

**Minutes of the Walker City Council
Monday, February 15, 2021
Walker City Council Chambers**

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

Others Present: Jason & KaLynn Kula and Deputy Taylor Buhmeyer.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro Tem Shoop.

Motion/Second by Pint/Nielsen to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following: 2-15-2021 agenda, 1-11-2021 minutes, accounts payable, January payroll reports. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Linn County Sheriff's Report: Our contract is for 61.0 hours per month and they were in Walker for 126.70 hours since the last meeting.

Public Hearing – Proposed Tax Levy for FY22 Budget: Hearing was opened at 7:05 pm. The clerk did not receive any verbal or written objections. There were no citizens present with objections. Hearing was closed at 7:06 pm.

Mayor: There was one permit issued for a renewal on an urban chicken permit.

Clerk: Written report is available at City Hall. The January gross payroll was \$11,980.22. The ending balance on January 31, 2021 was \$1,154,742.41.

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

Fire Dept: No report

Council/Committee Reports: Council member Pint wanted to say what an excellent job the public works department has done with snow removal so far this winter.

Open Forum: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion/Second by Dunn/Pint to approve Resolution 2021-3 - FY22 Maximum Property Tax Dollars Resolution. Ayes: Pint, Nielsen, Dunn, Shoop. Nay: Thorp, motion carried.

Jason and KaLynn Kula asked the council to reconsider the no ATV/UTV parking signs on Greene St. in front of their business. They stated that several individuals have told them they did not stop in because they did not know where to park. Council discussed and ATV/UTV's are required to be off the roads by sunset per both the City of Walker Ordinance and the Linn County Ordinance and with that in mind, feel it would be ok to remove some of the signs. Motion/Second by Nielsen/Dunn to remove the "no ATV/UTV parking" signs on the west side of Greene St. between Washington St. and Dows St. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Discussion on purchase of a tailgate sander vs a used snowplow/sander truck was held. Kevin is still gathering information but wanted the council to be aware and keep this in the back of their minds for a meeting at a later day.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to waive the sewer charges over the minimum on the 11-30-2020/12-31-2020 billing on account 000009021802. In addition, waive the water and sewer over minimum for the 12-

31-2020/1-29-2021 billing based on history, and Kevin needs to replace the water meter as soon as possible. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Public hearing for the first reading of Ordinance 348 – Mayor Compensation is set for Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:05 pm.

Public hearing for the first reading of Ordinance 349 – Council Compensation is set for Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:05 pm.

Public hearing for FY21 Budget Amendment is set for Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:05 pm.

Public hearing for FY22 Budget is set for Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:05 pm.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to adjourn at 7:29 pm. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7 pm at the Walker City Council Chambers.

Bills Approved:

IPERS, December Contributions.....\$2,445.02
IRS, December federal payroll tax withholding.....\$4,112.82
Treasurer, State of Iowa.....4th quarter state payroll tax withholding.....\$1,588.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa.....4th quarter water excise tax balance.....\$794.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa.....4th quarter sales tax.....\$275.00
Casey's Business Mastercard.....gasoline.....\$151.44
CP Farm & Auto, supplies.....\$156.31
James Voss, reimburse for straps & shackles.....\$540.78
Lease Consultants Corporation, copier lease.....\$98.10
Menards, supplies.....\$203.55
US Cellular, phones, tablet.....\$354.75
WSA Promotions LLC, fire department shirts.....\$266.00
Alliant Energy, utilities.....\$6,105.95
Bank of America, Arlo, Microsoft, Zoom, Dropbox, supplies.....\$1,124.88
Brown Supply Co., carbon plow blade & Xtender set.....\$405.00
Budget Copy Systems, maintenance agreement.....\$386.44
Grainger, batteries.....\$62.50
Hawkeye Electric CR, wi-fi for generator at city hall.....\$50.00
Hawkeye Fire & Safety, fire extinguisher inspections.....\$107.65
Hygienic Lab, water testing.....\$13.50
Iowa One Call, utility locates.....\$9.00
Walker State Bank, security box fee.....\$27.00
Windstream, telephone & internet.....\$632.61
Computer Troubleshooters, IT & website agreement.....\$445.00
Rudd Sanitation, January 2021 municipal contract.....\$3,842.50
Cleon Ohrt, refund water/sewer deposit.....\$150.00
Mercy College Training Center, EMT class.....\$1,900.00
Sandry Fire Supply, annual service for TNT tools.....\$549.00
Burns, Inc., oil/fuel filter.....\$121.86
Center Point Farm & Auto, supplies.....\$1,131.87
Dunlap Motors, tire rotation, oil change.....\$65.93
US Cellular, phones, tablet.....\$372.30
Windstream, telephone & internet.....\$649.15
Iowa Prison Industries, golf cart stickers.....\$33.00
Office Depot, office supplies.....\$193.36
eurofins dba Test America, wwtp testing.....\$1,010.10
Office of Auditor of State, periodic exam fee.....\$1,500.00

Hygienic Lab, water testing.....\$33.50
IMFOA, membership dues.....\$50.00
Woodward Community Media, publications.....\$292.38
Lease Consultants Corporation, copier lease.....\$98.10
Hawkeye Electric CR, wi-fi for generator at north pavilion, maintenance.....\$277.08
MARC, lift station degreaser.....\$721.64
Rexco, pivot kit.....\$36.70
Casey's Business Mastercard, gasoline.....\$161.14
TOTAL.....\$33,544.91

Revenues for January 2021: General Fund \$3,952.92; Fire Equipment \$1.47; Road Use Fund \$9,150.73; RE Taxes – Employee Benefits \$64.31; RE Taxes – Emergency Levy \$35.08; Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$26,971.02; Debt Service Fund \$414.98; Water Projects – Restricted \$2.99; Sewer Projects – Restricted \$.13; Streets Project – Restricted \$3.33; Water Fund \$14,759.37; W/S Deposits \$150.38; Water Sinking Fund \$4,878.30; Sewer Fund \$23,250.68; Sewer Sinking Fund \$10,023.27; Garbage Fund \$4,021.32. TOTAL \$97,680.28.

Expenditures for January 2021: General Fund \$13,914.99; Road Use Fund \$5694.58; Water Fund \$10,422.74; Sewer Fund \$17,878.56; Garbage \$3,871.50. TOTAL \$51,782.37.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Helms, City Clerk

Approved by:

Kene Shoop, Mayor Pro Tem