

**Minutes of the Walker City Council**  
**Monday, May 10, 2021**  
**Walker City Council Chambers**

Mayor Pro Tem Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Council Present: Paul Nielsen, John Pint, Rob Dunn, Kene Shoop. Absent: Dianna Thorp. Mayor Voss arrived at 7:30 pm.

Others Present: Margaret Moore, Jessica Moore, Joe Moore, Will Sherbon, Rozena McVey, Cody Voss, Bill Avis, Wayne Beuter, and Ted Beuter.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro Tem Shoop.

Motion/Second by Pint/Nielsen to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following: 5-10-2021 agenda, 4-12-2021 minutes, accounts payable, and April payroll reports. 4 ayes, 1 absent, 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 – 7:10 pm

Ordinance 350 – An ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of Walker, Iowa by amending provisions pertaining to Water Service Customer Deposits. Opened: 7:10 pm. The city clerk did not receive any written or verbal comments. No citizens present had any comments. Closed: 7:11 pm.

Ordinance 351 – An ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of Walker, Iowa by amending provisions pertaining to Sewer Service Charges. Opened: 7:11 pm. The city clerk did not receive any written or verbal comments. No citizens present had any comments. Closed: 7:12 pm.

Ordinance 352 – An ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of Walker, Iowa by amending provisions pertaining to Flood Plain Management. Opened: 7:12 pm. The city clerk did not receive any written or verbal comments. No citizens present had any comments. Closed: 7:13 pm.

Mayor: 6 permits were issued – a solar array, a retaining wall, a fence, a covered porch, an entry steps/deck, and a mailbox.

Clerk: Written report is available at City Hall. The March gross payroll was \$11,927.21 The ending balance on April 30, 2021 was \$1,299,434.07.

Public Works Technician: No report.

Fire Dept: There were 11 calls in April. The annual hose testing will be done this week and there will be training this weekend. Bill Norris is taking a leave of absence as Fire Chief. Cody Voss will be acting as Fire Chief in his absence.

Council/Committee Reports: Council member Pint stated the kids are glad the basketball hoops are back up in the park. Council member Nielsen stated he has reviewed the financials for the month, and everything is in order.

Open Forum: Margaret Moore asked the city council to please consider paying for a memorial bench for Everett Moore who was a public servant for 20 years. He served as Mayor for 18 of those years. In addition, he was a business owner and he genuinely believed in the City of Walker's mission statement. Joe Moore added that he was always helping public works if there was a water leak after hours or any other emergency. He stepped into mediate differences between neighbors often as well. He served on the fire department for many years and responded to calls that others would not. He supported the North Linn Community School District by being a yearbook sponsor and provided support for the FFA program

and the sports programs as well. He also worked with the FFA programs at surrounding area schools when in need. He was a member of the Lions Club for 50 years, a founding member of the Walker Jaycee's, and was a big sponsor of Walker Homecoming. He assisted churches with meals and events. He always stepped up to help others by providing a helping hand.

#### Old Business:

Linn County Building Permits – We had to stop the process last year when the pandemic hit. Council would like to restart and set a date of the public informational meeting. The city clerk will contact Linn County and work on getting this set up.

#### New Business:

Memorial bench – Everett Moore – Currently the city does not have a Use of Public Funds Policy, however, the city has never, in the past, paid for or put money towards a memorial for a specific individual. The Moore family brought up the memorial bench and flowerpots for Jane Benning by the water tower. They were informed that the Benning family paid for those and plants the flowers in them yearly as well. The council does not want to set a precedent by paying for this memorial. The placement of the memorial as requested at the April 12, 2021 meeting is not an issue, the payment of the memorial by the city is the issue. Council has asked the city clerk to draft a Use of Public Funds Policy for the next meeting.

Motion/Second by Shoop/Pint to allow the Little League to add a practice/T-ball diamond in the northwest corner of the ballpark. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

The fire department is looking to purchase a 1950 Chevrolet Fire Truck that was the very first new fire truck bought by the City of Walker. It is for sale and they want to purchase and gift it to the City and then place it on display in the fire department memorial building. Motion/Second by Nielsen/Shoop to accept the donation of the 1950 Chevrolet Fire Truck. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Shoop to approve the first reading of Ordinance 350 – An ordinance amending the code of the City of Walker, Iowa by amending provisions pertaining to Water Service Customer Deposits. Ayes: Shoop, Nielsen, Dunn, Pint. Absent/Nay: Thorp. Motion carried. Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to suspend the rules and waive the second and third public hearings. Ayes: Nielsen, Dunn, Pint, Shoop. Absent/Nay: Thorp. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Pint/Dunn to approve the first reading of Ordinance 351 – An ordinance amending the code of the City of Walker, Iowa by amending provisions pertaining to Sewer Service Charges. Ayes: Pint, Dunn, Nielsen, Shoop. Absent/Nay: Thorp. Motion carried. Motion/Second by Pint/Shoop to suspend the rules and waive the second and third public hearings. Ayes: Shoop, Dunn, Pint, Nielsen. Absent/Nay: Thorp. Motion carried.

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FY21 Budget Amendment #2 – Public hearing reset for Monday, May 24, 2021 at 7:30 pm.

