

**CITY OF WALCOTT
WALCOTT CITY HALL
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2015**

The semi-monthly meeting of the City Council of Walcott, Iowa, was held on Monday, the 20th day of July, 2015, at Walcott City Hall. Mayor John Kostichek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present were: Tim Koehler, Virgil Wayne Latimer, Lisa Mengler, Jackie Puck, and Jacob Puck. Absent: None. City employees present: Jeff Blake, John Brockmann, Lisa Rickertsen, Linda Rivers, and Tom Schirman.

Approval of Agenda. Jackie Puck moved and Mengler seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Audience. Verlyn and Josie Dietz, Larry Koberg, Kent Arp, Gene Meyer, Brent Arp, Randy Robb, and Kirk Koberg. Employees Jody Siebel, Scott Brockmann, Neal Krebs, and Adam Hill were also in the audience.

Consent Agenda. Jacob Puck moved and Mengler seconded to approve the consent agenda including the invoices and June 2015 financial reports. Motion carried. Mengler moved and Jackie Puck seconded to approve Resolution 2015-27, Transfer of Funds. Roll call ayes: Mengler, Jackie Puck, Jacob Puck, Latimer, and Koehler. Motion carried.

Minutes from July 6, 2015. Mengler moved and Jackie Puck seconded to approve the minutes from July 6, 2015. Koehler and Latimer abstained due to absence from meeting. Motion carried.

RAGBRAI – Street Closures. Jackie Puck moved and Latimer seconded to close a portion of Main Street, between James Street and Otis Street, and the streets around Victory Park during RAGBRAI on July 25th. Motion carried.

Employee Benefits/Personnel Policy.

- **Health Insurance.** Roger Robb (Group Specialist of GBL) presented different plan options for employee medical insurance and discussed different ways for the City to save on costs. Koehler stated when the discussion regarding changes to medical benefits started, it was meant for new employees. Robb reported on proposed changes to the health insurance regulations. Following further discussion, Jackie Puck stated the health insurance benefits should remain as is and it can be addressed later when the laws change. Mengler moved and Koehler seconded to not make changes to the health insurance benefits. Motion carried.
- **Sick/Vacation Leave.** Information has not yet been received from the employment law attorney regarding proposed changes to the sick leave policy for new employees. Mengler moved and Jacob Puck seconded to table the sick leave policy. Motion carried. Koehler questioned the vacation leave policy, specifically allowing employees to accumulate/carry over up to 80 hours each year at their anniversary date. Brockmann stated his employees are cross trained, allowing everyone to take their vacation if they choose to. Following further discussion, no further changes will be made to the vacation policy.

Vision Committee. Committee chairperson, Larry Koberg, reported on the minutes from their July 8th meeting. The committee will be renamed to Walcott Hearts and Hands Foundation Committee and will no longer be a city committee once they are designated a 501(c)(3) organization. Questions arose on the hanging flower baskets. The committee did previous work on this and will

provide contact information to the city for next year's flower baskets on the new decorative light poles on N. Main Street.

Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau Contribution. Koehler moved and Jackie Puck seconded to approve the annual \$1,000 contribution request, as budgeted, to Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau. Motion carried.

Main Street Enhancement Streetscape Project. Koehler questioned if Brockmann had contacted the project engineer and informed him that Brockmann should be contacted regarding the project instead of the Building Official, Linda Rivers. Brockmann responded that he did contact the engineer and said to contact him. He stated he should handle the administration part and needs to be included in the project. Koehler reviewed the minutes from May 18th when Brockmann stated the City needed to hire an engineer for construction observation as he can't be fair to the contractor since he doesn't believe in the project, and the June 1st minutes when Council appointed Rivers to do the daily construction observation/inspections and to contact the engineer with items as needed. Mengler stated Brockmann was present during the June 1st meeting and he did not comment about the appointment at that time. Brockmann reiterated concerns about not being involved with the project, including the pre-construction meeting, which was held when he was on vacation. Council reconfirmed that Rivers is the city contact person for the project. Brockmann left the meeting. Rivers reported that she will email all departments regarding project status and updates so everyone is kept informed. There was discussion regarding conflicts between departments.

Building Department Report. Rivers reported all rental inspections are completed and reported on recent tree inspections. Rivers stated she contacted an Iowa State Extension consulting arborist regarding a tree on private property that could be a danger to adjoining property or passing motorists or pedestrians. The arborist felt that a significant weather event would probably cause the tree to come down. Council consensus was to have Rivers contact the homeowner and pursue removal of the tree.

Police Department Report. Mengler commended the police officers that worked during the Walcott Day events.

City Clerk's Department Report. Rickertsen reported Iowa 80 Truckstop appealed the tax assessments for two of their parcels. The consent order reduced one of the property valuations by \$1,667,060. Rickertsen stated the reduction starts with the 2013 assessment year which was paid in the last fiscal year; therefore, property tax revenue will be lower than projected for this year to account for the reduction for both the 2013 and 2014 assessment years during this fiscal year.

City Attorney Report.

