

Minutes of the Walker City Council
Monday, February 13, 2023
Walker City Council Chambers

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

Others Present: Will Sherbon, Cody Voss, Kevin Shoop, and Brandon Mickelson from HR Green.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bamrick.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Glenn to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following: 2-13-23 agenda, 1-9-23 minutes, accounts payable, and January payroll reports. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Public Hearing: FY24 Max Levy – Opened at 7:05 pm. The city clerk did not receive any written or verbal comments. No citizens present had any comments. Closed at 7:06pm.

Linn County Sheriff's Report: We contract for 14 hours per week. They have exceeded the required hours for the last month.

Mayor: No permits were issued.

Clerk: Written report is available at City Hall. January gross payroll: \$13,938.56. The balance on January 31, 2023, was \$1,223,535.55.

Public Works Technician: Written report is available at City Hall. Kevin reported that last week he and the city clerk were in Washington, DC for the National Rural Water Association 2023 Rally where we competed with 43 entries for the Great American Water Taste Test. The City of Walker came in 4th place!

Fire Dept: There were 8 calls for service in January. Connie recently assisted the fire department in writing a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant. The GCW has added lettering and lights to the Polaris Ranger that was purchased for the department by Grant Township.

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

Open Forum: None

New Business:

Motion/Second to approve Resolution 2023-1 – FY24 Maximum Property Tax Dollars Resolution. Ayes: Dunn, Nielsen, Pint, Glenn. Absent: Thorp. Motion carried.

Public Hearing for the FY24 Budget is set for Monday, March 13, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Dunn to approve Resolution 2023-2 – Resolution Setting Wage Increases to be effective July 1, 2023. Full time employees Connie Helms and Kevin Shoop will be given a four percent increase; Employee Will Sherbon will be given a \$1.00/hour increase, and Russell Andersen and Roy Blair will be given a \$.50/hour increase, all to be effective in the payroll period in which July 1, 2023 falls. Ayes: Dunn, Glenn, Pint, Nielsen. Absent: Thorp. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Pint/Dunn to approve Resolution 2023-3 – Resolution Adopting the Brush/Yard waste dump site policy. Ayes: Nielsen, Pint, Dunn, Glenn. Absent: Thorp. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Glenn to approve Resolution 2023-4 – Resolution setting the date of Public Hearing to consider plans and specifications and taking of bids for the Greene St. Water Main Replacement Project. Ayes: Glenn, Dunn, Pint, Nielsen. Absent: Thorp. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding water and sewer rates was held. The council has not raised rates since July 1, 2021, and we will have a shortfall in those funds this year necessitating an increase. Options discussed. The clerk will prepare ordinances for the March 13, 2023, meeting for review and to set public hearing.

Discussion regarding the replacement of the 2011 International tanker was held. Fire Chief Voss has been working on getting some bids/proposals and has reached out to three or four different vendors, but has received a proposal from only one. Council would like some additional time to consider and has set a special meeting for Thursday, February 23, 2023 to discuss and consider.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to go into closed session for the consideration of purchase of 20' of property west of Lot 1, 2, 3, and 4, Block 13, Walker, Linn County, Iowa. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Pint to come out of closed session. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Dunn to purchase the 20' of land west of Lot 1, 2, 3, and 4, Block 13, Walker, Linn County, Iowa for a price of \$500.00. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Pint to adjourn at 8:00 pm. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2023, at 7 pm at the Walker City Council Chambers.

Bills Approved:

Carson Repair Service, service 2006
Sterling.....\$1,886.72
Connie Helms, supplies.....\$40.00
Menards, city hall basement
remodel.....\$1,213.86
US Cellular, phones, tablet.....\$303.57
Windstream, phones, internet.....\$671.85
Apparatus Testing Service, annual pump
certification.....\$650.00
Casey's Business Mastercard,
gasoline.....\$121.46
Connie Helms, sink/faucet for city hall
basement remodel.....\$50.00
Hawkins, Inc., chlorine.....\$197.18
Hygienic Labs, water testing.....\$13.50
Menards, city hall basement
remodel.....\$1,566.62
Bank of America, subscriptions, IRWA
Conference, parts for Hustler
UTV.....\$1,575.95
Center Point Auto Parts, service supplies
for fire department
vehicles.....\$1,682.59
Courtney Sackett, refund rent for
North pavilion.....\$50.00
Alliant Energy, utilities.....\$6,714.28
Fire Service Training Bureau, training-
HMOA.....\$50.00
Linn County Sheriff, police
services.....\$7,098.00
ECICOG, Council goal setting and Capital
Improvement Plan.....\$2,000.00
City of Coggon, road salt.....\$466.20
Budget Copy Systems, copier maintenance
agreement.....\$524.13
Menards, city hall basement
remodel.....\$415.19
Linn Co-op Lawn Care, lawn care for ball
diamond and city park.....\$3,154.00

AED Superstore, medical supplies.....\$526.44
 Iowa Pump Works, repair pump at wastewater
 treatment facility.....\$10,751.72
 Iowa Pump works, install repaired pump at
 wastewater treatment
 facility.....\$2,933.60
 Connie Helms, airline tickets for NRWA
 Rally.....\$1,646.96
 Gazette Communications, publications.....\$193.24
 Rudd Sanitation, Jan. 2023 contract
 payment.....\$3,857.00
 HR Green, engineering.....\$34,192.61
 FJ Krob & Co., ice melt.....\$14.00
 Ahlers & Cooney, PC, bonding attorney
 fees.....\$4,400.00
 Office Depot, office supplies.....\$107.12
 Martin Equipment, trucking.....\$975.00
 Wendling Quarries, sand.....\$470.40
 Broadhead Metals, metal for wall in city
 hall basement....\$874.64
 Julie Andersen, cleaning.....\$112.50
 Eurofins, wastewater treatment plant
 testing.....\$1,039.50
 Dave's Service, boom lift rental.....\$1,200.00
 Carson Repair Service, repair Ford
 F450.....\$833.27
 Windstream, telephone/internet.....\$673.55
 Builder's FirstSource, supplies for city hall
 basement remodel.....\$1,209.84
 Connie Helms, hotel at NRWA.....\$3,126.64
 TOTAL: \$99,582.83

Revenues for January 2023: General Fund \$487.82; Fire Equipment Fund \$4.39; Road Use Fund \$6,814.02; RE Taxes – Employee Benefits Fund \$2.58; RE Taxes – Emergency Levy Fund \$1.40; American Rescue Plan Funds \$2.31; Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$9,060.15; Debt Service Fund \$13.61; Water Projects – Restricted Fund \$10.72; Sewer Projects – Restricted Fund \$.40; Streets Project – Restricted Fund \$12.68; Greene St. Water Main/Downtown Project Fund \$34,785.75; Water Fund \$12,772.29; W/S Deposits Fund \$2.17; Water Sinking Fund \$4,034.04; Sewer Fund \$23,411.76; Sewer Sinking Fund \$9,979.63; Garbage Fund \$3,844.19. TOTAL \$105,239.91.

Expenditures for January 2023: General Fund \$46,629.24; Road Use Fund \$6,628.63; Debt Service Fund \$500.00; Greene St. Water Main/Downtown Project Fund \$27,020.75; Water Fund \$10,578.29; Water Fund Deposits \$75.00; Sewer Fund \$17,359.47; Garbage Fund \$3,857.00. TOTAL \$112,648.38.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Helms, Finance Director, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by:

Cole Bamrick, Mayor