

**Minutes of the Walker City Council
Monday, September 12, 2022
Walker City Council Chambers**

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

Others Present: Will Sherbon, Kevin Shoop, Mike Becker from EBTC and Cody Voss.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bamrick.

Motion/Second by Pint/Dunn to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following: 9-12-22 agenda with removal of item h. Resolution 2022-17, 8-8-22 minutes, accounts payable, and August payroll reports.

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

Mayor: There were three permits issued – a mailbox, a handicap ramp, and urban chickens. Mayor Bamrick would like to schedule a meeting with a closed session to discuss selling the 408 Rowley St. property. Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 4:30 pm.

Clerk: Written report is available at City Hall. The August gross payroll was \$15,651.46. The balance on August 31, 2022, was \$1,215,146.12.

Public Works Technician: Written report is available at City Hall. Last week, the main well pump went out. We ran on the back up well for two days and then were able to switch back to the main well as a new pump was placed. They will go over our pump/motor to see if it can be rebuilt or if we will need to just get a new one. In addition, there is a bridge in the well at 420 feet and Northway Well will be coming back to remove that. While on the back up well, we were having difficulty keeping up with water usage as that pump only pumps 70 gallons per minute (gpm) whereas the main well pumps 320 gpm. We need to look at possibly getting a bigger pump for the back up well in case this were to happen again. At this time, we do not have any cost estimates. The west fence line at the ballpark has gotten very overgrown with brush and trees. This week we will be cleaning that up and replacing the fence.

Fire Dept: They had 6 calls this past month. The review for the ISO rating is set for October 4, 2022.

Council/Committee Reports: Councilmember Nielsen has received many complaints about all of the cars on Greene Street north of Rowley Street. He is worried about safety issues with the children and the school bus and thinking ahead to all of the problems we will have plowing snow around that many cars. Mayor Bamrick will look into the situation and see if we can get this resolved.

Open Forum: Mike Becker from East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative gave an update on the fiberoptic project. He provided the information that was discussed at the town hall meeting on September 7, 2022.

New Business:

Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to approve the FY22 Annual Financial Report as published. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Pint/Thorp to have Trick or Treating on Monday, October 31, 2022, from 4-7 pm. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Hammerand to proceed with the replacement of the diffusers at the wastewater treatment plant as well as the SAGR Acid cleaning in the amount of \$58,500.00. The acid will be an additional cost. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to sign the updated agreement with HACAP for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). 5 ayes, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Hammerand to approve the live training burn on October 8-9, 2022, at 405 Park St. The rain date will be October 15-6, 2022. 5 ayes, motion carried. Connie will send letters to homeowners in the area.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Thorp to contract with Julie Andersen for cleaning city hall/community room bi-weekly at a rate of \$15.00/hour. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Pint/Dunn to proceed with the city shop project and for the overhead doors to be ordered as soon as possible due to the time estimate on delivery. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Thorp to accept the resignation of councilmember Hammerand and to fill the vacancy by appointment. 4 ayes, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Pint to adjourn at 8:25 pm. 4 ayes, motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 10, 2022, at 7 pm at the Walker City Council Chambers.

Bills Approved:

Center Point Auto Parts, supplies.....\$164.19
Connie Helms, mileage reimbursement.....\$243.36
CR-LC Solid Waste Agency, garbage.....\$40.74
Dave's Service, boom lift rental 6-18-22.....\$150.00
HR Green, engineering.....\$370.00
Hygienic Labs, water testing.....\$13.50
Iowa Pump Works, repair pumps WWTP.....\$1,673.30
Lease Consultants Corp., copier lease.....\$98.10
Menards, supplies.....\$233.69
US Cellular, phones, \$317.79
Windstream, telephone/ Internet.....\$674.81
Bank of America, Arlo, Dropbox, Microsoft, supplies, 1,000 postage paid envelopes.....\$1,772.07
Casey's Mastercard, gasoline.....\$261.33
Hoddy Gates Electrical Service, service call – WWTP.....\$189.93
Linn Co-op Oil Co., diesel.....\$788.58
Linn County Public Health, air permit renewals for generators.....\$135.00
Menards, supplies.....\$313.94
Wendling Quarries, rock.....\$336.72
Alliant Energy, utilities.....\$6,539.22
USA Blue Book, chlorine tests.....\$302.32
IRS, August 2022 federal payroll tax withholding.....\$3,534.61
IPERS, August 2022 contributions.....\$2,112.76
Computer Troubleshooters, IT/Website agreements.....\$445.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa, August 2022 water excise tax.....\$791.16
Builder's First Source, lumber.....\$110.48
Center Point Auto Parts, supplies.....\$61.20
Eurofins dba TestAmerica, wwtp testing.....\$957.60
Feld Fire Co., 1 pair boots, fire training fog.....\$449.00
FireCATT, LLC, annual hose testing.....\$2,966.25
Highland Products, Inc., picnic tables.....\$7,518.07
Office Depot, office supplies.....\$56.67
US Cellular, phones.....\$291.11
Windstream, telephone/internet.....\$675.46
John Jons, refund deposit.....\$150.00

Pat Cash Beets, refund deposit.....\$150.00
Samantha Markt, refund deposit.....\$300.00
Rudd Sanitation, August 2022 contract payment.....\$3,857.00
LRS Portables, port-a-potty.....\$22.86
Badger Meter, mobile services.....\$65.52
Gazette Communications, publications.....\$236.72
MARC, veg-a-kill.....\$6,325.50
FJ Krob & Co., chemicals.....\$18.92
Roto Rooter, jet lines at wwtp.....\$1,240.00
HR Green, GIS annual renewal.....\$2,000.00
ECICOG, Hometown Pride Program.....\$1,044.11
TOTAL: \$49,998.59

Revenues for August 2022: General Fund \$2,985.57; Fire Equipment Fund \$1.32; Road Use Fund \$7,019.34; RE Taxes – Employee Benefits Fund \$.01; RE Taxes – Emergency Levy Fund \$.01; American Rescue Plan Funds \$58,988.96; Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$8,498.57; Debt Service Fund \$.40; Water Projects – Restricted Fund \$8.83; Sewer Projects – Restricted Fund \$.12; Streets Project – Restricted Fund \$3.08; Water Fund \$15,520.03; W/S Deposits Fund \$1,800.55; Water Sinking Fund \$4,031.48; Sewer Fund \$23,421.91; Sewer Sinking Fund \$9,974.71; Garbage Fund \$3,886.42. TOTAL \$136,141.31.

Expenditures for August 2022: General Fund \$25,288.70; Road Use Fund \$5,379.93; American Rescue Plan Funds \$2,880.00; Water Fund \$12,343.96; Sewer Fund \$22,131.41; Garbage Fund \$3,857.00. TOTAL \$71,881.00 .

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Helms, Finance Director, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by:

Cole Bamrick, Mayor