

**Minutes of the Walker City Council  
Monday, September 13, 2021  
Walker City Council Chambers**

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

Others Present: Tina Ricklefs, Anne Ricklefs, Kevin Shoop, Craig Kerkman, Melissa Kerkman, and Terry Shaffer.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Shoop.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following: 9-13-2021 agenda, 8-9-2021 minutes, accounts payable, and August 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 354 – Amending provisions pertaining to Chapter 1 – Code of Ordinances: 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 355 – Amending provisions pertaining to Chapter 40 – Public Peace: 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.

Ordinance 356 – Amending provisions pertaining to Chapter 46 – Minors: Opened at 7:07 pm. The clerk did not receive any written or verbal comments. No citizens present had any comments. Closed at 7:08 pm.

Ordinance 357 – Amending provisions pertaining to Chapter 80 – Abandoned Vehicles: Opened at 7:08 pm. The clerk did not receive any written or verbal comments. No citizens present had any comments. Closed at 7:08 pm.

Ordinance 358 – Amending provisions pertaining to Chapter 120 – Liquor Licenses and Wine and Beer Permits: Opened at 7:08 pm. The clerk did not receive any written or verbal comments. No citizens present had any comments. Closed at 7:08 pm.

Ordinance 359 – Amending provisions pertaining to Chapter 140 – Controlled Access Facilities: Opened at 7:08 pm. The clerk did not receive any written or verbal comments. No citizens present had any comments. Closed at 7:09 pm.

Mayor: 5 permits were issued since the last meeting: sidewalk replacement, excavation for egress window, excavation for sewer service line repair, cover for steps and new steps, and a fence.

Clerk: Written report is available at City Hall. The August gross payroll was \$13,269.19. The balance on August 31, 2021, was \$1,138,989.85.

Public Works Technician: Written report is available at City Hall. The piping in the well house needs repair. Northway Well estimates \$3,500.00 for the work required. Kevin will get this scheduled. In addition, it has been 6 years since the well pump has been pulled and inspected. Kevin is getting an estimate for this work as well. The wastewater treatment plant has been in operation for 10 years now and we need to check on the sludge accumulation. WTR is a company that does a 3D profile and then provides a full report for an estimated cost of \$1,100.00. Kevin will be getting this work scheduled. Finally, the bridge inspections have been completed and the bridge on Linn Street needs a new topcoat and some minor maintenance work. We will work on the maintenance this fall and talk to L. L. Pelling regarding the top coating.

Fire Dept: No report.

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

Open Forum: Craig Kerkman asked if we would do all the SAGR cells at one time for sludge removal or one at a time? Kevin explained that the first cell will have the most and the second and third will have less. We will probably do them at different times due to the difference in levels.

New Business:

Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to appoint Jolene Pieper to the Board of Adjustments for a 5-year term ending 12/31/2025. 3 ayes, 1 absent, 1 vacant, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Thorp to approve the first reading of Ordinance 354 – Amending provisions pertaining to Chapter 1 – Code of Ordinances. 3 ayes, 1 absent, 1 vacant, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 354. 3 ayes, 1 absent, 1 vacant, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Thorp to approve the first reading of Ordinance 355 – Amending provisions pertaining to Chapter 40– Public Peace. 3 ayes, 1 absent, 1 vacant, motion carried. Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 355. 3 ayes, 1 absent, 1 vacant, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Nielsen/Dunn to approve the first reading of Ordinance 356 – Amending provisions pertaining to Chapter 46 - Minors. 3 ayes, 1 absent, 1 vacant, motion carried. Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 356. 3 ayes, 1 absent, 1 vacant, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to approve the first reading of Ordinance 357 – Amending provisions pertaining to Chapter 80 – Abandoned Vehicles. 3 ayes, 1 absent, 1 vacant, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Thorp to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 357. 3 ayes, 1 absent, 1 vacant, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to approve the first reading of Ordinance 358 – Amending provisions pertaining to Chapter 120 – Liquor Licenses and Wine and Beer Permits. 3 ayes, 1 absent, 1 vacant, motion carried. Motion/Second by Dunn/Thorp to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 358. 3 ayes, 1 absent, 1 vacant, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Thorp to approve the first reading of Ordinance 359 – Amending provisions pertaining to Chapter 140 – Controlled Access Facilities. 3 ayes, 1 absent, 1 vacant, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 359. 3 ayes, 1 absent, 1 vacant, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Thorp to approve Kula's request to close Greene Street from 11 am – 4 pm on Saturday, September 18, 2021. 3 ayes, 1 absent, 1 vacant, motion carried.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Thorp to adopt Resolution 2021-13 – Resolution Approving the 28E/Road Maintenance and Snow & Ice Control Agreement with Linn County Secondary Roads Department. Roll call vote: Ayes: Thorp, Dunn, Nielsen Nay: Pint (absent), vacant seat. Motion carried.

Public hearing for Ordinance 360 – Amending provisions pertaining to Operating Procedures set for Monday, October 11, 2021, at 7:05 pm.

Public hearing for Ordinance 361 – Amending provisions pertaining to Fiscal Management set for Monday, October 11, 2021, at 7:05 pm.

