

**WALKER CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
4243 REMEMBRANCE RD.  
JULY 26, 2010**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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

Michelle Fox, Shirley Bruursema and Chris Lohman (Our New Walker Branch Manager) presented Kent District Library (KDL) 2009 Annual Report.

KDL Walker Branch has seen a 6% attendance increase from 2008 to 2009, and a 9% increase in program attendance. KDL is also facing budget issues and the residents of Tallmadge Township are currently affected at the Walker Branch. They are currently not able to use the Walker Branch until a KDL Millage passes; this millage is going to be on the November 2, 2010 ballot.

Commissioner Deschaine asked if having the bus stop at the Walker Branch would be helpful. They responded saying most branches do have bus access and it does help bring more visitors.

Scott Conners, City Engineer, reviewed the MDOT Resolution pertaining to 3 Mile Road Bridge Funding and the City of Walker. MDOT will fund 95% (\$1,460,078.21) of the contracted construction cost with the remaining balance (\$345,000.00) City of Walker cost. Current start date is planned for February-March of 2011 and will take 100 calendar days to complete.

Scott also commented that the new bike trail construction is going well with a completion date to be early November.

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 Versluis gave the invocation and the City Clerk called the roll.

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

Motion by Parent, seconded by Versluis, to approve Commission Meeting minutes of 7-12-10. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: No Public Comment was received.

Mayor VerHeulen mentioned that there are many locations throughout the City of Walker on August 3, 2010 for National Night Out events. This is also the Primary Election Day; Election polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Motion by Kent, seconded by Holt, to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$412,230.42. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Deschaine, seconded by Kent, to approve Resolution 10-151 to Approve a Critical Bridge Funding Contract between the City of Walker and the Michigan Department of Transportation. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Versluis, to approve Resolution 10-152 to Approve Single Lot Assessment for 3167 Bristol Ave. demolition. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Versluis, seconded by Stek, to approve second reading of PR-ORD 10-478 to amend the Zoning Ordinance to rezone certain properties in the City of Walker. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Bydalek CMC  
City Clerk