

**Minutes of the Walker City Council
Monday, May 8, 2023
Walker City Council Chambers**

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

Others Present: Kevin Shoop, Will Sherbon, Jeff Frasher, Cody Voss, Mason Snitkey, Ted Beuter, and Jason & KaLynn Kula.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bamrick.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Dunn to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following: 5-8-23 agenda with the addition of reviewing the quote from L. L. Pelling for the 2023 street maintenance, 4-10-23 minutes, accounts payable, April payroll reports. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Public Hearing: Consider Plans and Specifications and the taking of bids for the City Shop Project – opened at 7:01 pm. The clerk did not receive any written or verbal comments. No citizens present with comments. Closed at 7:02pm.

Public Hearing: 2nd reading of Ordinance 367 - An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Walker, Iowa by Amending Provisions pertaining to Water Rates. Opened at 7:02pm. The clerk did not receive any written or verbal comments. No citizens present with comments. Closed at 7:03 pm.

Public Hearing: 2nd reading of Ordinance 368 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Walker, Iowa by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Sewer Service Charges. Opened at 7:03pm. The clerk did not receive any written or verbal comments. No citizens present with comments. Closed at 7:04 pm.

Public Hearing: FY23 Budget Amendment - Opened at 7:04 pm. The clerk did not receive any written or verbal comments. No citizens present with comments. Closed at 7:05 pm.

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

Mayor: Two building permits were issued – a fence and replacing a porch with the addition of a roof.

Clerk: Written report is available at City Hall. April gross payroll: \$14,080.71. The balance on April 30, 2023, was \$1,215,181.42.

Public Works Technician: Written report is available at City Hall. Added that the tower for the collector for the new electronic radio transmitters is being installed. Also wanted the council to know that they were working on the frame for the sign coming into town from the north and have added a driveway, so the city has access to it without going onto private property. They would like to move it and make it larger as well. Connie was instructed to add this to the June agenda.

Fire Dept: There were 13 calls for service in April. The annual hose testing has been completed, and only 1 section of hose failed, and that section is approximately 30 years old. They also had their ISO inspection last fall and just got the report. Their city rating is 4 and rural rating is 7.

Council/Committee Reports: Councilmember Pint stated he had received a call from a citizen and has attempted to return the call without success. Councilmember Glenn stated that he has received multiple complaints of all of the cars on Greene Street by the auto shop and also noticed that the culvert on Linn St. by the north end of Maple Lane appears to be collapsing. Councilmember Nielsen stated he has reviewed all of the financial reports.

Open Forum: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion/Second by Dunn/Pint to allow Kula's to close Greene Street from Rowley Street to Grant Street on June 17, 2023, from 11 am to 4 pm and then from Rowley Street to Dows Street from 4 pm to 8 pm as needed for the Romper Room ride. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Pint/Glenn to approve Resolution 2023-17 – Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and taking of bids for the City Shop Project. Ayes: Glenn, Pint, Dunn, Thorp, Nielsen. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to approve Resolution 2023-18 – Resolution Approving the Warranty Deed for Parcel A, Plat of Survey No. 2716, in the City of Walker, Linn County, Iowa. Ayes: Pint, Dunn, Nielsen, Thorp, Glenn. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Glenn to approve Resolution 2023-19 – Resolution Approving the Easement Agreement with the Walker Historical Society. Ayes: Pint, Nielsen, Glenn, Thorp, Dunn. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding storage of chemicals, tools, and other equipment during the City Shop Project. Conversation regarding storage container vs building a small shed. Council would like Kevin to get quotes for new and used storage containers for them to consider at the June meeting.

Motion/Second by Pint/Dunn to approve Resolution 2023-20 – Resolution Approving the FY23 Budget Amendment. Ayes: Nielsen, Glenn, Dunn, Thorp, Pint. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Thorp to approve Resolution 2023-21 – Resolution Approving Plat of Williams Farm First Addition to Linn County, Iowa. Ayes: Thorp, Dunn, Glenn, Pint, Nielsen. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Glenn to approve the second reading of Ordinance 367. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Pint/Thorp to suspend the rules and waive the third reading of Ordinance 367. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Pint to approve the second reading of Ordinance 368. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Pint/Glenn to suspend the rules and waive the third reading of Ordinance 368. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Discussion regarding the possibility of purchasing a trailer to haul the excavator was held. Council would like Kevin to do some research and get quotes for new and used trailers for the June meeting.

Motion/Second by Glenn/Thorp to split the cost of a banner for the 150th celebration/Pickle Days with the Lions Club to be placed along Grant Street for advertisement of the event.

