

**WALKER CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
4243 REMEMBRANCE RD.
MAY 10, 2010**

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Mayor VerHeulen called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

The City Commission reviewed the items on the agenda.

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING:

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

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

Present: Mayor Rob VerHeulen, Commissioners: Al Parent, Charles Deschaine, Barb Holt, Cyndy Stek, Steve Versluis and Dan Kent. Also present: City Manager Vander Meulen and Assistant City Manager Schmalzel. Absent: None.

Motion by Deschaine, seconded by Holt, to approve Commission meeting minutes of 4-26-10. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Public comment was received from Brian Gorski and Aiman Jarrar , Youth Commission Representatives and Jason Hansen, Community Organizer Kent County Coalition Coordinator regarding the House Party Proposed Ordinance.

Brad Stek, Senior from Calvin Christian was welcomed.

Motion by Versluis, seconded by Kent, to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$336,750.58. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Kent, to approve the demolition order for 3167 Bristol Rd. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission requested that another letter be sent to the property owner informing them of the decision that was made regarding the demolition.

Commissioner Deschaine expressed his disappointment with the property owner and his lack of cooperation to keep the property maintained and work with the City to resolve the matter.

Motion by Deschaine, seconded by Versluis, to approve the bid of \$21,650 from ADT Security to replace the current Access Control Security Card Reader System. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Parent, seconded by Kent, to approve Resolution 10-142 to reallocate CDBG funds to the Home Repair Services fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion concerning the proposed House Party Ordinance was held. The Commission inquired as to other community's success rate with similar ordinances and fees imposed. Fees can be set by the Commission via a resolution or by the Judge.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Parent, to approve the first reading of ORD 10-584 to add new sections 50-51 and 50-52 to Chapter 50, Article I of the Code of Ordinances, entitled “Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions.” Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Versluis, seconded by Parent, to approve first reading of ORD 10-585 to amend Chapter 62, Articles I and II, Sections 62-1 through 62-4, Sections 62-31 through 62-43, and Sections 62-59, and to add a new Section 62-44 to the Code of Ordinances, entitled “Solid Waste.” Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Versluis, to approve the first reading of ORD 10-586 to amend Chapter 82, Articles VI, Section 82-102 of the Code of Ordinances, entitled “Regulation of Public Parking Lots; Tow Away Zones.” Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding a reduction in the exemption amount for City Income Tax due to the City of Grand Rapids imposing the same reduction. If the City of Walker’s exemption is a different amount than Grand Rapids, it could cause a great deal of confusion and administrative problems for tax preparers and tax payers. The City of Grand Rapids will be hearing this issue at their next Commission meeting on May 11th. This is considered an emergency ordinance because it must be approved 45 days prior to it becoming effective on July 1st.

Motion by Versluis, seconded by Stek, to adopt ORD 10-587 to amend Chapter 78, Article II, Section 78-42 of the Code of Ordinances entitled “Uniform City Income Tax Ordinance; Personal Exemptions, Limitations” with the condition that the City of Grand Rapids passes a similar ordinance with the same stipulations effective July 1st. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Bales
Deputy City Clerk