

**Minutes of the Walker City Council
Monday, July 20, 2022
Walker City Council Chambers**

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

Others Present: Will Sherbon, Karen Kurt, ECICOG, Ted Beuter, and Jane Meisheid.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bamrick.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Hammerand to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following: 7-20-22 (amended as follows: 9e. Consideration of removal of 5 ash trees and 1 birch tree at city ballpark with replacement of new trees), 6-13-22 minutes, 6-20-22 minutes, accounts payable, June payroll reports, 2nd quarter 2022 payroll reports, and approval of Casey's General Store #2594 liquor license. 5 ayes, motion carried.

ECICOG – Planning options: Karen Kurt presented the council with different planning options available to them, including a comprehensive plan, a capital improvement plan, and a council goal setting session.

Linn County Sheriff's Report: We contract for 14 hours per week. They have exceeded the required hours for the last month.

Mayor: Four building permits were issued.

Clerk: Written report is available at City Hall. The June gross payroll was \$20,465.39. The second quarter 2022 gross payroll was \$44,143.22. The balance on June 30, 2022 (end of fiscal year 2022) was \$1,246,462.78.

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

Fire Dept: No report.

Council/Committee Reports: None

Open Forum: None

New Business:

Planning & Zoning sent their recommendations for the city shop in a memo. Discussion held by council. Council wishes to hold off on decision until some numbers for estimates of cost are provided. Scot McEnany is currently working on this.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Pint to approve Resolution 2022-12 – Resolution Authorizing the Water Meter and Electronic Radio Transmitter Replacement Project and Awarding of Bid. We received one bid. HR Green recommends awarding the bid to Metering & Technology Solutions in the amount of \$104,447.50. Roll call vote: Ayes: Dunn, Hammerand, Pint, Thorp, Nielsen. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Hammerand to approve Resolution 2022-13 – Resolution Approving the HR Green Agreement for GIS Services under the Master Professional Services Agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes: Thorp, Nielsen, Pint, Dunn, Hammerand. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Thorp to allow Kula's to close Green Street from Rowley Street to Dows Street on Saturday, August 27, 2022, from 10 am – 3 pm for motorcycle cruises. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Dunn to purchase 4 trees for the ballpark. The little league is asking the city to consider paying for the replacement of 4 trees at the ball diamond. If the city pays for 4, 2 additional trees

will be donated, and we can replace the 6 dead/dying trees that need to be removed. The cost to the city would be \$2,010.00. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Discussion held regarding the number of dead/dying trees in the city right-of-way. Not all of them are ash trees, some are trees damaged in winter and storms. We will be able to do quite a few on our own but will bring estimates to council when we get to ones that are too big for us to do. We will work on this over the next several years and do the most dangerous ones first.

Discussion held regarding purchasing additional picnic tables for the park. We got the previous ones from Belson Outdoors. Connie has a quote from them. Council would like her to do a little additional research to see if we can find the same caliber of tables at a better price. She will work on this for one of the upcoming meetings in August or September.

Discussion regarding the shop renovation tabled until further information is gathered.

Discussion held regarding the Greene Street water main project. Council would like Connie to contact HR Green to begin the engineering process but would like to have some cost estimates for doing a street and sidewalk/lighting project in conjunction with the water main. Connie will work on this for the August or September meeting.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Pint to work with ECICOG on a Capital Improvement Plan and a Council goal setting session. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Discussion held on nuisance property. Motion/Second by Nielsen/Dunn that if a civil penalty needs to be assessed, it shall be in the amount of \$500.00. In addition, they are okay with the request from Linn County Public Health to request entry to the premises. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Pint to adjourn at 8:25 pm.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 8, 2022, at 7 pm at the Walker City Council Chambers.