Motion/Second by Glenn/Nielsen to resurface the south drive at the ballpark, 364 feet long by 13 feet wide and 2 inches deep, with recycled asphalt. The Little League will cover material costs up to \$650.00 and the city will cover any over that amount and do the work. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Thorp to accept the quote from L. L. Pelling in the amount of \$56,503.20 for the street maintenance. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding properties to be referred to Linn County Public Health for nuisance, junk cars, and property maintenance issues. Council has requested additional time to review. Mayor Bamrick instructed council to put together their list with ratings on which to handle first, second, etc. and return to him or Connie no later than Monday, May 15th. We will then compile the information and send you the final list that will be forwarded to the Linn County Public Health Department.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Glenn to adjourn at 8:12 pm. 5 ayes, motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2023, at 7 pm at the Walker City Council Chambers.

Bills Approved:

Bank of America, subscriptions, flags,
Supplies.....\$1,009.85
Center Point Auto Parts, keys, jump
Start power station.....\$40.12
East Buchanan Telephone Co., telephone/
Internet.....\$551.02
Hygienic Labs, water testing....\$33.50
Lease Consultants Corp, copier lease.....\$98.10
Matt Post, decals.....\$150.00
Menards, supplies.....\$1,015.51
The McCright Agency, insurance and worker's
Compensation premiums.....\$53,373.00
US Cellular, phones.....\$304.44
Wendling Quarries, rock.....\$449.07
UMB Bank, NA, admin. Fee.....\$600.00
Martin Equipment, 13" bucket.....\$1,440.00
All Iowa Commercial Cleaning, floor
Cleaning.....\$200.00
Alliant Energy, utilities.....\$4,132.57
Bard Materials, concrete.....\$1,058.40
Bauer Built Tire & Service, tires, and service
Dump truck.....\$5,635.63
Budget Copy Systems, maintenance
Agreement.....\$697.97
Casey's Business Mastercard,
Gasoline.....\$319.68
Feld Fire Co., air pack testing.....\$987.50
Linn County Sheriff, police services.....\$7,098.00
National Rural Water Association, conference
Registration.....\$798.00
Shaquetia Alford, paid to wrong city &
State.....\$76.03
Stone City Quarries, lime.....\$353.03
Charles Electronics, LLC, 50' tower.....\$2,044.00
Bodensteiner, sweeper brush kit, mower
Blades.....\$802.09
Ellis Implement, mower blades/maintenance
Items.....\$311.24
Gazette Communications, publications.....\$671.51
Hawkins, Inc., chlorine.....\$231.02
Holiday Inn Airport Des Moines, IMFOA
Conference.....\$224.00
HR Green, engineering.....\$8,196.74
MARC, floor cleaner.....\$376.29
Office Depot, office supplies.....\$476.52
Roto Rooter, clean splitter box at wastewater
Treatment plant.....\$1,065.00
Simmons, Perrine, Moyer, & Bergman, legal
Services.....\$740.
Bard Materials, concrete.....\$155.73
Builder's FirstSource, supplies.....\$685.56
East Buchanan Telephone Co., telephone/
Internet.....\$384.86
IMFOA, membership dues.....\$50.00
Russell Andersen, reimburse for paint
Sprayer.....\$93.39
IRS, April federal payroll withholding
Tax.....\$3,203.02

IPERS, April contributions.....\$2,117.37
Treasurer, State of Iowa, April water excise
Tax payment.....\$749.93
Computer Troubleshooters, IT/Website
Agreement, screen share.....\$548.00
Depository Trust Co., 2014 GO Bond
Payment.....\$30,982.50
UMB Bank, NA, 2011 GO Bond
Payment.....\$49,410.00
UMB Bank, NA, 2015 GO Bond
Payment.....\$36,345.00
UMB Bank, NA, 2019 GO Bond
Payment.....\$28,245.00
FJ Krob & Co, grass seed.....\$175.00
Rudd Sanitation, April contract
Payment.....\$3,886.00
TOTAL: \$252,591.19

Revenues for April 2023: General Fund \$110,730.49; Fire Equipment Fund \$1.29; Road Use Fund \$7,707.06; RE Taxes – Employee Benefits Fund \$5,055.95; RE Taxes – Emergency Levy Fund \$2,725.46; American Rescue Plan Funds \$.58; Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$5,723.47; Debt Service Fund \$29,275.95; Water Projects – Restricted Fund \$9.35; Sewer Projects – Restricted Fund \$.38; Streets Project – Restricted Fund \$11.82; Greene St. Water Main/Downtown Project Fund \$0.00; Water Fund \$13,227.37; W/S Deposits Fund \$2.14; Water Sinking Fund \$4,035.29; Sewer Fund \$22,743.56; Sewer Sinking Fund \$9,982.81; Garbage Fund \$3,818.67. TOTAL \$215,051.64.

Expenditures for April 2023: General Fund \$71,986.59; Road Use Fund \$8,080.24; Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$12,844.75; Debt Service Fund \$600.00; Greene St. Water Main Fund \$16,405.15; Water Fund \$23,127.48; Water Deposits Fund \$4.46; Sewer Fund \$29,744.37; Garbage Fund \$3,842.50. TOTAL \$166,635.54.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Helms, Finance Director, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by:

Cole Bamrick, Mayor