Motion/Second by Shoop/Dunn to approve the estimate from L. L. Pelling, Co. for the 2021 road project not to exceed \$43,274.80. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Shoop/Dunn to approve the estimate from Midco Diving & Marine Services, Inc. for the inspection and cleaning the interior of the water tower in the amount of \$2,698.00. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Dunn to purchase 15 new Christmas pole decorations in the amount of \$5,746.50 plus shipping from Creative Displays. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

This summer the City of Walker is going to have a water/wastewater intern. The internship was set up through our engineer, HR Green with the intent to develop interest and awareness of this industry and assist in succession planning for smaller communities without a current internship/training program. The intern will work up to 20 hours per week for up to 12 weeks. The internship will provide a salary to dedicate to the water and wastewater training. This salary will be paid by the Iowa Rural Water Charitable Foundation. Motion/Second by Shoop/Dunn for a pay rate to be set at \$20.00/hour for the intern. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Planning & Zoning Commission – our planning and zoning commission is a 5-member board. Currently, we only have 4 members and are looking for anyone interested in filling the vacancy. Please contact city hall if you would like to apply for the vacancy.

Board of Adjustments – our board of adjustments is a 5-member board. Currently, we only have 3 members and are looking for anyone interested in filling the vacancies. Please contact city hall if you would like to apply for one of the vacancies.

Motion/Second by Shoop/Dunn to accept the quote from Port 'O Jonny, Inc. for RAGBRAI in the amount of \$1,600.00. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Public hearing for Ordinance 353 – Chapter 124 – An ordinance entitled RAGBRAI – Miscellaneous Permits is set for June 14, 2021 at 7:05 pm.

Motion/Second by Shoop/Dunn to adjourn at 8: 31 pm. 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

There will be a special city council meeting on Monday, May 24, 2021 at 7:30 pm for the purpose of the public hearing for FY21 Budget Amendment #2.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 14, 2021 at 7 pm at the Walker City Council Chambers.

#### Bills Approved:

Computer Troubleshooters, IT/website agreements.....\$445.00  
UMB, 2011 GO Bond Payment.....\$51,255.00  
UMB, 2015 GO Bond Payment.....\$36,885.00  
UMB, 2019 GO Bond Payment.....\$28,725.00  
Airgas USA, LLC, welding helmet.....\$144.85  
Alliant Energy, utilities.....\$5,561.95  
Burns, Inc., mower blades/filters.....\$91.03  
Casey's MasterCard, gas.....\$275.84  
CR-LC Solid Waste Agency, garbage.....\$68.01  
Dave's Service, boom lift rental.....\$160.50  
Fire Training Service Bureau, training materials.....\$92.70  
NE Iowa Regional League, dues.....\$10.00  
The McCright Agency, insurance.....\$796.00  
UMB, 2019 GO Bond Fees.....\$600.00  
Wendling Quarries, rock.....\$607.32  
Woodward Community Media, publications.....\$426.64  
Bank of America, arlo, adobe, dropbox, zoom, coffee maker & pots, EMS cups, AED pads.....\$1,015.32  
IPERS, April contributions.....\$1,709.23

IRS, April federal payroll tax  
 withholding.....\$2,837.38  
 Badger Meter, BEACON hosting service.....\$20.10  
 Bard Materials, concrete.....\$1,125.00  
 BDS, smooth skid loader bucket.....\$825.00  
 BDS, cutting for skid loader buckets.....\$250.00  
 Budget Copy Systems, maintenance  
 agreement.....\$323.12  
 Builder's First Source, ball diamond pavilion;  
 rebar; field marker.....\$1,454.93  
 Connie Helms, mileage/meals.....\$205.89  
 Dog Waste Depot, dog waste bags.....\$50.08  
 Eurofins Test America, WWTP testing.....\$957.60  
 Feld Fire, fire truck maintenance.....\$1,152.94  
 Fox Apparatus Repair, fire truck  
 maintenance.....\$1,494.78  
 Grainger, flares.....\$147.88  
 Interstate Billing Service – Rexco, skid loader  
 door window; nuts/bolts.....\$532.92  
 Menards, supplies for masonry at  
 N. Pavilion.....\$102.49  
 Office Depot, office supplies.....\$66.93  
 Sherbon Construction, labor – concrete at  
 concession stand.....\$575.00  
 Simmons, Perrine, Moyer, Bergman,  
 legal services.....\$460.00  
 Menards, battery for fire dept. Gator.....\$51.99  
 Petty Cash, replenish.....\$44.81  
 Rudd Sanitation, April Municipal Contract.....\$3,828.00  
 Wendling Quarries, rock.....\$117.18  
 TOTAL.....\$145,493.41

Revenues for April 2021: General Fund \$130,382.93; Fire Equipment \$1.71; Road Use Fund \$21,257.25; RE Taxes – Employee Benefits \$4,189.50; RE Taxes – Emergency Levy \$2,285.20; Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$8,213.25; Debt Service Fund \$138,224.18; Water Projects – Restricted \$2.70; Sewer Projects – Restricted \$.16; Streets Project – Restricted \$3.02; Water Fund \$13,196.42; W/S Deposits \$150.45; Water Sinking Fund \$4,879.14; Sewer Fund \$22,004.66; Sewer Sinking Fund \$10,024.97; Garbage Fund \$3,709.94. TOTAL \$358,525.48.

Expenditures for April 2021: General Fund \$28,785.35; Road Use Fund \$9,351.60; RE Taxes – Employee Benefits \$11,000.00; RE Taxes – Emergency Levy \$6,000.00; Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$102,372.00; Debt Service Fund \$600.00; Water Fund \$16,007.37; Sewer Fund \$50,474.41; Garbage Fund \$3,842.50. TOTAL \$228,433.23.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Helms, City Clerk

Approved by:

James Voss, Mayor