

**WALKER CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
4243 REMEMBRANCE RD.  
FEBRUARY 8, 2010**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING:**

Mayor VerHeulen called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Jeff Sluggett, City Attorney discussed the Medical Marihuana Act. It is the understanding it would be in the City of Walker's best interest to impose a moratorium on the issuance of permits, licenses or approvals for the sale or dispensation of medical marihuana.

Revisions of the City of Walker Business License Ordinance were discussed. The Commission feels it is imperative to require the emergency contact information from non-profit organizations and churches. An amendment will be written and brought back to the Ordinance Committee for approval.

**REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING:**

Mayor VerHeulen called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Commissioner Stek gave the invocation and the City Clerk called the roll.

Present: Mayor VerHeulen, Commissioners: Al Parent, Charles Deschaine, Barb Holt, Steve Versluis, Cyndy Stek, Dan Kent and City Manager Vander Meulen.

Motion by Parent, seconded by Versluis, to approve Commission meeting minutes of 1-25-10. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Parent, seconded by Versluis, to approve Strategic Planning Session meeting minutes of 2-1-10. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

Max Insley commented on the parking issues behind Fire Station #2. He stated the lines are faded or unable to be seen, and you are not able to see the parking boundaries.

Police Chief Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom reported on the Spaghetti dinner benefit for Char Burns. They served over 500 people and rose over \$7,700.00. She thanked everyone who attended.

**Mayor Comments:**

Mayor VerHeulen met with Alex Arends, Alpine Township Supervisor. Senator Jansen stated concerns about Alpine Avenue and asked Alpine Township and the City of Walker to explore options for traffic flow on Alpine.

Mayor VerHeulen and Commissioner Holt were invited to celebrate the Boy Scouts 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Mayor VerHeulen read a Proclamation for the Boy Scouts 100<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary. Motion by Holt, seconded by Kent, to adopt the Proclamation. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor VerHeulen asked for an adhoc committee to come up with a recommendation of a model/structure of the City of Walker Fire department. The committee will consist of Commissioner Deschaine, Commissioner Kent, Commissioner Holt, City Manager Vander Meulen, and substitute Commissioner Stek.

Motion by Versluis, seconded by Parent to appoint an adhoc committee to identify and make recommendations of the model/structure we want to move forward with in our Fire Department.

Motion by Kent, seconded by Holt, to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$553,920.40. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Kent, to approve striking delinquent personal property taxes for 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Deschaine, seconded by Versluis, to change the Zoning Board of Appeals meetings to the second and fourth Wednesdays, starting March 24, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

**City Manager / Commissioner Comments:**

City Manager Vander Meulen announced Bill Schmidt's retirement ceremony on March 2, 2010 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Motion by Deschaine, seconded by Kent, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Bydalek  
City Clerk