Bills Approved – Fiscal Year 2022:

Bank of America, subscriptions, mulch,
Baby changing stations.....\$1,660.42
Casey's Mastercard, gasoline.....\$599.83
Hawkins, Inc., chlorine.....\$229.19
Lease Consultants Corp, copier lease.....\$98.10
UMB Bank, NA, GO Bond admin. fees.....\$500.00
Simmons, Perrine, Moyer, Bergman, legal
Services.....\$180.00
ESRI, GIS agreement.....\$1,350.00
Connie Helms, reimburse for anti-vandal
Spray.....\$93.60
Iowa League of Cities, annual membership
Dues.....\$737.00
Wendling Quarries, rock.....\$132.53
BDS Equipment, 8' blade.....\$2,999.00
TOTAL: \$8,579.67

Bills Approved – Fiscal Year 2023:

Alliant Energy, utilities.....\$7,526.74
Menards, fencing.....\$1,420.44
L. L. Pelling, Co., 2022 street maintenance
Project.....\$51,979.20
Rudd Sanitation, June garbage contract

Payment.....\$3,857.00
Russell Andersen, fuses.....\$25.66
Menards, plumbing supplies,
paint.....\$1,815.84
Sherbon Construction, plumbing
Supplies.....\$66.66
Office Depot, supplies.....\$45.28
Petty Cash, replenish.....\$42.49
Alexis Galanti, refund deposit.....\$150.00
Justin McVay, refund deposit.....\$150.00
Iowa One Call, utility locates.....\$18.00
HR Green, engineering.....\$222.00
Badger Meter, mobile hosting
Service.....\$20.10
Menards, paint.....\$231.92
Eurofins dba Test America, wwtp
Testing.....\$1,436.40
Gazette Communications, publications.....\$165.45
Builder's First Source, lumber, ready-mix,
Rebar.....\$239.09
CP Farm & Auto, supplies.....\$106.85
IA DNR, Annual public water supply
Fee.....\$75.78
Metering & Technology Solutions, top of
Radio transmitter.....\$100.70
Menards, supplies.....\$549.51
Wendling Quarries, rock.....\$92.95
IRS, June payroll withholding tax.....\$4,709.41
IPERS, June contributions.....\$2,848.11
IPERS, wage adjustment.....\$339.92
Treasurer, State of Iowa, 2nd quarter
Payroll withholding tax.....\$1,879.00
Computer Trouble Shooters, website/IT
Agreement.....\$445.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa, June 2022
Water excise tax.....\$887.59
Treasurer, State of Iowa, 2nd quarter
Sales tax.....\$296.74
MidAmerica Basement Systems, water
Removal/prevention city hall
Basement.....\$22,505.93
Bound Tree Medical, supplies.....\$67.99
Dearborn Life Ins., employee life
Insurance.....\$35.49
Casey's MasterCard, gasoline.....\$507.76
Highland Products Group, new grills for
city park.....\$2,025.02
Hygienic Lab, water testing.....\$13.50
Lease Consultants Corporation, copier
Lease.....\$98.10
Linn Co-op Oil, diesel.....\$1,367.41
Linn County Sheriff's Office, police services
7-1/9-30-22.....\$7,098.00
LRS Portables, port-a-potty.....\$97.86
Mid-American Research Chemical,
Weed killer.....\$6,269.37

Star Equipment, chisel rental.....\$82.00
Uline, toilet paper, paper towels, garbage
Bags.....\$690.28
US Cellular, cell phones.....\$289.13
Windstream, telephone/internet.....\$670.07
TOTAL: \$124,618.30

Revenues for June 2022: General Fund \$8,751.03; Fire Equipment Fund \$1.00; Road Use Fund \$12,064.62; RE Taxes – Employee Benefits Fund \$178.44; RE Taxes – Emergency Levy Fund \$99.07; American Rescue Plan Funds \$1.63; Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$9,617.79; Debt Service Fund \$1,027.84; Water Projects – Restricted Fund \$7.35; Sewer Projects – Restricted Fund \$.09; Streets Project – Restricted Fund \$2.43; Water Fund \$17,470.68; W/S Deposits Fund \$300.42; Water Sinking Fund \$4,847.93; Sewer Fund \$25,819.77; Sewer Sinking Fund \$9,965.46; Garbage Fund \$3,916.77. TOTAL \$94,072.32.

Expenditures for June 2022: General Fund \$18,675.56; Road Use Fund \$6,358.23; Debt Service \$500.00; Water Fund \$15,327.91; Water/Sewer Deposits \$150.00; Water Sinking Fund \$46,940.00; Sewer Fund \$26,013.38; Sewer Sinking Fund \$101,777.50; Garbage Fund \$3,828.00. TOTAL \$219,570.58.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Helms, Finance Director, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by:

Cole Barrick, Mayor