

CITY OF WALKER
COMMISSION/STAFF MINUTES
August 16, 2010

Mayor VerHeulen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioners: Al Parent, Barb Holt and Steve Versluis.

Also Present: City Manager Vander Meulen, Assistant City Manager Schmalzel

Absent: Commissioners: Cyndy Stek, Chuck Deschaine and Dan Kent.

Kelly Smith, City Assessor presented the Commission with an update regarding the Assessing Department and an overall look at the status of Walker. This included predictions for 2011 values and how the City of Walker compares to other local communities in Kent County. Walker is the sixth largest unit in Kent County. Kelly is currently working on many Michigan Tax Tribunal Appeals.

City Manager Vander Meulen reported the anticipated Income Tax revenues are slightly higher than anticipated earlier in the year. This will help the current fiscal year budget.

Assistant City Manager Schmalzel discussed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council and other local communities to support multi-jurisdictional planning efforts.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Versluis, to approve authorizing City Manager Vander Meulen to sign the MOU supporting Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program between the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council and other local communities. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Versluis, seconded by Parent, to appoint Commissioner Holt as official representative at the annual business meeting of the Michigan Municipal League and Commissioner Parent as alternative official representative. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor / Commissioner Comments;

The Commission discussed holding a monthly luncheon to discuss ~~current event topics~~ ideas, innovations and opportunities for improvements.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Bydalek, CMC
City Clerk