

**Minutes of the Walker City Council  
Monday, December 14, 2020  
Walker City Council Chambers**

To help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the regular meeting of the Walker City Council was held electronically. The agenda posted in our regular posting sites as well as on the city website had this message posted more than 24 hours in advance to give instructions on how others could participate in the meeting: PER IOWA CODE 21.8 AN ELECTRONIC MEETING WILL BE HELD AS COVID-19 AND GOVERNORS DIRECTIVE REQUIRING SOCIAL DISTANCING MAKES AN IN-PERSON MEETING IMPRACTICAL OR IMPOSSIBLE. TO ACCESS MEETING BY PHONE DIAL: 1(312)626- 6799 THEN ENTER ACCESS CODE: 843 169 9643.

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

Others Present: Rozena McVey, Tom Zasadny.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Voss.

Motion/Second by Pint/Nielsen approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following: 12-14-2020 agenda, 11-9-2020 minutes, accounts payable, November payroll reports. 3 ayes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Linn County Sheriff's Report: Our contract is for 61.0 hours per month and they were in Walker for 108.0 since the last meeting.

Mayor: There were 2 building permits issued, 1 car port, 1 mailbox. We have had the first snowfall. The cul-de-sacs were not plowed completely as the ground has not frozen and we did not want to cause any damage to the streets.

Clerk: Written report is available at City Hall. The November gross payroll was \$11,676.16. The ending balance on November 30, 2020 was \$1,118,353.96. I received a quote today on additional Christmas lights. Council wants to discuss further at the January meeting. Connie also informed council that the reimbursement we have been approved for from the CARES Act is \$17,879.69 and we should receive that shortly.

Public Works Technician: Written report is available at City Hall. The light pole at the southwest corner of Grant Street and Betty's Grove Road had to be replaced on Saturday after being hit during the snowfall.

Fire Dept: In November there were 5 calls for service, all medical. This year's soup supper has been postponed. Thank you to all who have sent donations. The money will be used to purchase equipment. The GCW received a grant from the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation. The grant of \$3,217.35 plus \$5,000.00 from the fire department budget will be put towards 4 full sets of personal protective equipment (ppe) and 7 helmets. Each set of ppe costs around \$3,300.00 and needs to be replaced every 10 years to meet NFFPA standards. The remaining balance will be covered by the GCW. Assistant Fire Chief Tom Wolff has moved and has stepped down from that position. He will still be on the department, however, did not feel he should hold the assistant chief position since he no longer lives in the city. Cody Voss was moved to the assistant chief position.

Council/Committee Reports: Council member Nielsen stated he has reviewed the financial reports.

Open Forum: Rozena McVey wanted to comment on how nice all the Christmas decorations in town look this year.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion/Second by Pint/Thorp to adopt Resolution 2020-32 – Resolution Authorizing Certificate of Deposit #4286 to be cashed for cash flow in the Sewer Projects – Restricted Fund. Roll Call Vote: ayes: Thorp, Nielsen, Pint. Absent: Shoop, Dunn. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding council and mayor pay was held. Council wants to look at further at the January meeting.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Thorp to proceed with the pre-application for the Community Catalyst Building Remediation Grant for 19 Ely Street. 3 ayes, 2 absent, motion carried.

FY22 Budget Worksheets – Connie went over where we are looking to be for FY22. Even though the budget shows total expenditures of \$1,345,551.00, when you remove the transfers, that brings it down to actual total budgeted expenditures of \$995,621.00. Then when you consider all the fixed expenses, such as wages and benefits, insurance, utilities, maintenance agreements, and loan payments, the estimated budget remaining for all expenditures is less than \$300,000.00.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Pint to adjourn at 7:56 pm. 3 ayes, 2 absent, motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7 pm at the Walker City Council Chambers.

