

**CITY OF WALCOTT
WALCOTT CITY HALL
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020**

The semi-monthly meeting of the City Council of Walcott, Iowa, was held on Monday, the 20th day of July, 2020, at Walcott City Hall. Mayor John Kostichek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present were: Everett Bieri, Lisa Mengler, and Larry Smith with John Brockmann participating remotely by phone. Absent: Jacob Puck. City staff present were Jeff Blake and Lisa Rickertsen with Paul Stagg participating remotely. Due to COVID-19, this meeting was held electronically via a conference call, permitted under the Iowa Code, Chapter 21.8, which allows an electronic meeting where members may participate remotely when an in-person meeting is impossible or impractical. Call-in information was provided to the public on the meeting agenda notice.

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

Introduction of Audience/Public Comments. No comments.

Consent Agenda. Smith moved and Mengler seconded to approve the consent agenda including the invoices, minutes from July 6 2020, June 2020 financial reports, and the FYE 2020 investment report. Motion carried.

Kent Arp – Memorial Statues at Welcome Park. Kent Arp was present on behalf of the Walcott American Legion to discuss a donation of three life-sized memorial soldier statues they want to locate near the berms behind the Veteran's Memorial at Welcome Park. Discussion included the potential location of each statue, brick walkway to statues, and the lighting and installation of statues. Arp stated he expects it would be completed sometime next summer, possibly by the Walcott Day celebration. Bieri moved and Smith seconded to approve the donation and placement of memorial statues at Welcome Park. Motion carried.

Austin Burt – Wescott Park Improvements. Austin Burt was present on behalf of the Walcott Hearts and Hands Foundation to present information on recommended ballfield improvements, including fencing replacement at Wescott Park. He reported that these improvements include moving the ballfield northwest 10-15 feet and new fencing, which could be paid for by volunteer organizations and private donations. He expressed his opinion that the recommended improvements should be completed prior to or in conjunction with the City's planned concrete project at Wescott Park. The City is in the process of obtaining bids for the concrete project, which will be reviewed during the August 3rd meeting, and is planned to start after Labor Day due to games scheduled through Friday, September 4th. Safety concerns were expressed regarding the deteriorating blacktop conditions. Following further discussion, Council did not express any opposition to the proposed donated upgrades and improvements as presented, but requested the improvements be presented at a Park Board meeting for their recommendation. This topic will be discussed at a special Park Board meeting on July 29th and at the next Council meeting on August 3rd. Burt will bring additional information, including costs and funding commitments, to the meeting. Brockmann disconnected from the conference call.

Public Works Department Report. Stagg presented the written documentation from the safety specialist from Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities as requested, along with written communication from the City's insurance company loss control manager that states if the problems aren't corrected, which would be difficult, then the slide should be removed. During the June 10th Park Board meeting, concerns were expressed about the slide and Stagg was asked to have it

inspected. Smith stated that if you misuse any playground equipment you could get hurt. Mengler questioned if the City could address the concerns listed in the inspection report. Stagg responded that some could be remedied, but not all. Following discussion, Mengler moved and Bieri seconded to have the Park Board review this for feasible remedies (as noted in the inspection report) and/or possible equipment replacement. Motion carried with Smith opposing. Mengler expressed concerns regarding the trip hazards on the sidewalk adjacent to the storm intakes along Memorial Road, splash pad equipment malfunctions, and the completion date for the parking lot project which has passed. Stagg replied that he will pursue solutions for the trip hazards and he reported on the ongoing issues with the splash pad equipment and the substantial completion of the parking lot project.

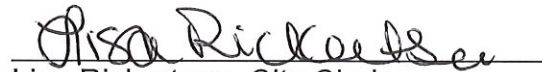
City Clerk's Report. Rickertsen presented information she received from the North Scott Press regarding purchasing an ad for an upcoming issue (August 19th) that will feature Walcott. Council consensus was to not participate in purchasing an ad.

Mayor's Report. Mayor Kostichek reported on the importance of all residents completing the 2020 Census.

Smith moved and Mengler seconded to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried. All votes on motions were unanimous, unless noted.



Mayor John Kostichek



Lisa Rickertsen, City Clerk

7/20/2020

ALEX AIR APPARATUS	FD GEAR	2,216.95
ALEXIS FIRE EQUIPMENT CO	TRUCK REPAIRS	220.00
ALLIANT UTILITIES	SERVICES	7,891.09
B & D AUTOMOTIVE INC.	SERVICES	53.65
BT GROCERY	FIRE DEPT CHARGES	118.00
CENTURY LINK INC	SERVICES	924.73
ENVIRONMENTAL MGT. SERV.	SERVICES	803.36
GRUENHAGEN, BROOKE	SHELTER REFUND	35.00
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS	1,230.89
HYVEE	FIRE DEPT CHARGES	121.04
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RES	ANNUAL WATER SUPPLY FEE	186.04
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO.	SERVICES	38.96
NORTH CENTRAL LABORATORIES	LAB SUPPLIES	76.82
OTTO, KATHY	CLEANING SERVICES	120.00
PANTHER UNIFORMS INC.	UNIFORMS	62.74
PLATINUM INFORMATION SERVI	IT SUPPORT	650.00
PLATINUM SMART	BACKUP & DISASTER	200.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES	CLEAN UP DAY SERVICES	7,021.84
RICOH USA, INC	QRTLY COPIES	73.91
RIVER VALLEY CO-OP	DIESEL & TANK RENTAL	280.32
ROSS MEDICAL SUPPLY CO, IN	OXYGEN	151.58
SCOTT CO. SHERIFF DEPT.	BOOKING FEES	50.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	LAB TESTINGS	840.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	3,235.00
TURKLE TREE SERVICE INC	REMOVE TREE & STUMP	550.00
U.S. CELLULAR	SERVICES	124.48
VERIZON WIRELESS	SERVICES	160.04
VICTORY ENTERPRISES INC.	QRTLY WEBSITE HOSTING	200.00
WELLMARK	MONTHLY PREMIUMS	16,093.01
SUB TOTAL		43,729.45

PAYROLL	7/10/2020	27,079.16
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES		70,808.61

FUNDS

GENERAL	39,277.53
PARK ENHANCEMENT RESERVE	35.00
WATER UTILITY	8,612.07
SEWER UTILITY	15,862.17
SOLID WASTE	7,021.84
TOTAL	70,808.61

JUNE REVENUE

GENERAL	51,869.23
POLICE VEHICLE RESERVE	94.07
FIRE VEHICLE RESERVE	115.21

FIRE EQUIP/SIREN RESERVE	2.90
FIRE DONATIONS	1,209.30
FIRE BLDG RESERVE	58.38
CITY EQUIP/VEHICLE RESERVE	82.59
SIDEWALK REPAIR RESERVE	95.46
PARK ENHANCEMENT	456.10
SPLASH PAD PROJECT	1.70
POLICE RESERVE DONATIONS	2.44
FORFEITURE	3.72
MUNICIPAL BLDG FUND	227.50
ROAD USE TAX	9,749.14
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	4,969.74
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	21,431.58
TIF	13.75
WATER UTILITY	22,878.74
WATER TOWER RESERVE	70.31
WATER MAIN REPAIR FUND	1.36
UTILITY DEPOSITS	350.00
SEWER UTILITY	36,300.72
SEWER LIFT STATION RESERVE	9.38
SOLID WASTE	6,656.70
TOTAL	156,650.02