

**Minutes of the Walker City Council**  
**Monday, June 12, 2023**  
**Walker City Council Chambers**

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

Others Present: Kevin Shoop, Will Sherbon, Dean Pecinovsky, Matt Weekly, Janet Weekly, and Matt Wildman from HR Green.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bamrick.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Dunn to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following: 6-12-23 agenda, 5-8-23 minutes, accounts payable, May payroll reports, Renewal of Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor permit for Casey's, and Extension of Outdoor Service area for Kula's Liquor License on Saturday, June 17, 2023. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

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

Mayor: Six permits were issued – 2 urban chicken permits, 2 fence permits, 1 for a garage, and 1 for a bell tower at the Walker Historical Site.

Clerk: Written report is available at City Hall. May gross payroll: \$15,249.17. The ending balance on May 31, 2023, was \$1,112,847.35. With the water main project starting, we will need to cash in several certificates of deposit for cash flow. We pay the bills and then submit them to Linn County for reimbursement from our grant. Once the project is completed, we can reinvest in certificates of deposit. Also, Linn County Public Health asked if the city would be willing to be a 40-yard dumpster for those individuals they are working with to clean up nuisances. Council is against it due to the fact that we cannot prevent others from using it as well, and there was a city clean up day on April 1, 2023. Cole will reach out to them to discuss.

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

Fire Dept: The GCW has purchased a new trailer for the Polaris Ranger, and they have the old gator and trailer sold as well.

Council/ Committee Reports: Councilmember Pint stated that the city park looks great, and the Music in the Park event went well last weekend.

Open Forum: Matt Weekly expressed his concerns with the Shaffer property next to him as well as the other properties in the downtown area that his grandson Alex owns. He has taken multiple photos and videos and has shared them with Connie. Mayor Bamrick explained that the property next door to him has been referred to Linn County Public Health for junk vehicles. Janet Weekly also expressed concerns about the property at 306 Greene St. that Alex just purchased near her. Dean Pecinovsky discussed the letter he received from the city regarding cleaning up his property. Connie visited the property today and he has made satisfactory progress on the specific items we pointed out. Dean states he will continue to work on it and is hoping the council will allow him to do so and follow up again in the future. Council stated as long as he is making satisfactory progress, he can continue to work on it, and we will follow up again on July 10, 2023.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion/Second by Pint/Glenn to approve Resolution 2023-22 – Resolution Approving FY23 Budgeted Fund Transfers. Ayes: Glenn, Pint, Dunn, Thorp. Absent: Nielsen. Motion carried.

HR Green reported that we did not receive any bids for the city shop project. Matt Wildman explained he feels that is because of the short window we had in for completion – by the end of 2023. His suggestion is to rebid and extend the completion deadline until the end of 2024. Council agrees. Matt will work with Connie to get dates for bid opening set and then plan to have for the August meeting.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Glenn to approve the HR Green, Inc. Professional Services Agreement Amendment No. 1 in the amount of \$44,150.00 for the city shop project. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Public hearing for Ordinance 369 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Walker, Iowa by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Sewer Services Charges set for Monday, July 10, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

The Municipal Garbage contract we have with Rudd Sanitation will expire on November 30, 2023. Council wishes to send out a request for proposal as we have had several companies express interest since it was last put out for bids. Connie will get this done so bids can be opened at the August meeting.

Swimming Pool Fill policy was discussed. Council agrees that citizens should pay the per thousand rates based on whether they are in city limits or out of city limits plus a \$25.00 administrative fee and that these individuals would need to make a minimum donation to the Grant-Cono-Walker Mutual Aid Society (GCW) of \$150.00.

Motion/Second by Pint/Glenn to approve Resolution 2023-24 – Resolution Adopting the Swimming Pool Fill Policy. Ayes: Pint, Dunn, Thorp, Glenn. Absent: Nielsen. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding the frame for signage that sits on the property at 908 Linn St. We will move the sign to the city right-of-way, so it is more visible. In addition, council has approved the quote for a City of Walker sign with our logo to be placed on the top. We will also put new black chain link on to hold signs for other groups who would like to have a sign. If a group is interested in a sign, Connie can get them a quote from Iowa Prison Industries, however, the group would be responsible for the cost of the sign.

Kevin has been working on getting quotes for a trailer for the excavator. He has not really found anything yet but will continue to keep looking and get some quotes in writing for the July meeting.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Pint to adjourn at 8:10 pm. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 10, 2023, at 7 pm at the Walker City Council Chambers.

