

Minutes of the Walker City Council
Monday, March 13, 2023
Walker City Council Chambers

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

Others Present: Will Sherbon, Cody Voss, Kevin Shoop, Cindy Schmitz, Vernon Schmitz, Mona Blair, Tracey Achenbach with ECICOG, Rozena McVey, KaLynn Kula, Jason Kula, Deputy Pease, and Art Johnson.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bamrick.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Pint to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following: 3-13-23 agenda, 2-13-23 minutes, 2-23-23 minutes, accounts payable, February payroll reports, and Kula's liquor license renewal, with the removal of Joe Horaney from Linn County Solid Waste and moving the discussion regarding sewer charges to vacant houses/buildings prior to Ordinance 367. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Public Hearing: FY24 Budget - Opened at 7:02 pm. The city clerk did not receive any written or verbal comments. No citizens present had any comments. Closed at 7:03pm.

Public Hearing: Consider Plans and Specifications and the taking of bids for the Greene St. Water Main Replacement Project – Opened at 7:04 pm. The city clerk did not receive any written or verbal comments. KaLynn Kula asked if we knew the timing of the project. At this time, we do not, however, we will provide the contractor with dates that we need them to not be working in the immediate area. Rozena McVey asked if the entire cost of the project will be covered by the grant we received from Linn County. Based on the bids received earlier in the day, the grant will cover the entire project. Closed at 7:05pm.

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

Mayor: No permits were issued.

Clerk: Written report is available at City Hall. February gross payroll: \$16,848.92. The balance on February 28, 2023, was \$1,139,012.18.

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

Fire Dept: There were 8 calls for service in February. The annual air pack testing has been completed as well as a few small repairs. Chief Voss asked about filling pools for a donation. The city stopped this practice when they began offering a second meter for outside usage and not charging sewer for the amounts used outside only. Three AEDs were donated to the fire department, so they have one in every vehicle and now have an extra that they are giving to the city. Council will need to decide where it would be of the most benefit.

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

Open Forum: Rozena McVey wanted to voice her support for the purchase of a new fire truck. She also wanted to state that she has come into city hall several times and the basement door has been open. She feels that is unsafe and would like for it to be closed at all times. She also complained that she has come into city hall some mornings and the employees are just sitting around and visiting until 9:45 or later. She stated there is no excuse for this and she cannot believe she is the only one questioning this. She also pointed out that Planning & Zoning is working on the zoning map and there is an error with a road and they will work to get that corrected.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion/Second by Pint/Nielsen to approve Resolution 2023-7 – FY24 Budget. Ayes: Dunn, Nielsen, Pint, Glenn. Absent: Thorp. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Pint/Glenn to approve Resolution 2023-8 – Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications for the Greene Street Water Main Project. Ayes: Glenn, Pint, Nielsen, Dunn. Absent: Thorp. Motion carried.

Bid opening for the Greene Street Water Main Replacement Project was held this morning at 10:00 am. Bids were received as follows: Dave Schmitt Construction in the amount of \$1,085,092.30; Pirc-Tobin Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$999,979.50; Summers' Enterprise, Inc. in the amount of \$745,953.00, and B. G. Brecke, Inc. in the amount of \$767,759.33.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Glenn to approve Resolution 2023-9 – Resolution Authorizing the Greene Street Water Main Replacement Project and Awarding of Bid. Ayes: Glenn, Pint, Nielsen, Dunn. Absent: Thorp. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to approve Resolution 2023-10 – Resolution setting the date of Public Hearing to Consider Plans and Specifications and taking of bids for the City Shop Project. Ayes: Nielsen, Glenn, Pint, Dunn. Absent: Thorp. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Glenn to approve Resolution 2023-11 – Resolution Establishing and Recognizing the Need for a New Fire Truck and Approving the Proposal from Reliant Fire Apparatus in the amount of \$363,530.00. The price of the chassis may change and any price increases will be passed to the city and documented on a change order. Ayes: Dunn, Pint, Glenn. Nays: Nielsen. Absent: Thorp. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to approve Resolution 2023-12 – Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract with East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Grant Administration and Project Delivery Services. Ayes: Pint, Nielsen, Dunn, Glenn. Absent: Thorp. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Pint/Dunn to approve Resolution 2023-13 – Resolution Adopting a Policy on the Use of Excessive Force for the Community Development Block Grant Program. Ayes: Dunn, Nielsen, Glenn, Pint. Absent: Thorp. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Glenn to approve Resolution 2023-14 – Resolution Adopting Required Policies for CDBG Funding. Ayes: Pint, Nielsen, Dunn, Glenn. Absent: Thorp. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Pint to approve the Alternate Signature Authorization for IEDA contract documents. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Discussion regarding sewer minimum monthly service charges for empty houses/buildings held. Council would like to get input from the city attorney and discuss further at another meeting. Meeting set for Monday, March 20, 2023, at 6:00 pm for this discussion.

