

**Minutes of the Walker City Council**  
**Monday, October 11, 2021**  
**Walker City Council Chambers**

Mayor Shoop called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Council Present: Dianna Thorp, Paul Nielsen & John Pint. Councilmember Rob Dunn arrived at 7:23 pm.

Others Present: Ted Beuter, Will Sherbon, Joe Horaney with Solid Waste Agency, Jessica Hammerand, Margaret Moore, Kevin Shoop, Dean Pecinovsky, Deputy Schmid, & Deputy Helms.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Shoop.

Motion/Second by Pint/Nielsen to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following: 10-11-2021 agenda, 9-13-2021 minutes, accounts payable, September payroll reports and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter payroll reports. 3 ayes, 1 absent, 1 vacant, 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:

Ordinance 360 – Amending provisions pertaining to Chapter 5 - Operating Procedures. Opened at 7:05 pm. The clerk did not receive any written or verbal comments. No citizens present had any comments. Closed at 7:05 pm.

Ordinance 361 – Amending provisions pertaining to Chapter 7 – Fiscal Management. Opened at 7:05 pm. The clerk did not receive any written or verbal comments. No citizens present had any comments. Closed at 7:06 pm.

Ordinance 362 – Adding Chapter 161 – Property Maintenance Regulations. Opened at 7:06 pm. The clerk did not receive any written or verbal comments. No citizens present had any comments. Closed at 7:07 pm.

Joe Horaney, Solid Waste Agency – Presented information on Forward Waste Planning 2044. He explained what the Solid Waste Agency is considering for different options to have in place when the landfill site on County Home Road is at capacity. They plan on holding public meetings during this process; however, the final determination is made by the Solid Waste Agency's Board of Directors. This is a process that will take 10-15 years from start to finish.

Mayor: 6 permits were issued since the last meeting: 2 for deck additions, 1 for house addition, 1 for platform and steps, 1 for solar array, and 1 for a portable shed.

Clerk: Written report is available at City Hall. The September payroll was \$11,741.60. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter payroll was \$45,216.11. The balance on September 30, 2021, was \$1,162,137.78.

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

Fire Dept: No report.

Council/Committee Reports: Council member Nielsen reported that he has reviewed all the financial reports.

Open Forum: Dean Pecinovsky asked for some clarification on the abandoned vehicles ordinance that was in the paper last month. It was explained that the state changed some of the regulations on how the notifications must be sent and we were updating our code of ordinances to reflect those changes.

New Business:

Trick or Treat hours will be from 4-7 pm on Sunday, October 31, 2021. Connie will put up posters around town and have this published in the Linn News.

Motion/Second by Pint/Nielsen to approve the first reading of Ordinance 360 – Amending provisions pertaining to Chapter 5 – Operating Procedures. 4 ayes, 1 vacant, motion carried. Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 360. 4 ayes, 1 vacant, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Thorp to approve the first reading of Ordinance 361 - Amending provisions pertaining to Chapter 7 – Fiscal Management. 4 ayes, 1 vacant, motion carried. Motion/Second by Dunn/Thorp to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 361. 4 ayes, 1 vacant, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Pint/Dunn to approve the first reading of Ordinance 362 – Adding Chapter 161 – Property Maintenance Regulations. 4 ayes, 1 vacant, motion carried. Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 362. 4 ayes, 1 vacant, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Pint to adopt Resolution 2021-14 – Resolution for Public Works Technician Wage increase in the amount of 3% or \$0.85/hour and a new hourly wage of \$28.95. Roll Call Vote: ayes: Pint, Nielsen, Dunn, Thorp. Nay: vacant. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Pint to adopt Resolution 2021-15 – Resolution for City Clerk/Treasurer Wage Increase in the amount of 3% or \$0.94/hour and a new hourly wage of \$32.24. Roll Call Vote: ayes: Nielsen, Dunn, Pint, Thorp. Nay: vacant. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Thorp to adopt Resolution 2021-16 – A Resolution Establishing Property Maintenance Regulations for the City of Walker. Roll Call Vote: ayes: Thorp, Dunn, Nielsen, Pint. Nay: vacant. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Thorp to adopt Resolution 2021-17 – FY20 Street Finance Report. Roll Call Vote: ayes: Pint, Thorp, Nielsen, Dunn. Nay: vacant. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Dunn to enter into an agreement with Everbridge/Nixel for an alert system contingent upon Coggon, Alburnett, Central City, and Springville agreeing as well so the cost can be split between the 5 towns: \$712.80 for the 1<sup>st</sup> year, \$660.00 for years 2 & 3. 4 ayes, 1 vacant, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Thorp to accept the bid from D & N Fence for the repairs to the fence and backstop at the ball diamond in the amount of \$4,042.00 with a discount of \$800.00 to be given as the work will be completed at the same time. In addition, the Little League will reimburse the city \$1,500.00, making the cost to the city \$1,742.00. 4 ayes, 1 vacant, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Pint to sign the Vendor Agreement with HACAP for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program through September 30, 2023. 4 ayes, 1 vacant, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Thorp to adjourn at 7:54 pm. 4 ayes, 1 vacant, motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 8, 2021, at 7 pm at the Walker City Council Chambers.

