

**WALKER CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
4243 REMEMBRANCE RD.
MAY 24, 2010**

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

Chris Lohman, our new Walker KDL Branch Manager introduced herself.

Chief Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom showed the Commission the new Police Equipment Trailer that was received and paid for with 100% grant funds.

The City Commission reviewed the items on the agenda.

The Commission discussed the nominal consolidation of the Police and Fire departments. They asked for the Fire Department Sub-Committee to continue meeting to monitor the nominal merging of these two departments.

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING:

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

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

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

Motion by Versluis, seconded by Parent, to approve Commission meeting minutes of 5-10-10. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stek, seconded by Holt, to approve Commission meeting minutes of 5-17-10. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion concerning the proposed House Party Ordinance was held.

Commissioner Deschaine asked Police Chief Garcia-Lindstrom what part of this MIP Ordinance was supported with grant money. She stated grant money was only available to educate teens.

Public Comment:

Public comment was received from Josh Hansen, Kent County Coalition Coordinator. Kathy Jordan, and Tom Tainter, Walker residents spoke in favor of the proposed House Party Ordinance.

Motion by Stek, seconded by Parent, to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$193,763.35. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Deschaine, seconded by Holt, to approve the nominal consolidation of the Police and Fire departments, to include the administration structure of Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom, Robert Walker, and Greg Long. The Commission has also requested all three employees attend the

Commission/Staff meeting each month to give a progress report and also asked the sub-committee to stay intact and involved through this process.

Parent stated, Commissioner Kent was unable to attend tonight, but he is in support of the consolidation.

Motion by Parent, seconded by Deschaine, to table second 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 Parent, seconded by Stek, to approve second 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 Parent, seconded by Holt, to approve the second 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.

Public Comment: None.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Bydalek
City Clerk