

**Minutes of the Walker City Council
Monday, November 9, 2020
Walker City Council Chambers**

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

Others Present: Kevin Shoop, Tim Foss, Don Donley, Tom Zasadny and Deputy Schmid.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Voss.

Motion/Second by Shoop/Pint to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following: 11-9-2020 agenda, 10-12-2020 minutes, accounts payable, including ESCO Group \$8,127.33 with \$3,158.01 paid from the 2019 GO Bond Fund and \$4,969.32 paid from the Sewer Projects Fund and Visu-Sewer \$32,348.50 paid from the Sewer Projects Fund, October payroll reports. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Public Hearing – Ordinance 347 – Opened at 7:05 pm. The clerk did not receive any written or verbal comments. No citizens present with comments. Closed at 7:06 pm.

Linn County Sheriff's Report: Our contract is for 61.0 hours per month and they were in Walker for 88.0 hours as of October 28, 2020.

Mayor: There were no building permits issued. Leaf pick up continues.

Clerk: Written report is available at City Hall. The October gross payroll was \$11,441.19. The ending balance on September 30, 2020 was \$994,018.07. The ending balance on October 31, 2020 was \$1,102,006.72.

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

Fire Dept: In September there were 2 calls for service, both automobile accidents. In October, there were 6 calls for service, 1 automobile accident and 5 medical calls.

Council/Committee Reports: Council member Nielsen stated he has reviewed the financial reports and they are looking good for year to date. He also inquired about possibly adding some more Christmas lights. We will not be able to add lights or banners this year, but we can look at ordering some next spring. He also wondered if we were going to be doing the ham dinners for the food pantry again this year with personal donations. Connie stated she will be glad to organize that again and if anyone wishes to donate, just let her know.

Open Forum: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion/Second by Shoop/Nielsen to adjust water/sewer billing for September on Account 000009010300 to a 3-month average. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Shoop/Dunn to approve the first reading of Ordinance 347 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 75 – All Terrain Vehicles, Off-Road Utility Vehicles, and Snowmobiles. Roll Call Vote: ayes: Shoop, Dunn, Thorp, Nielsen, Pint. Motion carried. Motion/Second by Shoop/Dunn to suspend the rules and waive the second and third public hearings. Roll Call Vote: ayes: Pint, Nielsen, Dunn, Thorp, Shoop. Motion carried. Ordinance 347 has passed.

Motion/Second by Pint/Shoop to approve Resolution 2020-28 – Resolution to Approve Release of Retainage to ESCO Group for the Lagoon Monitoring Project. Roll Call Vote: ayes: Thorp, Dunn, Pint, Shoop, Nielsen. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Pint/Nielsen to approve Resolution 2020-29 – Resolution to Approve Release of Retainage to Visu-Sewer, Inc. for the Sanitary Sewer Lining Project. Roll Call Vote: ayes: Pint, Thorp, Nielsen, Shoop, Dunn. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to approve Resolution 2020-30 – Resolution for Public Works Technician Wage Increase for an increase in the amount of \$1.60/hour and a new hourly wage of \$28.10. Roll Call Vote: ayes: Pint, Nielsen, Dunn, Thorp. Abstain: Shoop. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to approve Resolution 2020-31 – Resolution for City Clerk/Treasurer Wage Increase in the amount of \$1.80/hour and a new hourly wage of \$31.30. Roll Call Vote: ayes: Nielsen, Shoop, Dunn, Pint, Thorp. Motion carried.

218 Greene Street & 19 Ely Street Remediation/Rehabilitation Projects for Community Catalyst Building Remediation Grant Application for 2021. Presented by Tom Zasadny – 19 Ely Street and Tim Foss – 218 Greene Street – Both individuals presented plans for business expansion and renovation of the properties. Council will consider and discuss further at the next meeting to decide which project they want to submit for the Community Catalyst Building Remediation Grant for 2021.

FY22 Budget Worksheets

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Pint to adjourn at 8:04 pm. 5 ayes, motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 14, 2020 at 7 pm at the Walker City Council Chambers.

Bills Approved:

Linn County Recorder, UTV title application.....\$29.25
Treasurer, State of Iowa, 3rd quarter water excise
tax balance.....\$851.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa, 3rd quarter sales tax.....\$188.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa, October water excise
tax payment.....\$790.00
Bank of America, Hotel – conference, software.....\$694.45
Casey's Business MasterCard, gas.....\$287.61
Engineered Operations & Services, belts for blowers
at wastewater treatment plant.....\$879.80
Engineered Operations & Services, repair blower
at wastewater treatment plant.....\$6,455.63
Feld Fire Co., rescue auger.....\$790.00
Linn County Recorder, recording fee.....\$32.00
Linn County Sheriff, police services.....\$6,734.00
Midwest Breathing Air, LLC, annual testing.....\$557.60
Wendling Quarries, rock.....\$1,023.06
Alliant Energy, utilities.....\$4,653.65
IMFOA, Finance Officer recertification.....\$50.00
IPERS, October contributions.....\$1,624.14
IRS, October federal payroll withholding tax.....\$2,753.19
Computer Troubleshooters, IT & Website.....\$445.00
Woodward Community Media, publications.....\$320.96
Computer Troubleshooters, new website & email.....\$4,250.00
Office Depot, office supplies.....\$273.62
Simmons, Perrine, Moyer, Bergman, legal services.....\$680.00

ESCO, final pay request for VFD Project.....\$8,127.33
Visu-Sewer, Inc., final pay request for Sanitary Sewer
Main Lining Project.....\$32,348.50
Dearborn Life Ins. Co., employee life Jan.-Mar. 2021.....\$28.96
Hawkins, Inc., chlorine.....\$143.50
eurofins dba TestAmerica, WWTP testing.....\$928.20
McCright Agency, insurance.....\$265.00
Budget Copy Systems, Copier maintenance
agreement.....\$444.20
Radio Communications, repair north siren.....\$1,299.72
Rudd Sanitation, October Municipal Contract.....\$4,020.00
Altorfer, Inc., Repair Generator at WWTP; Annual
Service.....\$3,289.00
Jason Jacobsen, refund water/sewer deposit.....\$150.00
Jen Westemeier, refund water/sewer deposit.....\$75.00
Burns, Inc., UTV equipment.....\$1,077.50
Linn County Freedom Rock Foundation, memorial.....\$1,000.00
TOTAL: \$87,559.87

Revenues for September 2020: General Fund \$31,461.00; Fire Equipment \$4.65; Road Use Fund \$11,233.55; RE Taxes – Employee Benefits \$22.96; RE Taxes – Emergency Levy \$12.51; Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$9,601.99; Debt Service Fund \$25,296.31; 2019 GO Bond Fund \$0.73; Water Projects – Restricted \$8.19; Sewer Projects – Restricted \$1.17; Streets Project – Restricted \$9.69; Water Fund \$15,658.11; W/S Deposits \$151.14; Water Sinking Fund \$4,878.71; Sewer Fund \$24,448.96; Sewer Sinking Fund \$10,024.18; Garbage Fund \$4,020.82. TOTAL \$136,834.67.

Expenditures for September 2020: General Fund \$36,787.16; Road Use Fund \$2,999.86; Local Option Sales Tax \$14,084.00; Debt Service \$14,084.24; Water Fund \$13,048.76; Water Fund Deposits \$150.00; Sewer Fund \$21,612.01; Garbage \$4,035.00. TOTAL \$106,801.03.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Helms, City Clerk

Approved by:

James Voss, Mayor