

**WALKER CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
4243 REMEMBRANCE RD.
MARCH 22, 2010**

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

The City Commission reviewed the items on the agenda.

Police Chief Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom and Capt. Michelle Young from Kent County Dispatch gave a report on the possible consolidation of the City of Walker Dispatch with Kent County Dispatch. This consolidation is a substantial cost savings to the City of Walker. Kent County Dispatch stated they would potentially hire all of Walker's Dispatch, since they are highly trained and would be able to step into the jobs with little to no training needed.

Public Comment: Heather Bacon has worked for the City of Walker for 11 years, and hopes for a smooth transition while moving over to Kent County Dispatch.

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING:

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

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

Present: Mayor Rob VerHeulen, Commissioners: Al Parent, Charles Deschaine, Barb Holt, Cyndy Stek, and Dan Kent. Also present: City Manager Vander Meulen, Assistant City Manager Schmalzel and City Attorney Jeff Sluggett. Absent: Commissioner Steve Versluis

Motion by Deschaine, seconded by Holt, to approve Commission meeting minutes of 3-8-10. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Parent, seconded by Holt, to approve Commission/Staff meeting minutes of 3-15-10. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Motion by Kent, seconded by Parent, to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$236,738.09. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Parent, to approve the Dispatch Agreement to be finalized for the City of Walker Dispatch to transfer to Kent County Dispatch effective January 1, 2011. Motion carried 5-1 (Stek).

Motion by Holt, seconded by Deschaine, to approve the participation of the City of Walker in the NPDES Class Action Lawsuit. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kent, seconded by Parent, to approve Resolution 10-131 to transfer Class C Liquor License to Outback Steakhouse. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stek, seconded by Holt, to approve Resolution 10-132 to adopt Film Permit Fees. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Deschaine, seconded by Holt, to approve ORD 10-580. Motion failed 5-1 (Deschaine).

Mayor VerHeulen stated given the sensitivity to this issue, he would like to revise it further. Public Comment was heard by Bill Mohr, and Ruth Harper.

Motion by Parent, seconded by Kent, to return ORD 10-580 to amend Chapter 18, entitled "Buildings and Building Regulations," to add a new Article VI, Sections 18-190 and 18-191; to Amend Chapter 22, Article I, Section 22-1, and to repeal Chapter 22, Article I, Section 22-6, entitled "Business Licenses," of the Code of Ordinances to the Ordinance Committee for further review. Motion passed 5-1 (Deschaine).

Motion by Parent, seconded by Stek, to approve first reading of ORD 10-582 to amend Chapter 70, Article III, Division I, Subsection 70-68(a) of the Code of Ordinances, entitled "Sidewalks to be Cleared.". Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Deschaine, to approve first reading of ORD 10-583 to amend Chapter 38, Article II of the Code of Ordinances to add New Sections 38-33, 38-34, and 38-35 to adopt by reference Chapter 32 of the NFPA 1, Fire Code, 2009 Edition, entitled "Motion Picture and Television Production Studio Sound stages and approved Production Facilities." Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Stek, to approve the first reading of ORD 10-581 to amend Chapter 10, entitled "Amusements and Entertainment"" of the Code of Ordinances by adding a New Article IV entitled "Motion Picture, Television and Radio and Photographic Productions." Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Bydalek
City Clerk