

**Minutes of the Walker City Council
Monday, February 12, 2024
Walker City Council Chambers**

Mayor Bamrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Council Present: Paul Nielsen, Jonathan Wolff, Abigail Wells, and Rob Dunn. Absent: Kyle Glenn.

Others Present: Kevin Shoop, Will Sherbon, Cody Voss, Bill Avis, Rozena McVey, Scot McEnany, Jarod Heims, Margaret Moore, Linn Co. Deputy Snow, and Maggie Burger from Speer Financial, Inc.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bamrick.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Dunn to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following: 2-12-24 agenda, 1-8-24 minutes, 1-22-24 minutes, accounts payable, and January payroll reports. 4 ayes, 1 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.

Jarod Heims with Global Life gave a presentation to the council on supplemental insurance policies.

Mayor: 1 permit was issued – 3 season room.

Clerk: Written report is available at City Hall. January gross payroll: \$15,313.11. The ending balance on January 31, 2024, was \$1,068,349.37. An update was also given on the Linn County ARPA Grant.

Public Works Technician: Everything has been going well. An update was given on the progress with Ridge Haven and the possibility of them connecting to our wastewater plant.

Fire Dept: There were 7 calls for service in the past month – 2 car fires and 5 medical calls.

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

Open Forum: Margaret Moore expressed her concerns about having the street seal coating done late in August as we did last year as she now has a lot of rock in her ditch, and she feels this is a waste of taxpayer money.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Maggie Burger from Speer Financial, Inc. presented the council with the bids that were received for the General Obligation Capital Loan Notes Series 2024A. One bid was received from Northland Securities of Minneapolis, Mn. The total interest rate is 4.2008%. Their recommendation is to accept this bid for the bonding.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Wolff to adopt Resolution 2024-3 - Resolution Directing Sale of \$810,000.00 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2024A. Ayes: Nielsen, Wolff, Dunn, Wells. Absent/Nay: Glenn. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Wolff to adopt Resolution 2024-4 – Resolution Approving FY24 Budgeted Fund Transfer. Ayes: Nielsen, Wolff, Dunn, Wells. Absent/Nay: Glenn. Motion carried.

Public hearing for the City of Walker Proposed FY25 City Property Tax Levy is set for Monday, April 1, 2024, at 7 pm.

Public hearing for Ordinance 370 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Walker, Iowa by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Water Rates is set for Monday, March 11, 2024, at 7 pm. The minimum service charge will go from \$34.25 to \$35.75.

Public hearing for Ordinance 371 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Walker, Iowa by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Sewer Service Charges is set for Monday, March 11, 2024, at 7 pm. The minimum service charge will go from \$57.00 to \$60.50.

Public hearing for Ordinance 372 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinance of the City of Walker, Iowa by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Chapter 17 – Council. The new suggested rate for council pay is \$50.00 per

meeting.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to adjourn at 7:59 pm. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 26, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Walker City Council Chambers.

Bills Approved:

IRS, December federal payroll
withholding tax.....\$3,585.34
IPERS, December
contributions.....\$2,313.65
Treasurer, State of Iowa, 4th quarter
state payroll withholding
tax.....\$2,352.00
Computer Troubleshooters, IT/website
agreements, screen
share.....\$548.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa, December
water excise tax.....\$773.84
Treasurer, State of Iowa, 2023
sales tax.....\$1,363.18
Hiawatha Bank & Trust, 2024 security
box fee.....\$30.00
Apparatus Testing Service, annual
fire pump testing.....\$643.50
Bank of America, conference registration,
supplies, subscriptions.....\$1,757.55
Center Point Auto, drill bits.....\$21.42
GPM, pump tubing for WWTP.....\$172.00
Hawkeye Fire & Safety, annual fire
extinguisher inspections.....\$357.20
Hygienic Labs, water testing.....\$14.50
Lease Consultants Corp, copier
lease.....\$98.10
Linn Co-op Lawn Care, park, and ball
diamond contract.....\$3,376.32
Menards, supplies.....\$133.33
Rexco Equipment, Inc., skid loader
parts.....\$446.44
US Cellular, utilities.....\$308.35
Alliant Energy, utilities.....\$6,278.71
Budget Copy Systems, maintenance
agreement.....\$372.79
Casey's Business Mastercard,
gasoline.....\$173.79
Iowa Prison Industries, sign.....\$132.00
Kirkwood Community College, EMR
class – 4 fire dept. members.....\$2,800.00
Linn County Sheriff, contract.....\$7,280.00
Airgas USA, LLC, supplies.....\$168.51
Badger Meter, BEACON services.....\$81.79
Bound Tree Medical, supplies.....\$194.63
Center Point Auto, hydraulic hose, 12V
batteries, fire truck maintenance
supplies.....\$1,224.92
Computer Troubleshooters, upgrade RAM
on fire department computers.....\$354.00
East Buchanan Telephone Co.,
phone/internet.....\$386.48
Enerspect Medical Solutions, AED
pads.....\$88.77

Eurofins, water testing.....\$14.50
Feld Fire, SCBA bottles.....\$5,217.00
Gazette Communications,
publications.....\$131.77
Handley Dirt Work Plus, hook up missed
water service line.....\$6,787.02
Hawkins, Inc., chlorine.....\$168.57
HR Green, Inc., engineering.....\$2,071.15
Iowa One Call, utility locates.....\$6.30
Linn Co. Auditor, Nov. 7, 2023
election.....\$897.73
Menards, supplies.....\$156.41
Menards, door lock.....\$149.00
Office Depot, office supplies.....\$80.03
Rexco Equipment, Inc., skid loader
parts.....\$190.80
IRS, January federal payroll
withholding tax.....\$3,512.14
IPERS January contributions.....\$2,311.21
Computer Troubleshooters, IT/website
agreements, screen share.....\$548.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa, January
water excise tax.....\$780.96
Julie Andersen, cleaning.....\$26.25
Stewart Merritt, haul snow.....\$130.00
Rudd Sanitation, Jan. contract.....\$3,990.00
TOTAL: \$65,995.73

Revenues for January 2024: General Fund \$1,748.16; Fire Equipment Fund \$1.51; Road Use Fund \$8,054.14; RE Taxes – Employee Benefits Fund \$42.44; RE Taxes – Emergency Levy Fund \$21.59; Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$9,398.55; Debt Service Fund \$256.44; Water Projects – Restricted Fund \$8.32; Sewer Projects – Restricted Fund \$0.44; Streets Project – Restricted Fund \$7.35; Greene St. Water Main/Downtown Project Fund \$0.00; CBDG-DR Grant \$0.00; Water Fund \$14,276.20; W/S Deposits Fund \$2.69; Water Sinking Fund \$4,326.00; Sewer Fund \$24,160.21; Sewer Sinking Fund \$8,514.81; Garbage Fund \$3,949.42. TOTAL \$74,768.27.

Expenditures for January 2024: General Fund \$23,177.14; Road Use Fund \$7,246.12; Debt Service \$0.00; Greene St. Water Main Fund \$0.00; CDBG-DR Grant \$0.00; Water Fund \$11,655.75; Water Fund Deposits \$0.00; Water Sinking Fund \$0.00; Sewer Fund \$16,797.36; Sewer Sinking Fund \$0.00; Garbage Fund \$3,990.00. TOTAL \$62,866.37.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Helms, Finance Director, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by:

Cole Bamrick, Mayor