

**Minutes of the Walker City Council  
Monday, July 12, 2021  
Walker City Council Chambers**

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

Others Present: Kevin Shoop, Vicki Syverson, Ted Beuter, Margaret Moore, Margaret Mausser, Gary Mausser, Jessica Hammerand, Rozena McVey, Dan LeClere, Brendan Schott, Brett Henderson, Stacy Henderson, Gene VanHorn, Donna VanHorn, Eric Snyder, Craig Kerkman, Kevin Coleman, Scott McEnany, and Cody Voss.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro Tem Shoop.

Motion/Second by Pint/Dunn to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following: 7-12-2021 agenda, 6-14-2021 minutes, accounts payable, June payroll reports, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter payroll reports, approval of amendment to Flower's by Shayna liquor license for outdoor service on July 31, 2021, approval of amendment to Kula's liquor license for outdoor service on July 29, 2021, and renewal of Casey's liquor license. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Linn County Sheriff's Report: Our contract is for 61.0 hours per month, and they met/exceeded those hours in Walker since the last meeting.

Mayor: 2 permits were issued – a bridge and sidewalk. James Voss has resigned as Mayor effective July 10, 2021. Kene Shoop is Mayor Pro Tem and will act in his place. We will advertise for appointment of the vacancy at the August 9, 2021 meeting.

Clerk: Written report is available at City Hall. The June gross payroll was \$13,256.24. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter gross payroll was \$37,613.65. The ending balance for fiscal year 2021 on June 30, 2021, was \$1,027,216.61. Fiscal year 2021 has been closed out.

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

Fire Dept: There were 8 calls for service this month. They have had 2 new members apply to be on the department. They are putting on a breakfast for Pickle Days on Saturday, July 31.021 from 7-11 am.

Council/Committee Reports: None

Open Forum: Kevin Coleman asked the council to look at the water/sewer billing for 406 Park St. The resident died on June 10, 2021, and they were billed for over 14,000 gallons of water. Council will review at the August 9, 2021, meeting.

Old Business:

Linn County Building Permits – Discussion held. The council decided not to proceed with an agreement with Linn County. They will continue to investigate other options available to us.

New Business:

Dan LeClere and Brendan Schott wanted to discuss the possibility of holding an alumnus wrestling tournament during Pickle Days as a fundraiser for the McKinley family. They are working on the particulars and hope to have a good turnout. Council granted permission.

Vicki Syverson from Ridge Haven talked to the council about the possibility of them hooking up to our wastewater system. They currently have a mechanical plant and due to the fluctuations in usage, the mechanical plant is no longer feasible. They have been working with the DNR to come up with solutions

for them. The DNR suggested they discuss the option of hooking onto our system as it is more than sufficient to handle the load. Connie provided the council with information regarding rates and costs to them based on an average usage of 5,000 gallons per day. They would still use their pond to settle the solids from the sewage and only the water would be sent to Walker. They will be deciding in the next several months.

Planning & Zoning is recommending approval of the placement of the memorial bench for Everett Moore at the north end of city hall. Motion/Second by Dunn/Pint to accept the planning and zoning commission's recommendation for the placement of the memorial bench. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Planning & Zoning is recommending that the building for the 1950 fire truck not be placed at the corner of Parks St. and Rowley St. They would like to have the fire department and the historical society meet and see if they can work together. The planning and zoning commission is willing to meet with both groups to see if they can come up with a plan that is agreeable to all.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Pint to approve the EMS-I class for Mike Tison at a cost of \$445.00 This will benefit the fire department to have an onsite instructor. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Pint/Dunn to approve Resolution 2021-10 – Resolution Approving the Boundary Adjustment/Plat of Survey (Retracement) for Lot 7, Block 5, Original Town of Walker, Linn County, Iowa. Roll call vote: Ayes: Pint, Thorp, Shoop, Dunn. Nays: Nielsen (absent). Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Pint/Dunn to appoint Rozena McVey to fill the vacant spot on the planning and zoning commission. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

We did not have anyone express interest in the 2 open seats on the Board of Adjustment. Connie will continue to publish the notice to try to get those positions filled.

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

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 9, 2021, at 7 pm at the Walker City Council Chambers.

#### Bills Approved:

##### Fiscal Year 2021:

Alliant Energy, utilities.....	\$6,023.82
ESRI, GIS agreement.....	\$1,350.00
Iowa League of Cities, membership dues.....	\$765.00
Linda Campbell, refund water/ sewer deposit.....	\$150.00
Linn Co-op Oil, diesel.....	\$1,165.65
Pirc Tobin Construction, replace fire hydrant.....	\$7,178.19
The McCright Agency, additional premiums due – audit.....	\$398.00
UMB Bank, NA, administrative fees 2011/2015 GO Bonds.....	\$500.00
Dearborn Life Ins. Co., employee life.....	\$28.96
euofins dba TestAmerica, wastewater testing.....	\$1,197.00
Iowa One Call, utility locates.....	\$18.00
Office Depot, supplies.....	\$88.87
Rexco Equipment, coupler.....	\$90.41
TOTAL:	\$18,953.90

Fiscal Year 2022:

Computer Troubleshooters, IT/website  
agreement.....\$445.00  
Rudd Sanitation, June contract  
payment.....\$3,886.00  
Woodward Community Media,  
publications.....\$220.09  
Badger Meter, mobile service.....\$20.16  
Wendling Quarries, rock.....\$110.60  
Builder's First Source, concrete, marking  
lime.....\$598.23  
Shaene Duffy, urinal part.....\$79.96  
Windstream, utilities.....\$665.70  
US Cellular, utilities.....\$315.69  
Center Point Farm & Auto, supplies.....\$97.00  
Dave's Service, boom lift rental.....\$150.00  
Menards, supplies – horseshoe courts; water  
proof stain for signs at city hall &  
community room.....\$1,021.55  
TOTAL: \$7,609.98  
GRAND TOTAL: \$26,563.88

Revenues for June 2021: General Fund \$3,690.74; RAGBRAI \$2,200.00; Fire Equipment \$1.32; Road  
Use Fund \$10,283.05; RE Taxes – Employee Benefits \$137.79; RE Taxes – Emergency Levy \$75.16;  
Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$9,629.15; Debt Service Fund \$891.17; Water Projects – Restricted \$2.82;  
Sewer Projects – Restricted \$.12; Streets Project – Restricted \$2.86; Water Fund \$15,348.72; W/S  
Deposits \$750.36; Water Sinking Fund \$4,879.10; Sewer Fund \$23,219.84; Sewer Sinking Fund  
\$10,024.92; Garbage Fund \$4,021.35. TOTAL \$85,158.47.

Expenditures for June 2021: General Fund \$31,741.49; Road Use Fund \$3,343.55; Water Fund  
\$12,364.99; Water Fund Deposits \$300.00; Water Sinking Fund \$49,940.00; Sewer Fund \$22,849.76;  
Sewer Sinking Fund \$101,110.00; Garbage Fund \$3,857.00. TOTAL \$225,506.79.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Helms, City Clerk

Approved by:

Kene Shoop, Mayor Pro Tem