

Minutes of the Walker City Council
Monday, March 8, 2021
Walker City Council Chambers

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

Others Present: Kevin Shoop and Deputy Taylor Buhmeyer.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Voss.

Motion/Second by Shoop/Nielsen to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following: 3-8-2021 agenda, 2-15-2021 minutes, accounts payable, February payroll reports, and renewal of liquor license for Kula's. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Public Hearings –

FY21 Budget Amendment: Hearing was opened at 7:05 pm. The clerk did not receive any verbal or written objections. There were no citizens present with objections. Hearing was closed at 7:05 pm.

FY22 Budget: Hearing was opened at 7:05 pm. The clerk did not receive any verbal or written objections. There were no citizens present with objections. Hearing was closed at 7:05 pm.

Ordinance 348 – Mayor Compensation: Hearing was opened at 7:05 pm. The clerk did not receive any verbal or written objections. There were no citizens present with objections. Hearing was closed at 7:05 pm.

Ordinance 349 – Council Compensation: Hearing was opened at 7:05 pm. The clerk did not receive any verbal or written objections. There were no citizens present with objections. Hearing was closed at 7:05 pm.

Linn County Sheriff's Report: Our contract is for 61.0 hours per month and they were in Walker for 106.3 hours since the last meeting.

Mayor: No permits were issued. Everything is beginning to dry up nicely around town. There was damage to the ice guard on the fire station that was minor. It will be fixed, and no insurance claim filed.

Clerk: Written report is available at City Hall. The February gross payroll was \$14,709.66. The ending balance on February 28, 2021 was \$1,184,423.20.

Public Works Technician: Written report is available at City Hall. We have started hauling gravel and filling potholes.

Fire Dept: There were 7 calls in February, 2 of which were to assist Center Point for manpower during the day when they were short. Service maintenance will be completed on all the trucks in the next week or so. They have used all the AED pads and new ones were ordered today. The GCW also purchased all new batteries for the AED.

Council/Committee Reports: Council member Shoop stated he was approached by a citizen inquiring if there was any possibility of development for housing in town. Connie will follow up with Doug Winn to see if they have decided to proceed.

Open Forum: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion/Second by Dunn/Shoop to approve Resolution 2021-4 - Resolution approving the City of Walker FY21 Budget Amendment: Ayes: Pint, Nielsen, Dunn, Shoop. Nay: Thorp, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Shoop/Pint to approve Resolution 2021-5 - Resolution approving the City of Walker FY22 Budget: Ayes: Pint, Nielsen, Shoop, Dunn. Nay: Thorp, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 348 – Mayor Compensation. Ayes: Pint, Dunn, Shoop, Nielsen. Nay: Thorp, motion carried. Motion/Second by Shoop/Dunn to suspend the rules and waive the 2nd and 3rd public hearings. Ayes: Shoop, Dunn, Nielsen, Pint. Nay: Thorp, motion carried. Ordinance 348 has passed.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Shoop to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 349 – Council Compensation. Ayes: Shoop, Dunn. Nays: Thorp, Pint, Nielsen, motion fails.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Pint to approve Connie attending the IMFOA Spring Conference in Des Moines April 22-23, 2021. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Pint to allow Traer Street to be used for City-wide clean up day at no charge. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Pint to make no adjustments to the water/sewer bill for account 000009003001. Ayes: Pint, Dunn, Nielsen, Shoop. Nays: Thorp, motion carried.

The concession stand at the ballpark needs to be re-roofed and the cement pad that abuts it is cracked and raised and could be a trip hazard. Discussion held. Connie was instructed to place an ad for bids for roofing the concession stand and the city employees will replace the cement pad.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Dunn to place a sealed bid for \$14,250.00 for the 2006 Sterling Dump truck with sander, plow, and wing plow from Center Point. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Discussion held on water/sewer rates. Council has asked Connie to work up a couple more rate structures to see what additional revenue would be.

Discussion held on water/sewer deposits. Council has instructed Connie to update the ordinances with a new deposit of \$150.00 for water and \$150.00 for sewer.

Discussion held on nuisance properties and properties we have had to send multiple letters to regarding mowing over the past several years. Council is to let Connie and James know what properties they would like to address.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Shoop to adjourn at 8:13 pm. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

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

Bills Approved:

IPERS, January Contributions.....\$1,764.75
IRS, January federal payroll tax withholding.....\$2,866.17
Treasurer, State of Iowa.....January water excise tax\$787.00
Alliant Energy, utilities.....\$5,784.69
Bank of America, Arlo, Microsoft, Zoom, Dropbox, supplies.....\$308.83
City of Central City, salt/sand mix....\$1,793.00
Dave's Service, rental of boom lift.....\$450.00
IAMU, membership dues.....\$651.00
Linn Co-op Lawn Care, ball diamond and city park.....\$2,544.12
Linn Co-op Oil, diesel.....\$996.65
Martin Equipment, rental end loader.....\$5,400.00
Menards, lock for city shop.....\$119.00

IPERS, February Contributions.....\$2,141.40
IRS, February federal payroll tax withholding.....\$3,495.43
Computer Troubleshooters, IT/website agreements.....\$445.00
CP Farm & Auto, supplies.....\$268.79
Rexco, repair skid loader.....\$1,793.44
Office Depot, supplies.....\$33.59
eurofins dba Test America, wwtp testing.....\$831.60
Rudd Sanitation, February municipal contract....\$3,857.00
McCright Agency, annual insurance/work comp premium.....\$37,261.00
Iowa League of Cities, Spring 2021 IMFOA Conference.....\$125.00
TOTAL.....\$73,717.46

Revenues for February 2021: General Fund \$28,920.68; Fire Equipment \$1.49; Road Use Fund \$6,913.60; RE Taxes – Employee Benefits \$31.13; RE Taxes – Emergency Levy \$21.30; Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$10.81; Debt Service Fund \$251.69; Water Projects – Restricted \$2.49; Sewer Projects – Restricted \$.14; Streets Project – Restricted \$3.53; Water Fund \$13,898.60; W/S Deposits \$.40; Water Sinking Fund \$4,878.52; Sewer Fund \$22,302.55; Sewer Sinking Fund \$10,023.71; Garbage Fund \$3,743.02. TOTAL \$91,003.66.

Expenditures for February: General Fund \$16,397.41; Road Use Fund \$6,929.88; Water Fund \$9,940.58; Water/Sewer Deposits \$150.00; Sewer Fund \$18,073.75; Garbage \$3,842.50. TOTAL \$55,334.12.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Helms, City Clerk

Approved by:

James Voss, Mayor