

**Minutes of the Walker City Council**  
**Monday, June 14, 2021**  
**Walker City Council Chambers**

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

Others Present: Margaret Moore, Jessica Hammerand, Will Sherbon, Rozena McVey, Cody Voss, Doug Winn, Mike Becker, & Cindy Schmitz.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Voss.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Shoop to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following: 6-14-2021 agenda, 5-10-2021 minutes, 5-24-2021 minutes, accounts payable, and May payroll reports. All ayes, 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.

Public Hearings – 7:05 pm

Ordinance 353 – An ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of Walker, Iowa by adding a new chapter – RAGBRAI – Miscellaneous Permits: Opened at 7:05 pm. The clerk did not receive and verbal or written comments. Margaret Moore clarified that this is only for the day on which RAGBRAI comes through town. Closed at 7:06 pm.

Mayor: The new t-ball/practice field at the ball complex is almost complete. 4 permits were issued – a pond, a retaining wall, a shed, and a belltower.

Clerk: Written report is available at City Hall. The April gross payroll was \$12,430.20 The ending balance on May 31, 2021, was \$1,184,969.03.

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

Fire Dept: Fire Chief, Bill Norris, is resigning effective June 30,2021. Assistant Chief, Cody Voss, will assume the responsibility until the officer elections later this year. There were 6 calls in May. The 1950 fire truck is at the station, and they will begin working on it.

Council/Committee Reports: Council member Nielsen stated he has reviewed the financials for the month, and everything is in order. He also wanted to comment that the hanging flower baskets in the downtown area look very nice.

Open Forum: Rozena McVey expressed her appreciation for the baskets downtown and thank you to those who are taking care of them. Margaret Moore asked if they would be for this year only since RAGBRAI is coming through, or will they be put up yearly. Mayor Voss stated they will be hung up each year.

Old Business:

Linn County Building Permits – The Public Information Session is scheduled for June 28, 2021, at 6:30 pm at City Hall. Notices were sent to all property owners.

New Business:

Motion/Second by Shoop/Pint to approve the first reading of Ordinance 353 - An ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of Walker, Iowa by adding a new chapter – RAGBRAI – Miscellaneous Permits. Roll call vote: ayes: Shoop, Nielsen, Dunn, Thorp, Pint. Motion carried. Motion/Second by Shoop/Nielsen to suspend the rules and waive the second and third public hearings. Roll call vote: ayes: Dunn, Pint, Nielsen, Shoop, Thorp. Motion carried. Ordinance 353 has passed.

Motion/Second by Shoop/Pint to approve Resolution 2021-10 – A Resolution to Adopt a Use of Public Funds Policy. Roll call vote: Thorp, Pint, Nielsen, Shoop, Dunn. Motion carried.

Margaret Moore and Jessica Hammerand were present to discuss a memorial bench for Everett Moore. They understand the city will not pay for the bench, but they would like permission to place it at the north end of City Hall

where a bench currently sits. Motion/Second by Pint/Nielsen to refer this to Planning & Zoning for their review and recommendation.

Mike Becker from East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative went over the results of the survey they sent out last week. Discussion continued as to whether the City of Walker wants them to consider putting fiberoptic to each home/business in Walker since they will be going directly past when they hook up to Shellsburg as part of their agreement. The council felt that the timing was too rushed and does not want to pursue at this time, however, they are willing to continue to consider any additional information and investigate this in the future.

Doug Winn presented as President of the Board of Adjustments. They have just received a referral for review of a possible used car lot/parking area on the southeast corner of the intersection at Rowley and Greene Street. Our zoning is not very clear on this topic and is asking for input and assistance. Connie has been instructed to find out what Linn County and other small towns do in this situation. The board of adjustment meeting is set for Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at 7 pm in the Council Chambers. Notices will be mailed to all property owners within 200 feet and the notice will be published in the paper and posted around town as well.

The fire department presented plans for a building to house the 1950 fire truck that was recently purchased as well as other fire department memorabilia for display. They are not asking for any monetary support from the city, just permission to build. Motion/Second by Nielsen/Shoop to refer this to Planning & Zoning for the review and recommendation.

The Linn County Sheriff's Office has announced the addition of a Law Enforcement Liaison. His name is Rich Nesmith from Foundation 2 Crisis Services. He will work alongside the deputies to help those in need of mental health services as well as other issues in the community. He will drive a white Ford Explorer with no Sheriff markings and be in plain clothes. He will have his work ID badge to identify him.