Public hearing for Ordinance 367 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Walker, Iowa by Amending Provisions pertaining to Water Rates set for Monday, April 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Public hearing for Ordinance 368 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Walker, Iowa by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Sewer Service Charges set for Monday, April 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Pint to purchase a stair lift for handicap access to the city hall basement storm shelter. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Dunn to write off the unpaid past due balance on account 000000200203 in the amount of \$149.28. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Glenn/Pint to adjourn at 8:37 pm. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

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

Bills Approved:

Computer Troubleshooters, IT/website
Agreements.....\$460.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa, Jan. 2023
Water excise tax.....\$759.00
IRS, Jan. 2023 federal payroll withholding
Tax.....\$3,165.83
IPERS, Jan. 2023 contributions.....\$2,079.28
Iowa DNR, construction permit.....\$223.90
Roland Landry, paid wrong city/state.....\$99.63
Alliant Energy, utilities.....\$5,965.97
Bank of America, supplies, monthly software
Subscriptions.....\$747.21
Casey's Business Mastercard,
Gasoline.....\$134.28
HR Green, engineering.....\$26,226.00
Hygienic Labs, water testing.....\$13.50
Iowa Prison Industries, 2023 Golf cart
Permit stickers.....\$53.16
Kevin Shoop, reimburse for basement
Floor paint, hotel-IRWA
Conference.....\$914.66
Linn Co-op Oil Co., diesel.....\$1,399.60
LINH2O, LLC, DO meter annual
Maintenance.....\$953.00
Menards, city hall basement (storm
Shelter) remodel.....\$3,966.12
Reliant Fire Apparatus, annual fire
Truck maintenance.....\$4,314.10
Sandy Fire Supply, TNT tool annual
Maintenance.....\$574.50
US Cellular, phones.....\$304.44
Award.com, plaque.....\$114.20
Connie Helms, reimburse for new
Chain for Hi-Way Super P
Sander.....\$884.00
Kevin Shoop, meals at IRWA
Conference.....\$76.43
Ace Electric, Inc., repair generators
Well house, WWTP.....\$507.17
Builder's FirstSource, supplies.....\$14.28
City of Center Point, salt/sand.....\$1,204.00
Eurofins, wastewater treatment plant
Testing.....\$831.60
Hawkeye Electric CR, annual wi-fi.....\$69.00
Menards, supplies.....\$187.33
Office Depot, office supplies.....\$34.98
IRS, Feb. 2023 federal payroll withholding
Tax.....\$3,918.67
IPERS, Feb. 2023 contributions.....\$2,556.70
Computer Troubleshooters, IT/website
Agreements.....\$548.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa, Feb. 2023 water
Excise tax.....\$758.75
East Buchanan Telephone Co., phone
And internet.....\$623.41
Windstream, phone/internet.....\$99.68
Carson Repair Service, repair Ford
F450.....\$607.46
Hawkins, Inc., chlorine.....\$273.30

Lease Consultants Corp., copier lease
Feb. – April 2023.....\$329.30
Metering & Technology Solutions, ERT's
For project.....\$8,997.87
Menards, supplies.....\$138.02
Hygienic Lab, water testing.....\$13.50
HR Green, engineering.....\$9,300.00
Office of Auditor of State, annual
Periodic exam fee.....\$1,500.00
Connie Helms, reimburse for large copies
Of Land Use/Zoning Maps.....\$30.30
Gazette Communications, publications.....\$307.80
Julie Andersen, cleaning.....\$97.50
Rudd Sanitation, Feb. 2023 contract
Payment.....\$3,842.50
TOTAL: \$90,340.77

Revenues for February 2023: General Fund \$6289.06; Fire Equipment Fund \$3.91; Road Use Fund \$7,866.63; RE Taxes – Employee Benefits Fund \$8.79; RE Taxes – Emergency Levy Fund \$4.74; American Rescue Plan Funds \$2.06; Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$10,977.79; Debt Service Fund \$49.60; Water Projects – Restricted Fund \$9.35; Sewer Projects – Restricted Fund \$.36; Streets Project – Restricted Fund \$11.33; Greene St. Water Main/Downtown Project Fund \$0.00; Water Fund \$15,022.27; W/S Deposits Fund \$1.93; Water Sinking Fund \$4,034.7; Sewer Fund \$24,045.66; Sewer Sinking Fund \$9,980.13; Garbage Fund \$3,868.22. TOTAL \$82,658.20.

Expenditures for February 2023: General Fund \$35,392.28; Road Use Fund \$7,862.2; Debt Service Fund \$0.00; Greene St. Water Main/Downtown Project Fund \$60,642.51; Water Fund \$10,441.62; Water Fund Deposits \$0.00; Sewer Fund \$36,211.46; Garbage Fund \$3,857.00. TOTAL \$154,657.07.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Helms, Finance Director, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by:

Cole Bamrick, Mayor