- **South Main Street Damage.** Attorney Schirman stated he believes the City currently has no recourse on the recent street damage done to a portion of South Main Street, south of Memorial Road, as a result of heavy truck traffic. A lengthy discussion was held on possible options to prevent this in the future, including implementing load limits and traffic pattern restrictions. Koehler expressed his frustration and disappointment regarding the damage that resulted. Council consensus was to send a letter to the property owner and Jackie Puck offered to make personal contact with the owner.
- **Solid Waste and Recycling Contract Renewal.** Attorney Schirman reported the concerns he had with the proposed contract with Allied Waste d/b/a Republic Services have been

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APPLIED SPECIALTIES INC	CHEMICALS	4,241.60
ARAMARK	SERVICES	212.38
ART MONUMENTS IN STONE	LETTERED BRICK	30.00
B & D AUTOMOTIVE INC.	REPAIRS - DUMP TRUCK	115.40
BADGER METER CO	QRTLQ BACKHAUL FEES	237.00
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS	MARKING PAINT	165.75
BATTERIES PLUS	BATTERIES	21.60
BROCKMANN, JOHN	MEDICAL REIMB	1,374.83
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	FUEL	833.80
CENTRAL CITY ELECTRIC I	SERVICES	72.83
CENTURY LINK INC	SERVICES	935.73
CLIA LABORATORY PROGRAM	2 YR CERTIFICATE FEE	150.00
ELLSWORTH EXCAVATING IN	SERVICES	200.00
EMERGENCY MEDICAL PDTS.	PARTS	61.20
ENVIRONMENTAL MGT. SERV	JETTING	326.50
GOLD STAR FS INC	FIELD MARKING CHALK	240.00
HACH COMPANY	PARTS/RETURN ITEMS	3,614.22
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS	707.45
HUSTON, JACKIE	MEDICAL REIMB	705.24
HYGIENIC LABORATORY	TESTINGS	25.00
HYVEE	FIRE DEPT FOOD	89.94
IDNR	ANNUAL WATER SUPPLY FEE	190.14
IIMC	MEMBERSHIP DUES	155.00
IOWA 80 GROUP	FUEL	66.98
IOWA ONE CALL	NOTIFICATIONS	20.70
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	PARTS	207.54
KREBS, NEAL	MEDICAL REIMB	152.60
MAYBERRY, BRIAN	MEDICAL REIMB	500.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO.	SERVICES	63.70
MIDLAND SCIENTIFIC INC	SEWER EQUIPMENT	521.03
OTTO, KATHY	SERVICES	210.00
PANTHER UNIFORMS INC.	UNIFORMS	150.89
PETERS, SHANE	DETAIL SQUADS	130.00
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES	JUNE TESTINGS	890.75
QUILL CORP.	ENVELOPES	35.99
REPUBLIC SERVICES	SERVICES	5,680.64
RIVER VALLEY CO-OP	DIESEL & RENT	733.04
SCOTT CO. SHERIFF DEPT.	JUNE BOOKING FEES	50.00
TRI STATE FIRE CONTROL	ANNUAL FIRE EXT SERVICE	786.00
U.S. CELLULAR	SERVICES	10.69
USA BLUE BOOK	PARTS	789.17
VERBEKE-MEYER CONS. ENG	SERVICES	880.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	SERVICES	80.02
VICTORY ENTERPRISES INC	QRTLQ HOSTING	150.00
WELLMARK	MONTHLY PREMIUMS	12,467.85
TOTAL		39,283.20

FUND TOTALS

GENERAL		14,328.59
W BRYANT STREET PROJ		275.00
MAIN STREET PROJECT		165.00
WATER UTILITY		4,608.83
SEWER UTILITY		14,225.14
SOLID WASTE		5,680.64
TOTAL		39,283.20

PAID BETWEEN MEETINGS

NJ MILLER	W BRYANT ST FINAL PYMT	30,228.95
KRIEGERS	PWD GMC TRUCK	26,950.00
TOTAL		57,178.95

PAYROLL	07/17/2015	25,789.16
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GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES		122,251.31
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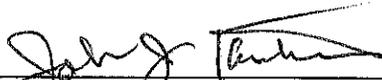
JUNE REVENUE

GENERAL		25,812.23
POLICE VEHICLE RESERVE		11.90
FIRE VEHICLE RESERVE		126.19
FIRE EQUIPMENT/SIREN		5.24
FIRE DONATIONS		1,045.03
FIRE NON-RESIDENT		4.93
CITY EQUIP/VEHICLE		108.24
PARK ENHANCEMENT		208.88
SPLASH PAD RESERVE		19.59
FORFEITURE		7.49
MUNICIPAL BLDG FUND		158.05
ROAD USE TAX		18,277.58
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		793.69
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX		19,912.54
NORTH TIF		29.87
BRYANT ST PROJECT		7.37
MAIN ST PROJECT		42.62
WATER		18,892.91
WATER TOWER RESERVE		131.90
WATER MAIN REPAIR FUND		17.07
UTILTIY DEPOSITS		350.00
SEWER		23,555.97
SEWER LIFT STATION RESERVE		20.38
SOLID WASTE		5,659.14
TOTAL		115,198.81

addressed. Koehler questioned two items he felt should be deleted in their entirety. Schirman will contact the company representative.

Questions/Concerns. It was reported there is a pot hole that should be addressed prior to RAGBRAI and the streets needs swept.

Mengler moved and Jacob Puck seconded to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Motion carried. All votes on motions were unanimous, unless noted.



Mayor John Kostichek



Lisa Rickertsen, City Clerk