

**Minutes of the Walker City Council  
Monday, February 23, 2023  
Walker City Council Chambers**

Mayor Bamrick called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Council Present: Paul Nielsen, Kyle Glenn, John Pint, and Rob Dunn. Absent: Dianna Thorp.

Others Present: Jessica Hammerand, Margaret Moore, Will Sherbon, & Cody Voss.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bamrick.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Glenn to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following: 2-23-23 agenda. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Open Forum: Margaret Moore had several questions about the National Rural Water Rally in Washington, DC, and the proposed increase we will be discussing at the March 13, 2023, meeting. She inquired how many times the rates have been increased in the last 20 years. Connie stated she has a spreadsheet that she will update and get a copy for her. She was upset up the 4% raises that were given because that will cause the rates to go up. Council explained proprietary funds (water & sewer) and how they work. Natural inflation and price increases for expenditures is what drives the rates for water & sewer. Connie explained that 80% of the costs of these departments are "fixed" expenses, such as utilities, testing, property insurance, worker's compensation insurance, etc.

New Business:

Discussion regarding purchase of mini pumper for the fire department held.

Resolution 2023-5 was tabled until the March 13, 2023 meeting so council can consider the purchase of the mini-pumper further.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Pint to approve Resolution 2023-6 – Resolution Approving Plat of Survey No. 2716, a Part of Lots 1, 2, 3, & 4, Black 13, Original Town of Walker, Linn County, Iowa. Roll call vote: ayes: Nielsen, Pint, Dunn, Glenn. Nays/absent: Thorp. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding sewer charges to vacant buildings was tabled until the March 13, 2023 meeting due to time restrictions.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Pint to adjourn at 5:31 pm. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Helms, Finance Director, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by:

Cole Bamrick, Mayor