

**Minutes of the Walker City Council
Monday, February 14, 2022
Walker City Council Chambers**

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

Others Present: Will Sherbon, Rozena McVey, Mike Becker, Thera McEnany, Tina Chapman, Austin Prose, and Lee Cherry.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bamrick.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Pint to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following: 2-14-22 agenda, 1-10-22 minutes, accounts payable, and January payroll reports. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Public Hearing – Proposed Property Tax Levy for FY23: Opened at 7:05 pm. The clerk did not receive any verbal or written comments. Tina Chapman asked if the increase in taxes is due to the wage increases for the employees. Mayor Bamrick explained how wages are split to different departments, so only approximately 25% of the increase would be paid from these funds. In addition, these levies are increasing by 10 cents, however, the overall tax levy is only increasing 1.6 cents per thousand of taxable valuation. Thera McEnany and Tina Chapman also inquired as to the duties performed by the employees on a daily basis. Discussion held regarding this. Closed at 7:37 pm.

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. The January gross payroll was \$12,558.05. The balance on January 31, 2022, was \$1,353,462.30.

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

Fire Dept: None

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

Open Forum: None

New Business:

Motion/Second by Dunn/Pint to approve Resolution 2022-4 – FY23 Maximum Property Tax Dollars Resolution. Roll call vote: ayes: Pint, Dunn, Nielsen, Hammerand. Absent: Thorp. Motion carried.

Public hearing for FY23 Budget set for Monday, March 14, 2022, at 7:05 pm.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to approve Resolution 2022-5 – Approve Plat of Survey for the North 22.5' of the East ½ of Lot 19, Block 6, Original Town of Walker. Roll call vote: ayes: Pint, Hammerand, Nielsen, Dunn. Absent: Thorp. Motion carried.

Discussion held regarding the requirements for water and sewer connections at 119 Greene St. for East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative. Council would like to consider further and have this item placed on the March 14, 2022, agenda.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to approve Resolution 2022-6 – Resolution Approving FY22 Fund Transfers. Roll call vote: ayes: Dunn, Pint, Hammerand, Nielsen. Absent: Thorp. Motion carried.

Just a reminder that ATV's and snowmobiles are not to be ridden in the City right of way (the area between the street and the actual property line – the ditch) or on any city property. We are seeing tracks and just wanted to remind everyone of the ordinances.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to adjourn at 8:07 pm. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 14, 2022, at 7 pm at the Walker City Council Chambers.

Bills Approved:

Lease Consultants, Feb. 2022 copier lease.....\$98.10
US Cellular, cell phones, tablets.....\$550.29
IRS, December 2021 federal withholding tax.....\$4,181.20
IPERS, December 2021 contributions.....\$2,457.51
Treasurer, State of Iowa, 4th quarter state withholding tax.....\$1,647.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa, 4th quarter water excise tax balance.....\$766.61
Treasurer, State of Iowa 4th quarter sales tax.....\$302.15
Bank of America, supplies, conference.....\$1,180.62
Casey's Mastercard, gasoline.....\$290.00
Dave's Service, boom lift rental.....\$300.00
Hygienic Lab, water testing.....\$13.50
Independence Plumbing & Heating, furnace repair.....\$214.00
Linn Co-op Oil, fin. chg.....\$10.37
Walker State Bank, lockbox fee.....\$27.00
Future Line Truck Equipment, supplies.....\$48.24
Iowa DNR, NPDES Permit renewal fee.....\$85.00
USA Blue Book, chlorine pumps.....\$330.88
Alliant Energy, utilities.....\$7,283.50
Budget Copy Systems, copier maintenance agreement.....\$414.32
LINOH2O, Inc., DO Probe.....\$1,453.00
MARC, chemicals for WWTP.....\$2,077.90
IRS, January 2022 federal withholding tax.....\$2,961.63
IPERS, January 2022 contributions.....\$1,848.57
Computer Troubleshooters, IT/Website agreements.....\$445.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa, January 2022 water excise tax payment.....\$741.37
Ahlers & Cooney, PC, legal services.....\$2,620.75
Badger Meter, BEACON Mobile hosting service.....\$20.22
Builder's Firstsource, supplies.....\$31.66
Dave's Service, boom lift rental.....\$150.00
Gazette Communications, publications.....\$220.30
HR Green, engineering.....\$2,400.00
Linn County Sheriff, police services 1-1/3-31-22.....\$6,916.00
Office Depot, supplies.....\$245.42
Sandry Fire Supply, maintenance agreement.....\$557.50
Schimberg, Co., water supplies.....\$1,268.22
Eurofins dba Test America, waste-water treatment plant testing.....\$831.60
Hygienic Lab, water testing.....\$33.50
Lease Consultants, Mar. 2022 copier lease.....\$98.10

Linn County Treasurer, 2021 election.....\$641.10
Wendling Quarries, sand.....\$269.75
Windstream, telephone/internet.....\$660.64
IAMU, membership dues.....\$689.00
Linn Co-op Lawn Care, park & ball diamond.....\$3,081.84
Rudd Sanitation, January 2022 contract.....\$3,799.00
US Cellular, cell phones.....\$4.69
TOTAL: \$54,267.05

Revenues for January 2022: General Fund \$277.03; Fire Equipment Fund \$1.40; Road Use Fund \$7,798.16; RE Taxes – Employee Benefits Fund \$.29; RE Taxes – Emergency Levy Fund \$.16; American Rescue Plan Funds \$2.28; Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$9,625.14; Debt Service Fund \$1.38; Water Projects – Restricted Fund \$3.03; Sewer Projects – Restricted Fund \$.13; Streets Project – Restricted Fund \$3.04; Water Fund \$12,489.30; W/S Deposits Fund \$1,200.48; Water Sinking Fund \$4,847.49; Sewer Fund \$22,354.24; Sewer Sinking Fund \$9,964.55; Garbage Fund \$3,779.53. TOTAL \$72,347.63.

Expenditures for January 2022: General Fund \$24,940.99; Road Use Fund \$3,842.56; Water Fund \$8,937.60; Water/Sewer Deposits \$150.00; Sewer Fund \$21,918.94; Garbage Fund \$3,857.00. TOTAL \$63,647.09.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Helms, Finance Director, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by:

Cole Barrick, Mayor