

**WALKER CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
4243 REMEMBRANCE RD.  
AUGUST 23, 2010**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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

Peter Varga from ITP “Rapid” gave an update on their services, proposed expansions and improvements system wide. Proposed improvements include additional hours system wide, improved service frequencies and possible expansion of new services.

Commissioner Holt stated the bus stop near Cummings and Lake Michigan Drive is in need of a shelter or bench. Commissioner Parent stated 3 Mile Road and Alpine is also in need of a shelter or bench. Commissioner Deschaine expressed the need for bus service to come down Remembrance Rd to Walker City Hall.

Mayor VerHeulen invited everyone to participate in the Grand River Clean-up on September 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. The starting location will be Sixth Street Park.

Commissioner Holt spoke about the Standale Walkability Tour that was held on Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> in Standale.

The Commission reviewed the agenda items.

**REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING:**

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

Commissioner Barb Holt 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 Deschaine, seconded by Parent, to approve Commission Meeting minutes of 8-9-10. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Versluis, seconded by Holt, to approve Commission-Staff Meeting Minutes of 8-16-10 with an amendment to Mayor/Commissioner Comments to read: The Commission discussed holding a monthly luncheon to discuss ideas, innovations and opportunities for improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor VerHeulen read a Proclamation for National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. Motion by Stek, seconded by Versluis, to approve this proclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kent, seconded by Parent, to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$1,173,546.37. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Parent, seconded by Kent, to approve Traffic Control Order # 210. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Deschaine, seconded by Parent, to approve Best Buy Sidewalk Easement Agreement along North Center Drive. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Stek, to approve Police Department Range Agreement between City of Walker and Grand Rapids Community College. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Versluis, seconded by Kent, to approve revised Snow Plow License application. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Deschaine, seconded by Holt, to approve extension of Medical Marihuana Moratorium an additional six months (September 2, 2010 – March 2, 2011). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Deschaine, seconded by Holt, to approve Resolution 10-157 changing MERS Benefits (other than DB Component of Hybrid Program). Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Bydalek CMC  
City Clerk