

**Minutes of the Walker City Council**  
**Monday, March 11, 2024**  
**Walker City Council Chambers**

Mayor Bamrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Council Present: Paul Nielsen, Jonathan Wolff, Abigail Wells, Rob Dunn, and Kyle Glenn.

Others Present: Ted Beuter, Will Sherbon, Kevin Shoop, Bill Avis, Scot McEnany, Brian and Lori Prucha from Rudd Sanitation, and Linn Co. Deputy Williams.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bamrick.

Motion/Second by Wolff/Nielsen to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following: 3-11-24 agenda, 2-12-24 minutes, 2-26-24 minutes, accounts payable, and February payroll reports. 5 ayes, motion carried.

**Public Hearings:**

Ordinance 370 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Walker, Iowa by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Water Rates: Opened at 7:00 pm. The clerk did not receive any written or verbal comments. No citizens present with comments. Closed at 7:01 pm.

Ordinance 371 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Walker, Iowa by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Sewer Service Charges. Opened at 7:01 pm. The clerk did not receive any written or verbal comments. No citizens present with comments. Closed at 7:02 pm.

Ordinance 372 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Walker, Iowa by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Council Compensation. Opened at 7:02 pm. The clerk did receive the following comment: Understand \$50.00 for each regular council meeting, but do not think they should be paid \$50.00 for special meetings as they are often short. No citizens present with comments. Closed at 7:04 pm.

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

Rudd Sanitation, Lori Prucha: On July 1, 2024, the landfill is increasing dumping prices as follows: garbage going from \$45/ton to \$48/ton and recycling going from \$95/ton to \$110/ton. Due to this, they will be increasing the contract price, and we have 2 options. Option 1: \$.50 increase per month, remove recycling, and go from two 35-gallon cans to three 35-gallons cans per week. Option 2: Keep recycling and garbage at two 35-gallon cans with a price increase of \$1.50/month. They are leaving it up to each city they contract with to decide which option they want. This will be placed on the April 8, 2024, agenda for discussion. We will try to get the information out to the public so we can get input at that meeting from the citizens regarding their preference.

Mayor: 3 permits were issued – 1 pergola, 2 new houses.

Clerk: Written report is available at City Hall. February gross payroll: \$13,341.51. The ending balance on February 29, 2024, was \$1,073,155.76.

Public Works Technician: Written report is available at City Hall. An update was also given on the Linn County ARPA Grant.

Fire Dept: There were 5 calls for service in the past month – 1 fire and 4 medical calls.

Council/ Committee Reports: Councilmember Nielsen stated he has reviewed and signed off on all of the financial reports.

Planning & Zoning Commission: They continue to work on updating Chapter 165/Zoning and will continue to work on this. They have discussed things such as solar panels and windmills. Connie stated she got copies of the maps they asked for and has been updating them as they have asked. They are ready for them to review at their next meeting.

Open Forum: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion/Second by Dunn/Glenn to approve the first reading of Ordinance 370 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Walker, Iowa by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Water Rates. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 370. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Wells, Wolff, Nielsen, Dunn, Glenn. Motion carried. Ordinance passes.

Motion Second by Dunn/Wolff to approve the first reading of Ordinance 371 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Walker, Iowa by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Sewer Service Charges. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Glenn/Wells to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 371. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Wolff, Nielsen, Glenn, Wells, Dunn. Motion carried. Ordinance passes.

Ordinance 372 - An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Walker, Iowa by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Council Compensation is dropped due to lack of motion/second to approve the first reading.

Motion/Second by Glenn/Wolff to adopt Resolution 2024-8 – Resolution Accepting the Greene Street Water Main Replacement Project. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Glenn, Wells, Dunn, Wolff, Nielsen. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Glenn to approve the updated by-laws for the Walker Fire Department. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Wolff/Glenn to approve the use of the City Park for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30, 2024, at 10 am. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Wolff/Wells to approve the Iowa Women's Softball League Contract for July 14, 2024, and July 21, 2024, with a fee of \$200.00. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Ted Beuter presented projects the Little League would like to do at the ballpark this year. They are going to be putting steel on the batting cage building. The estimate is \$980.00, and Little League is going to pay for this project. They are also going to add cement along the first and third base lines in front of the bleachers and from the bleachers to the concession stand. The estimate they have received is \$3,000.00. The Little League has committed \$3,000.00 to this project, so if the cost exceeds this amount, they will ask the city to cover the balance. And finally, they want to paint the concession stand as it is starting to show some wear. The Little League will pay for the paint and is asking the city to provide some labor/volunteer labor to get this done. Motion/Second by Wolff/Dunn to approve the projects as presented. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Glenn to adjourn at 7:44 pm. 5 ayes, motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 8, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Walker City Council Chambers.

