: Glenn, Thorp, Nielsen. Nays (absent): Dunn, Pint. Motion carried.

Discussion of updating the City of Walker Comprehensive Plan has been tabled until the January meeting.

Discussion regarding the wild/feral cats in town, especially in the downtown area. Council wants Kevin to set live traps as we have done in the past. If a citizen has a cat this goes outdoors, be sure to have a collar on them.

FY25 budget was discussed briefly. We will go over it in detail at the January meeting.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Glenn to adjourn at 7:21 pm. 3 ayes, 2 absent, motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Walker City Council Chambers.

FY2024 Bills Approved:

Altorfer, Inc., WWTP generator maintenance
contract.....\$1,762.00
Hygienic Labs, water testing.....\$14.50
Lease Consultants Corp., copier
lease.....\$98.10
Depository Trust Co., 2014 GO Bond
payment.....\$510.00
A-1 Mobile Storage Service, LLC, 2 used
40' HC containers.....\$15,700.00
Alliant Energy, utilities.....\$5,301.21
Bank of America, monthly subscriptions, postage,
decorations, IRWA conference hotel,
repair side-by-side.....\$1,842.46
Casey's Mastercard, gasoline.....\$305.05
Linn Co-op Oil, diesel.....\$976.10
Roto Rooter, locate service line.....\$430.00
Hawkins, Inc., chlorine.....\$195.22
Iowa One Call, utility locates.....\$4.50
Linn County Treasurer, 28E – 2023 bridge
inspections.....\$1,200.00
Reliant Fire Apparatus, Inc., repair
#304.....\$734.11
Storm Steel, steel for community sign
project.....\$518.88
The McCright Agency, add tower & collector
to insurance.....\$104.00
USA Blue Book, chlorine pump tubes.....\$550.11
IRS, federal payroll withholding tax.....\$5,227.76
IPERS, November contributions.....\$3,430.80
Computer Troubleshooters, IT/website
agreement.....\$548.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa, water excise tax
payment.....\$800.98
Iowa Finance Authority, water tower SRF loan
payment.....\$3,893.75
Iowa Finance Authority, WWTP SRF loan
payment.....\$9,230.00
Center Point Auto, supplies.....\$188.92
Badger Meter, cellular.....\$5.52
F. J. Krob & Co, softener salt.....\$29.00
Office Depot, office supplies.....\$106.85
Julie Andersen, cleaning.....\$67.50
HR Green, engineering.....\$1,459.61
Grant Township Cemetery, annual contract
payment.....\$400.00
HR Green, engineering.....\$330.00
Gazette Communications, publications.....\$179.56
Connie Helms, coffee maker & supplies.....\$126.40

East Buchanan Telephone Co., telephone and
internet.....\$386.45
Rudd Sanitation, Nov.. garbage contract
Payment.....\$3,857.00
Eurofins, wastewater testing.....\$1,138.48
TOTAL: \$61,652.82

Revenues for November 2023: General Fund \$21,132.79; Fire Equipment Fund \$1.32; Road Use Fund \$7,615.54; RE Taxes – Employee Benefits Fund \$1,007.56; RE Taxes – Emergency Levy Fund \$512.63; Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$11,302.59; Debt Service Fund \$6,135.05; Water Projects – Restricted Fund \$7.55; Sewer Projects – Restricted Fund \$0.39; Streets Project – Restricted Fund \$5.76; Greene St. Water Main/Downtown Project Fund \$192,412.94; CBDG-DR Grant \$8,847.50; Water Fund \$14,737.92; W/S Deposits Fund \$302.25; Water Sinking Fund \$4,325.06; Sewer Fund \$23,144.15; Sewer Sinking Fund \$8,513.06; Garbage Fund \$3,664.33. TOTAL \$303,668.39.

Expenditures for November 2023: General Fund \$21,428.42; Road Use Fund \$4,469.78; Debt Service \$18,017.50; Greene St. Water Main Fund \$100,988.39; CDBG-DR Grant \$0.00; Water Fund \$20,000.19; Water Fund Deposits \$150.00; Sewer Fund \$28,485.29; Garbage Fund \$3,915.00. TOTAL \$197,454.57.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Helms, Finance Director, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by:

Kyle Glenn, Mayor Pro Tem