**Bills Approved:**

Bodensteiner Implement Co., balance  
Due on brush kit.....\$678.50  
Broadhead Metals, tin around antenna  
Tower.....\$179.76  
Dakota Supply Group, 2' x 2' flat  
Intake grates.....\$2,555.00  
Hygienic Labs, water testing.....\$13.50  
Julie Andersen, April cleaning.....\$82.50  
Menards, supplies for antenna  
Tower.....\$271.24  
US Cellular, phones.....\$303.68  
Will Sherbon, reimbursement for  
Hose.....\$227.76  
Bard Materials, concrete for antenna

Tower.....\$926.10  
Bound Tree Medical, LLC, AED  
Battery.....\$448.99  
FireCATT, LLC, annual hose  
Testing.....\$2,755.00  
Iowa DNR, balance due on construction  
Permit.....\$48.70  
Lease Consultants Corp, June copier  
Lease.....\$98.10  
Linn Co-op Oil, diesel.....\$1,051.62  
Menards, supplies to repair Maple Lane  
Walking bridge.....\$1,334.88  
Alliant Energy, utilities.....\$4,143.72  
Bank of America, monthly subscriptions,  
Flags, supplies.....\$1,574.68  
Casey's Business MasterCard,  
Gasoline.....\$492.91  
Connie Helms, reimbursement for Miracle  
Gro plant food, mileage.....\$510.71  
Iowa DNR, operator certification  
Renewals.....\$120.00  
IRS, May federal payroll withholding  
Tax.....\$3,459.10  
IPERS, May contributions.....\$2,301.17  
Treasurer, State of Iowa, water excise  
Tax payment.....\$767.54  
Computer TroubleShooters, IT/Website  
Agreements, screen share.....\$548.00  
Iowa Finance Authority, water tower SRF  
Loan payment.....\$47,478.75  
Iowa Finance Authority, WWTP SRF  
Loan payment.....\$97,100.00  
Eurofins, WWTP testing.....\$957.60  
Gazette Communications,  
publications.....\$217.40  
HR Green, engineering.....\$2,900.96  
HR Green, GIS.....\$86.00  
Municipal Pipe Tool Co. LLC, contract  
Services.....\$11,120.71  
Office Depot, office supplies.....\$69.35  
OPG-3, Inc., Laserfiche annual support  
Fee.....\$420.00  
Simmons, Perrine, Moyer, Bergman, legal  
Services.....\$835.00  
Tyler Technologies, annual support/  
Maintenance.....\$5,510.27  
Walker Historical Society, land  
Purchase.....\$500.00  
Builder's FirstSource, supplies.....\$223.06  
East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative,  
Telephone/internet.....\$384.86  
Schimberg Co., culvert.....\$273.41  
United Rentals, boom lift.....\$1,505.31  
Zapco Electric, supplies.....\$193.  
Menards, supplies.....\$115.09  
Julie Andersen, May cleaning.....\$82.50

Rudd Sanitation, Inc., May 2023  
Contract payment.....\$3,900.50  
TOTAL: \$198,766.93

Revenues for May 2023: General Fund \$15,383.7; Fire Equipment Fund \$1.30; Road Use Fund \$8,539.58; RE Taxes – Employee Benefits Fund \$566.92; RE Taxes – Emergency Levy Fund \$305.61; Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$11,288.70; Debt Service Fund \$3,281.44; Water Projects – Restricted Fund \$11.51; Sewer Projects – Restricted Fund \$.38; Streets Project – Restricted Fund \$11.86; Greene St. Water Main/Downtown Project Fund \$24,601.89; Water Fund \$14,306.55; W/S Deposits Fund \$302.16; Water Sinking Fund \$4,035.79; Sewer Fund \$22,912.95; Sewer Sinking Fund \$9,984.03; Garbage Fund \$3,902.11. TOTAL \$119,436.75.

Expenditures for May 2023: General Fund \$31,254.55; Road Use Fund \$12,567.07; American Rescue Plan Fund \$3,533.10; Debt Service Fund \$144,982.50; Greene St. Water Main Fund \$8,245.44; Water Fund \$11,939.41; Sewer Fund \$18,432.33; Garbage Fund \$3,886.00. TOTAL \$234,840.40.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Helms, Finance Director, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by:

Cole Bamrick, Mayor