The FY25 Property Tax Levy Hearing is scheduled for Monday, April 1, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Walker City Council Chambers.

Bills Approved:

Bank of America, monthly  
subscriptions, stamps, phone,  
tools.....\$588.43  
Burns, Inc., fuel tank for  
UTV.....\$543.00  
Hygienic Labs, water  
testing.....\$14.50  
Independence Plumbing, Heating,  
service furnace north  
pavilion.....\$130.00  
Lease Consultants Corp., copier  
lease.....\$98.10  
MARC, chemicals.....\$5,465.65  
US Cellular, utilities.....\$242.98  
JD Financial, excavator  
payment.....\$20,293.16  
Alliant Energy, utilities.....\$6,041.24  
Hawkeye Electric CR,  
subscription.....\$84.53  
Hoddy Gates Electrical Service, hook  
up new blower motor.....\$318.25  
HR Green, Inc., engineering.....\$2,499.50  
Iowa Prison Industries, signs.....\$281.60  
Linn Co-op Oil, diesel, ATF  
HD.....\$1,126.63  
Menards, supplies.....\$63.92  
Office Depot, office supplies.....\$153.48  
IRS, Feb. federal payroll  
withholding tax.....\$3,084.10  
IPERS, Feb. contributions.....\$2,001.09  
Computer Troubleshooters, IT/website  
agreements, screen share.....\$548.00  
Treasurer, State of Iowa, Feb.  
water excise tax.....\$788.21  
Badger Meter, cellular/network fees.....\$91.07  
Bound Tree Medical, LLC, medical  
supplies.....\$378.42  
Carson Repair Service, repair  
2006 Sterling.....\$535.19  
Center Point Auto Parts, supplies.....\$78.22  
Clayton Pumphrey, paid to wrong  
city/state.....\$39.63  
Connie Helms, mileage.....\$218.64  
Dave's Service, lift rental.....\$150.00  
East Buchanan Telephone,  
phone/internet.....\$386.48  
eurofins, wastewater treatment  
plant testing.....\$1,010.08  
Future Line Truck Equipment, hydraulic

fluid.....\$43.23  
Gazette Communications,  
publications.....\$110.77  
Kirkwood Community College, BLS  
Provider.....\$90.00  
Menards, shelving.....\$716.00  
Menards, heater for well  
house.....\$112.89  
Reliant Fire Apparatus, Inc., fire truck  
payment.....\$169,715.00  
Rexco Equipment, supplies.....\$663.09  
Rudd Sanitation, Feb. 2024  
contract.....\$3,945.00  
TOTAL: \$222,641.08

Revenues for February 2024: General Fund \$26,020.28; Fire Equipment Fund \$1.31; Road Use Fund \$7,085.26; RE Taxes – Employee Benefits Fund \$28.58; RE Taxes – Emergency Levy Fund \$14.54; Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$12,474.31; Debt Service Fund \$172.35; Water Projects – Restricted Fund \$7.30; Sewer Projects – Restricted Fund \$0.38; Streets Project – Restricted Fund \$6.45; Greene St. Water Main/Downtown Project Fund \$3,923.22; CBDG-DR Grant \$0.00; Water Fund \$14,892.17; W/S Deposits Fund \$2.32; Water Sinking Fund \$4,326.10; Sewer Fund \$24,522.94; Sewer Sinking Fund \$8,514.92; Garbage Fund \$3,940.99. TOTAL \$105,933.42.

Expenditures for February 2024: General Fund \$31,091.46; Road Use Fund \$2,554.37; Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$20,000.00; Debt Service \$00.00; Greene St. Water Main Fund \$8,858.37; CDBG-DR Grant \$0.00; Water Fund \$15,576.38; Water Fund Deposits \$00.00; Water Sinking Fund \$0.00; Sewer Fund \$25,137.43; Sewer Sinking Fund \$0.00; Garbage Fund \$3,990.00. TOTAL \$107,208.01.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Helms, Finance Director, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by:

Cole Bamrick, Mayor