Bills Approved:

Auto Tech, Snowplow for UTV.....\$2,913.50  
Casey's Business MasterCard, gas.....\$165.16  
Center Point Farm & Auto, supplies.....\$243.63  
Hawkeye Electric CR, generator maintenance.....\$200.00  
Iowa Prison Industries, signs & posts.....\$2,824.05  
Lease Consultants Corp., Dec. copier lease.....\$98.10  
US Cellular, cell phones, tablet.....\$395.44  
Windstream, telephone/internet.....\$572.81  
UMB, 2011 GO Bond Payment.....\$6,255.00  
UMB, 2015 GO Bond Payment.....\$6,885.00  
Iowa Finance Authority, Water Tower SRF Loan  
Payment.....\$8,520.00  
Iowa Finance Authority, WWTP SRF Loan  
Payment.....\$19,110.00  
Depository Trust Co., 2014 GO Bond Payment.....\$1,916.25  
Advanced Coating Concepts, seat switch for UTV.....\$42.24  
Alliant Energy, utilities.....\$5,004.14  
Bank of America, arlo, adobe, dropbox.....\$1,608.98  
Dave's Service, rental of boom lift.....\$300.00  
Hygienic Lab, water testing.....\$13.50  
Iowa One Call, utility locates.....\$21.60  
Iowa Rural Water Assoc., membership dues.....\$225.00  
IPERS, Nov. 2020 contributions.....\$1,635.91  
IRS, Nov. 2020 federal payroll tax withholding.....\$2,796.13  
Treasurer, State of Iowa, Nov. 2020 water excise  
Tax payment.....\$772.00  
Badger Meters, software updates.....\$1,200.00  
Builder's FirstSource, supplies.....\$37.24  
Cortez Truck Equipment, repair plow bracket.....\$112.00  
Eurofins dba TestAmerica, wwtp testing.....\$664.65  
Grant Township, cemetery contract.....\$400.00  
Hawkeye Fire & Safety, annual extinguisher

Inspections.....\$158.50  
Linn County Sheriff, police services.....\$6,734.00  
Menards, supplies.....\$104.55  
Office Depot, office supplies.....\$156.12  
Rexco Equipment, skidloader maintenance, new  
Tracks.....\$4,912.45  
Rudd Sanitation, Nov. 2020 municipal contract  
Payment.....\$3,990.00  
Rudd Sanitation, dumpster.....\$130.00  
Russell Gager, tile/intake along Grant St.....\$4,794.00  
Simmons, Perrine, Moyer, Bergman, legal services.....\$680.00  
Thompson Truck & Trailer, repair 2011 international.....\$1,284.60  
Windstream, telephone/internet.....\$572.71  
Woodward Community Media, publications.....\$157.01  
Rexco Equipment, replace glass skidloader door.....\$906.86  
Lease Consultants Corp, Jan. copier lease.....\$98.10  
TOTAL: \$89,611.23

Revenues for October 2020: General Fund \$91,176.66; Fire Equipment \$5.03; Road Use Fund \$6,840.70; RE Taxes – Employee Benefits \$3,918.70; RE Taxes – Emergency Levy \$2,137.48; Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$9,600.74; Debt Service Fund \$25,338.62; Water Projects – Restricted \$8.84; Sewer Projects – Restricted \$1.26; Streets Project – Restricted \$11.63; Water Fund \$15,032.11; W/S Deposits \$301.24; Water Sinking Fund \$4,879.49; Sewer Fund \$22,558.75; Sewer Sinking Fund \$10,025.79; Garbage Fund \$4,050.27. TOTAL \$196,137.00.

Expenditures for October 2020: General Fund \$33,460.04; Road Use Fund \$6,315.07; Water Fund \$11,032.94; Sewer Fund \$26,887.81; Garbage \$4,035.00. TOTAL \$81,730.86.

Revenues for November 2020: General Fund \$28,920.95; Fire Equipment \$3.95; Road Use Fund \$9,850.27; RE Taxes – Employee Benefits \$1,407.53; RE Taxes – Emergency Levy \$767.74; Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$26,982.99; Debt Service Fund \$9,101.59; Water Projects – Restricted \$7.48; Sewer Projects – Restricted \$.99; Streets Project – Restricted \$9.19; Water Fund \$15,069.70; W/S Deposits \$225.00; Water Sinking Fund \$4,879.59; Sewer Fund \$25,521.41; Sewer Sinking Fund \$10,025.99; Garbage Fund \$4,112.11. TOTAL \$136,962.48.

Expenditures for November 2020: General Fund \$22,763.68; Road Use Fund \$7,125.78; Debt Service \$23,781.25; 2019 GO Bond \$3,158.01; Sewer Projects – Restricted \$37,317.82; Water Fund \$8,979.02; Water Fund Deposits \$225.00; Sewer Fund \$19,794.49; Garbage \$4,020.00. TOTAL \$127,165.05.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Helms, City Clerk

Approved by:

James Voss, Mayor