Public hearing for Ordinance 362 – Establishing Property Maintenance Regulations for the City of Walker set for Monday, October 11, 2021, at 7:05 pm.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Thorp to approve Alex Cummer's request for a car dealer license. Board of Adjustments has approved his request for a small lot and will re-evaluate in one year. 3 ayes, 1 absent, 1 vacant, motion carried.

Council discussed funds the city will receive from the American Rescue Plan. They want to pursue the cellular ERT's for the water meters if this qualifies under the program. Connie will verify and then proceed to contact the engineer for the project.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Nielsen to adjourn at 7:38 pm. 3 ayes, 1 absent, 1 vacant, motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 11, 2021, at 7 pm at the Walker City Council Chambers.

Bills Approved:

Linn County Public Health, air permits  
renewals.....\$135.00  
Alliant Energy, utilities.....\$18.59  
Bank of America, Arlo, Microsoft, Adobe,  
Dropbox, cameras for ball diamond,  
Circular saw, battery, drill bits.....\$1,284.65  
Bard Materials, cement.....\$365.63  
Casey's MasterCard, gasoline.....\$431.82  
Hawkins, Inc., chlorine.....\$174.27  
Hygienic Lab, water testing.....\$13.50  
Iowa DNR, NPDES permit fee FY22.....\$210.00  
Iowa Rural Water Assoc., conference.....\$160.00  
Lease Consultants Corp, copier lease.....\$98.10  
Linn Co-op Oil, diesel.....\$960.19  
Menards, supplies.....\$208.91  
Quill.com, office supplies.....\$116.48  
Roto Rooter, televise service line....\$600.00  
Rudd Sanitation, dumpster/trash.....\$362.41  
Sherbon Construction, labor.....\$420.00  
US Cellular, phones, tablet.....\$275.39  
Alliant Energy, utilities.....\$6,621.28  
Creative Displays, balance on  
Christmas decorations.....\$3,366.00  
Eurofins dba TestAmerica, wwtp testing.....\$1,165.50  
Iowa One Call, utility locates.....\$20.70  
Sky Ford Chrysler, service/repair F450.....\$517.95  
Stone City Quarries, fill lime.....\$190.00  
Totalscapes, Inc., Emerald ash borer  
Treatment 3 trees at ballpark.....\$800.00  
Wendling Quarries, sand.....\$159.41  
IRS, August 2021 federal payroll tax  
Withholding.....\$3,027.14  
IPERS, August 2021 contributions.....\$1,741.00  
Computer Troubleshooters, IT/Website  
agreements.....\$445.00  
Treasurer, State of Iowa, August 2021 water  
excise tax payment.....\$816.00  
Center Point Library, FY22 contract.....\$7,500.00  
Walker Postmaster, postage for water/sewer

bills.....\$1,500.00  
Fire Service Training Bureau, Fire Service  
Instructor: Principles & Practices.....\$70.61  
Windstream, telephone/internet.....\$664.82  
US Cellular, phones, tablet.....\$275.39  
Hygienic Labs, water testing.....\$13.50  
Center Point Farm & Auto, supplies.....\$19.18  
Linn County Secondary Roads, Bridge  
Inspections.....\$1,800.00  
Builder's FirstSource, supplies.....\$64.70  
Affordable Heating & Cooling, Inc., service/repair  
A/C at city hall.....\$633.78  
Mid-American Research Chemicals, photo  
blue.....\$448.32  
Office Depot, office supplies.....\$137.61  
Wendling Quarries, rock.....\$509.32  
Rudd Sanitation, August 2021  
Municipal contract.....\$3,886.00  
Badger Meter, mobile hosting service.....\$20.16  
James Voss, refund water/sewer deposit.....\$75.00  
Nicholas Lansdown, refund  
Water/sewer deposit.....\$150.00  
Roy Blair, reimburse mileage – samples to  
Lab.....\$50.96  
TOTAL: \$42,524.27

Revenues for August 2021: General Fund \$2,828.70; RAGBRAI \$.09; Fire Equipment Fund \$1.60; Road Use Fund \$7,348.78; RE Taxes – Employee Benefits Fund \$.03; RE Taxes – Emergency Levy Fund \$.01; American Rescue Plan Funds \$58,789.84; Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$11,090.60; Debt Service Fund \$.46; Water Projects – Restricted Fund \$3.66; Sewer Projects – Restricted Fund \$.15; Streets Project – Restricted Fund \$4.18; Water Fund \$14,759.77; W/S Deposits Fund \$600.48; Water Sinking Fund \$4,846.69; Sewer Fund \$23,819.61; Sewer Sinking Fund \$9,963.37; Garbage Fund \$3,961.53. TOTAL \$138,019.75.

Expenditures for August 2021: General Fund \$14,881.57; RAGBRAI Fund \$3,598.46; Road Use Fund \$9,958.46; Water Fund \$10,611.45; Sewer Fund \$16,213.13; Garbage Fund \$3,857.00. TOTAL \$53,120.07.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Helms, City Clerk

Approved by:

Kene Shoop, Mayor