Motion/Second by Shoop/Dunn to adjourn at 8: 23 pm. 5 ayes, motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 12, 2021, at 7 pm at the Walker City Council Chambers.

Bills Approved:

Treasurer, State of Iowa, April WET payment.....\$773.00  
Depository Trust Co., 2014 GO Bond payment.....\$36,916.25  
IA Finance Authority, Water tower loan payment.....\$49,940.00  
IA Finance Authority, WWTP loan payment.....\$101,110.00  
Ace Electric, Inc., generator maintenance/repair.....\$870.22  
Bank of America, Arlo, Microsoft, Adobe, Dropbox,  
Hotel – conference; Plants/flowers; Potting soil;  
Aire filter housing for generator, tools, supplies.....\$1,841.30  
Casey's Business MasterCard, gasoline.....\$299.83  
Creative Displays, Inc., down payment on 15 new  
Christmas decorations.....\$2,873.25  
FireCatt, LLC, annual hose testing....\$2,944.00  
Gordon Flesch Co., annual Laserfiche support.....\$420.00  
Hygienic Lab, water testing.....\$13.50  
Lease Consultants Corp, copier lease.....\$98.10  
Russell Gager, trucking for snow removal.....\$2,120.00  
Sherbon Construction, move water meter.....\$128.00  
Uline, toilet paper, paper towels, hand soap, garbage  
Bags.....\$918.15  
US Cellular, cell phones, tablet.....\$345.91  
Windstream, telephone/internet.....\$666.11  
Alliant Energy, utilities.....\$5,343.45  
Computer TroubleShooters, IT/website Agreement.....\$445.00  
American Legion Ray Posts, flags.....\$60.00  
Badger Meter, Mobile hosting service.....\$20.22  
Builder's FirstSource, supplies.....\$557.31  
CP Farm & Auto, truck batteries, bolts, charger, relay.....\$527.22  
Eurofins dba TestAmerica, wwtp testing.....\$957.60  
Feld Fire Co., PPE.....\$5,000.00  
Glen Fults, reimbursement.....\$199.90  
Hawkins, Inc., chlorine.....\$169.32

Hygienic Lab, water testing.....\$13.50  
Interstate Billing Service (Rexco), skidloader rental.....\$2,690.00  
Interstate Billing Service (Rexco) skidloader repair.....\$5,945.29  
Menards, pallet of water, supplies for hanging baskets.....\$265.94  
Office Depot, office supplies.....\$33.98  
Simmons, Perrine, Moyer, Bergman, legal services.....\$380.00  
Stone City Quarries, lime.....\$67.24  
Tyler Technologies, annual maintenance agreement.....\$4,899.34  
US Cellular, cell phones, tablet.....\$346.67  
Wendling Quarries, lime.....\$925.14  
Windstream, telephone/internet.....\$665.70  
Woodward Community Media, publications.....\$837.40  
IPERS, May contributions.....\$1,733.30  
IRS, May federal payroll tax withholding.....\$2,950.31  
Treasurer, State of Iowa, May WET payment.....\$826.00  
Lease Consultants Corp, copier lease.....\$98.10  
Midway Outdoor Equipment, Inc., chain saw chains.....\$82.11  
Rudd Sanitation, May 2021 municipal contract.....\$3,857.00  
Wendling Quarries, lime, rock.....\$215.94  
Burns, Inc., supplies.....\$255.29  
Stone City Quarries, lime.....\$45.99  
Linn County Sheriff, police services.....\$6,734.00  
TOTAL.....\$249,425.88

Revenues for May 2021: General Fund \$15,113.68; Fire Equipment \$1.31; Road Use Fund \$8,059.99; RE Taxes – Employee Benefits \$700.48; RE Taxes – Emergency Levy \$382.08; Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$9,629.33; Debt Service Fund \$4,535.23; Water Projects – Restricted \$3.26; Sewer Projects – Restricted \$.12; Streets Project – Restricted \$2.75; Water Fund \$15,022.75; W/S Deposits \$300.35; Water Sinking Fund \$4,878.92; Sewer Fund \$22,709.03; Sewer Sinking Fund \$10,024.55; Garbage Fund \$3,780.51. TOTAL \$95,144.34.

Expenditures for May 2021: General Fund \$24,932.49; Road Use Fund \$4,489.82; Debt Service Fund \$153,781.25; Water Fund \$8,709.74; Sewer Fund \$15,275.43; Garbage Fund \$3,828.00. TOTAL \$211,016.73.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Helms, City Clerk

Approved by:

James Voss, Mayor