

**Minutes of the Walker City Council
Monday, September 11, 2023
Walker City Council Chambers**

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

Others Present: Kevin Shoop, Cody Voss, Justin Hammerand and Linn County Sheriff's Deputy Tope.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bamrick.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Glenn to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following: 9-11-23 agenda, 8-14-23 minutes, accounts payable, and August payroll reports. 5 ayes, motion carried.

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

Mayor: 4 permits were issued – a garage, a screened porch, a portable shed, and a sidewalk replacement.

Clerk: Written report is available at City Hall. August gross payroll: \$16,182.26. The ending balance on August 31, 2023, was \$893,819.50.

Public Works Technician: Everything is going well. The water main project is well underway, and they are working on the service lines. The street sealcoating will be beginning this week as well.

Fire Dept: There were 7 calls for service in August and they have several members attending the CETA Fire School at Kirkwood. They will be ordering 2 new tires for one of the trucks.

Council/ Committee Reports: Councilmember Nielsen stated he has reviewed and signed off on all of the financial reports. Councilmember Glenn inquired if we would be taking down any additional dead trees in the right-of-way this year. Kevin explained we have some that the employees will be taking down and then we will do another inventory before winter and if needed, take additional down at that time.

Open Forum: Justin Hammerand expressed his concerns about the holes and missing sidewalk in front of his house. He is worried someone will trip and fall and get hurt. Kevin and Cole will talk to the foreman of the crew in the morning and then Cole will get back to Justin.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion/Second by Pint/Nielsen to approve Resolution 2023-29 – Resolution to enter into an Engagement Agreement with Ahlers and Cooney, PC as Bond Counsel for the issuance of General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2024 (ECP & GCP). Roll call vote: Ayes, Glenn, Pint, Dunn, Nielsen, Thorp. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Glenn to approve Resolution 2023-30 – Resolution Declaring an Official intent under Treasury Regulation 1.150-2 to issue debt to reimburse the city for certain original expenditures paid in connection with specified projects. Roll call vote: Ayes, Pint, Nielsen, Glenn, Thorp, Dunn. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Glenn/Thorp to approve Resolution 2023-31 – Resolution fixing date for a meeting on the authorization of a loan agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$410,000.00 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes (ECP) of the City of Walker, State of Iowa (for essential corporate purposes), and providing for publication of notice thereof. Roll call vote: Ayes, Nielsen, Thorp, Dunn, Glenn, Pint. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Glenn/Nielsen to approve Resolution 2023-32 – Resolution fixing date for a meeting on the authorization of a loan agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$400,000.00 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes (GCP) of the City of Walker, State of Iowa (for general corporate purposes), and providing for publication of notice thereof. Roll call vote: Ayes, Glenn, Pint, Dunn, Nielsen, Thorp. Motion carried.

Discussion held on the Liquor License Outdoor Service Area/Extended Outdoor Service Area Policy held. Several changes suggested. Connie will add/change as requested and put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Thorp to approve payment application no. 1 from Summer's Enterprise Inc. in the amount of \$466,991.50 for the Greene Street Water Main Project. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Land Use Map tabled until a future date due to a couple of questions we need to clarify with the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Pint to approve the purchase of 2 additional City of Walker signs for the Community sign project being done by the Hometown Pride Committee and a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Glenn to adjourn at 7:50 pm. 5 ayes motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 9, 2023, at 7 pm at the Walker City Council Chambers.

FY2024 Bills Approved:

Danko Emergency Equipment, medical supplies.....\$249.00
ECICOG, Hometown Pride agreement.....\$1,044.11
Iowa Prison Industries, signs.....\$215.60
Lease Consultants Corp., copier lease.....\$98.10
Menards, supplies.....\$74.86
Rexco Equipment, parts for skid loader.....\$369.33
Zapco Electric, supplies to add holiday lights.....\$3,635.00
Casey's Business Mastercard, gasoline.....\$311.24
Center Point Auto Parts, paint.....\$26.32
Star Equipment, Ltd., repair pump.....\$362.44
Alliant Energy, utilities.....\$5,262.88
Bank of American, subscriptions, training/hotel, supplies.....\$696.92
IRS, August federal payroll withholding tax.....\$3,618.80
IPERS, August contributions.....\$2,227.72
Computer Troubleshooters, IT/website agreements, screen share.....\$548.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa, August water excise tax payment.....\$943.76
Badger Meter, August cellular.....\$5.52
Bound Tree Medical, bags, Laerdal suction unit & case.....\$869.07
Bound Tree Medical, AED pads, needle kits.....\$780.40
Connie Helms, mileage.....\$323.05
Danko Emergency Equipment, medical supplies.....\$275.00
Dave's Service, boom lift rental for two days.....\$321.09
Eurofins, testing at wastewater treatment plant.....\$1,197.00
Gazette Communications, publications.....\$214.32
Hawkins, Inc., chlorine.....\$232.37
Heather Duplessis, paid to wrong city/state.....\$40.50
HR Green, engineering.....\$2,500.00
HR Green, engineering.....\$7,806.60
HR Green, engineering.....\$5,307.50
Iowa Prison Industries, signs.....\$854.20

Kevin Shoop, spray paint.....\$63.43
Walker Postmaster, postage for utility
bills.....\$1,500.00
Linn County Public Health, nuisance
abatements/junk vehicles
contract.....\$798.14
Midway Outdoor Equipment, part.....\$2.02
Iowa One Call, utility locates.....\$18.00
Bound Tree Medical, LLC, medical
supplies.....\$39.05
East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative,
telephone/internet.....\$384.92
Julie Andersen, cleaning.....\$75.00
Rudd Sanitation. August
contract.....\$3,929.50
Summers' Enterprises Inc.....pay
application 1.....\$466,991.50
TOTAL: \$514,212.26

Revenues for August 2023: General Fund \$867.45; Fire Equipment Fund \$1.36; Road Use Fund \$7,650.29; RE Taxes – Employee Benefits Fund \$.02; RE Taxes – Emergency Levy Fund \$.01; Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$11,823.36; Debt Service Fund \$.61; Water Projects – Restricted Fund \$8.31; Sewer Projects – Restricted Fund \$.40; Streets Project – Restricted Fund \$9.50; Greene St. Water Main/Downtown Project Fund \$6,614.44; Water Fund \$16,761.40; W/S Deposits Fund \$2.28; Water Sinking Fund \$4,323.55; Sewer Fund \$25,949.69; Sewer Sinking Fund \$8,510.10; Garbage Fund \$3,975.88. TOTAL \$86,498.65.

Expenditures for August 2023: General Fund \$23,888.24; Road Use Fund \$9,701.94; Greene St. Water Main Fund \$6,396.44; Water Fund \$14,336.21; Sewer Fund \$18,778.42; Garbage Fund \$3,915.00. TOTAL \$80,016.25.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Helms, Finance Director, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by:

Cole Bamrick, Mayor