**Bills Approved:**

Affordable Cooling & Heating, Inc., repair air conditioner at city hall.....\$936.12  
Alliant Energy, utilities.....\$6,771.11  
Bank of America, software fees, hats, hotel.....\$822.63  
Casey's MasterCard, gasoline.....\$375.64  
Connie Helms, mileage reimbursement.....\$274.59  
Dearborn Life Ins. Co., employee life.....\$35.49  
Gager Backhoe Service, Inc., contract services.....\$1,303.34  
Hygienic Lab, water testing.....\$130.00  
Klima Drainage, contract services.....\$1,501.50  
Lease Consultants Corp., copier lease.....\$98.10  
USA Blue Book, water supplies.....\$1,117.48  
Wendling Quarries, rock.....\$539.84  
Computer Troubleshooters, IT/Website agreement.....\$445.00  
IRS, Sept. federal payroll withholding tax.....\$2,766.26  
IPERS, Sept. contributions.....\$1,687.12  
Treasurer, State of Iowa, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter state payroll withholding tax.....\$1,656.00  
Treasurer, State of Iowa, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter sales tax.....\$299.00  
Treasurer, State of Iowa, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter water excise tax balance.....\$838.00  
Rudd Sanitation, municipal contract.....\$3,886.00  
Eurofins dba Test America, wastewater plan testing.....\$926.10

Badger Meter, BEACON mobile service.....\$20.16  
Office Depot, supplies.....\$54.80  
Simmons, Perrine, Moyer, Bergman, legal  
services.....\$60.00  
Iowa DNR, Annual water use fee for 2022.....\$95.00  
Center Point Farm & Auto, supplies.....\$20.74  
USA Blue Book, water supplies.....\$19.18  
Linn County Sheriff, police services.....\$6,916.00  
Hawkins, Inc., chlorine.....\$150.98  
Windstream, telephone/internet.....\$664.69  
Center Point Ambulance Service, Airway  
tubes.....\$210.00  
Midco Diving & Marine Services, Inc., water  
tower inspection & cleaning.....\$2,947.00  
Kevin Shoop, shop supplies.....\$88.36  
TOTAL: \$37,656.23

Revenues for September 2021: General Fund \$4,939.64; Fire Equipment Fund \$1.32; Road Use Fund \$11,447.27; RE Taxes – Employee Benefits Fund \$64.47; RE Taxes – Emergency Levy Fund \$35.79; American Rescue Plan Funds \$2.14; Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$8,241.34; Debt Service Fund \$371.49; Water Projects – Restricted Fund \$4.08; Sewer Projects – Restricted Fund \$.12; Streets Project – Restricted Fund \$3.56; Water Fund \$15,810.80; W/S Deposits Fund \$300.41; Water Sinking Fund \$4,847.03; Sewer Fund \$24,661.52; Sewer Sinking Fund \$9,963.65; Garbage Fund \$3,724.49. TOTAL \$84,419.12.

Expenditures for September 2021: General Fund \$28,820.20; Road Use Fund \$4,976.16; Water Fund \$10,293.85; Water Fund Deposits \$308.77; Sewer Fund \$19,763.57; Garbage Fund \$3,886.00. TOTAL \$68,048.55.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Helms, City Clerk

Approved by:

Kene Shoop, Mayor