

**Minutes of the Walker City Council
Monday, January 10, 2022
Walker City Council Chambers**

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

Others Present: Kevin Shoop, Will Sherbon, Cody Voss, Rozena McVey, Doug Winn, Glen Fultz, and Linn County Deputy Pease.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bamrick.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Pint to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following: 1-10-2022 agenda, 12-13-2021 budget workshop minutes, 12-13-2021 minutes, accounts payable, December payroll reports, 4th quarter 2021 payroll reports, and 2021 annual payroll reports. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Public Hearing – Ordinance 363: Opened at 7:09 pm. The clerk did not receive any verbal or written comments. No citizens present had comments. Closed at 7:10 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 December gross payroll was \$17,157.21. The balance on December 31, 2021, was \$1,343,078.00.

Public Works Technician: Written report is available at City Hall. The chlorine pump is going bad so we will be ordering new ones and supplies. The city shop needs work and there is a possibility that Center Point may be selling the old fire station building that is 80' x 40'. Discussion held on the merits of possibility purchasing that building versus many repairs to current shop.

Fire Dept: There were seven calls for service. Glen Fultz was elected as the assistant fire chief at their last meeting.

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

Open Forum: Doug Winn, president of the board of adjustments wanted to share some concerns they have with our current planning and zoning ordinance. There are areas that are gray and do not give them much definite direction on how to approach things. Council discussed and would like the clerk to contact the planning and zoning commission and have them review and update Walker's zoning ordinance to bring it up to current standards.

New Business:

Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to approve the first reading of Ordinance 363 – Amending Chapter 47 – Community Room and Park Regulations. 5 ayes, motion carried. Motion/Second by Dunn/Pint to suspend the rules and waive the second and third public hearings. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Pint to approve Cody Voss as fire chief for a term of 1-1-2022 to 12-31-2023. 4 ayes, 1 abstain – Hammerand, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Hammerand to adopt Resolution 2022-1 – A Resolution to Approve Title Change for Employee Connie Helms. Roll call vote: ayes: Dunn, Nielsen, Thorp, Hammerand, Pint. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Thorp to adopt Resolution 2022-2 – A Resolution to Approve changing the date of wage increases from anniversary dates to July 1 of each year. Roll call vote: ayes: Hammerand, Pint, Dunn, Nielsen, Thorp. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Thorp to adopt Resolution 2022-3 – A Resolution setting wage increases to be effective July 1, 2022. Increases as follows: Connie Helms, 4%, new wage \$33.53/hour; Kevin Shoop, 4%, new wage \$30.11/hour; Will Sherbon, \$1.50/hour, new wage \$20.50/hour, Russell Andersen, \$1.50/hour, new wage \$16.50/hour and Roy Blair, \$1.50/hour, new wage \$11.50/hour.

Public hearing for the Proposed Property Tax Levy for FY23 is set for Monday, February 14, 2022, at 7:05 pm.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Thorp to adjourn at 8:04 pm. 5 ayes, motion carried.

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

Bills Approved:

Alliant Energy, utilities.....\$7,088.14
Bank of America, arlo, Microsoft, adobe, dropbox,
PWT cell phone.....\$436.80
Casey's Business Mastercard, gasoline.....\$217.20
Linn Co-op Oil Co., fuel tank lease.....\$691.00
Menards, supplies.....\$111.52
Shaffer's Garage, oil change.....\$72.92
Simmons, Perrine, Moyer, Bergman, legal
Services.....\$60.00
UMB, GO Bond administrative fees.....\$500.00
Dearborn Life Ins. Co., employee life Jan.-Mar 2022.....\$35.49
Fire Service Training Bureau, fire fighter 1 books.....\$463.70
Sherbon Construction, labor.....\$95.04
Computer Troubleshooters, IT/Website agreements.....\$445.00
Rudd Sanitation, December 2021 garbage contract.....\$3,857.00
Center Point Farm & Auto, supplies.....\$190.95
Woodward Community Media, publications.....\$123.44
Menards, supplies.....\$41.91
Eurofins dba TestAmerica, wastewater treatment plant
Testing.....\$1,008.00
Badger Meter, BEACON mobile hosting service.....\$20.16
Gazette Communications, publications.....\$188.51
Terry Voss, refund water/sewer deposit.....\$150.00
Everbridge, Nixle 360.....\$2,739.00
TOTAL: \$18,535.78

Revenues for December 2021: General Fund \$8,395.42; Fire Equipment Fund \$1.32; Road Use Fund \$6,850.94; RE Taxes – Employee Benefits Fund \$449.58; RE Taxes – Emergency Levy Fund \$249.61; American Rescue Plan Funds \$2.15; Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$9,623.60; Debt Service Fund \$2,589.20; Water Projects – Restricted Fund \$4.03; Sewer Projects – Restricted Fund \$.12; Streets Project – Restricted Fund \$2.91; Water Fund \$14,434.40; W/S Deposits Fund \$300.46; Water Sinking Fund \$4,847.56; Sewer Fund \$24,377.96; Sewer Sinking Fund \$9,964.74; Garbage Fund \$3,968.99. TOTAL \$86,062.99.

Expenditures for December 2021: General Fund \$16,499.08; Road Use Fund \$7,882.00; Debt Service Fund \$23,367.50; Water Fund \$12,296.57; Water/Sewer Deposits \$375.00; Water Sinking Fund \$7,920.00; Sewer Fund \$21,508.63; Sewer Sinking Fund \$17,777.50; Garbage Fund \$3,886.00. TOTAL \$110,512.28.

2021 SALARIES:

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| Russell E. Andersen | \$ 16,305.00 |
| Cole Barrick | \$ 375.00 |
| Roy T. Blair | \$ 5,335.00 |
| Robert A Dunn, III | \$ 300.00 |
| Jessica Hammerand | \$ 50.00 |
| Connie M. Helms | \$ 65,104.20 |
| Connie M. Helms, medical plan | \$ 2,600.00 |
| Tessa M. Helms | \$ 20.00 |
| Paul Nielsen | \$ 350.00 |
| John F. Pint | \$ 350.00 |
| William Sherbon | \$ 4,161.00 |
| Kene Shoop | \$ 1,302.88 |
| Kevin D. Shoop | \$ 58,584.28 |
| Kevin D. Shoop, medical plan | \$ 1,380.08 |
| Dianna L. Thorp | \$ 300.00 |
| James D. Voss | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Andrew J. Wendel | \$ 3,960.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$161,977.44 |

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Helms, Finance Director/City Clerk

Approved by:

Cole Barrick, Mayor