

**CITY OF WALCOTT
WALCOTT CITY HALL
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021**

The semi-monthly meeting of the City Council of Walcott, Iowa, was held on Monday, the 7th day of June, 2021, at Walcott City Hall. Mayor John Kostichuk called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Everett Bieri, Kirk Koberg, Lisa Mengler, Jacob Puck, and Larry Smith. City staff present: Jeff Blake, Lisa Rickertsen, and Paul Stagg. Due to COVID-19 and as permitted under the Iowa Code, Chapter 21.8, which allows an electronic meeting where individuals 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. None.

Consent Agenda. Smith moved and Bieri seconded to approve the consent agenda including the invoices, minutes from May 17, 2021, renewal of Class A Liquor license including Sunday and outdoor service for the Walcott Legion Post #548, May 2021 financial reports, fireworks permit for Walcott Day Display at Prairie View Park on July 16th, and fireworks permit for Iowa 80 Group Truckers Jamboree display on July 8th and 9th. Motion carried with Puck abstaining due to absence from May 17, 2021, meeting.

Parks Concrete Project. Stagg reviewed the timeline for the concrete project this fall at Wescott and Victory Parks. Council requested IMEG change the project location to reflect it's for both Wescott and Victory Parks. Mengler moved and Puck seconded to approve the engineering and surveying proposal with IMEG for the Wescott & Victory Park Improvements Project in the amount of \$6,200. Motion carried.

Ordinance 519-21, Amending Chapter 92 Regarding Water Rates. Puck moved and Koberg seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 519-21. Roll call ayes: Puck, Koberg, Mengler, and Bieri. Nays: Smith. Motion carried. Effective with the July 1st billing, each customer shall pay a minimum bill of \$15.75 per month (increase of \$2.00/month), which includes usage up to 1,400 gallons. All usage over 1,400 gallons shall be \$5.60 per 1,000 gallons (increase of \$.16/1,000 gallons). The rate increase is needed to pay for improvements to the aging water system.

Ordinance 520-21, Amending Chapter 106 Pertaining to Solid Waste Collection Fees. Mengler moved and Smith seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 520-21. Roll call ayes: Mengler, Smith, Bieri, Koberg, and Puck. Motion carried. Effective with the July 1st billing, the monthly garbage rate increases from \$13.64 to \$14.18, which is a 4% increase the City pays to the collector each contract year.

Resolution 2021-23, Establishing Hourly Wage for Kevin Raap, Public Works Laborer. Koberg moved and Puck seconded to approve Resolution 2021-23. Roll call ayes: Koberg, Puck, Mengler, Bieri, and Smith. Motion carried.

Review/Deactivate Public Health Disaster Emergency Policy. The Public Health Disaster Emergency Policy, which was approved on March 30, 2020, was reviewed. Mengler moved and Smith seconded to deactivate the Public Health Disaster Emergency Policy. Motion carried.

City Credit Card Processing Fees. The Public Health Disaster Emergency Policy waived all credit/debit card and online electronic check processing fees during the declaration of the emergency.

Since the policy has been deactivated, all electronic check and credit/debit card processing fees will revert to being charged to the customer, beginning July 1, 2021.

City Code Review. Proposed City Code changes to chapters 135 – 162 were reviewed. These changes will be incorporated in the City Code recodification process. Discussion was held on the request from the Planning & Zoning Commission to review the current garage size limits. Council consensus was that they were willing to increase the size of attached garages up to 1,250 square feet as long as thirty percent of the lot, including any accessory buildings, remains unused and open (green space). This will go back to the Planning & Zoning Commission for further review.

Police Department Report. Chief Blake reported he received a \$17,000 grant from the Scott County Regional Authority for the purchase of a new squad.

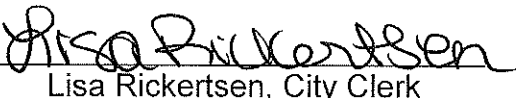
Public Works Department Report. Stagg reported the splash pad is open daily from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. He also provided department updates including the Downey Street water main improvements project and upcoming county road and culvert projects.

City Clerk Report. Rickertsen reported on recent complaints about dogs in the parks, which is not allowed except for leashed dogs on the recreational trail. Mengler referred to a recent North Scott Press article regarding city audits and commended Rickertsen and staff for doing a great job with the city finances.

Smith moved and Mengler seconded to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. Motion carried. All votes on motions were unanimous, unless noted.



Mayor John Kostichek



Lisa Rickertsen, City Clerk

7-Jun-21

AERO-MOD INC	SLUDGE REPAIRS	10,628.62
ALLIANT UTILITIES	SERVICES	9,829.65
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	1,949.27
BLAKE, JEFFERY	PHONE REIMB	180.00
BRUS CONSTRUCTION LLC	VICTORY RESTROOM ROOF	16,274.08
BT GROCERY	FIRE DEPT FOOD	87.41
CASEY'S BUSINESS MASTERCAR	FUEL	690.37
COMDATA	COMDATA	2,721.66
DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE CO	QTRLY INSURANCE PREMIUMS	397.80
ELECTRIC PUMP	PUMP REPAIRS	1,585.90
F&B COMMUNICATIONS, INC	EMAIL SERVICES	29.95
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU	HAZAMAT CERT FEES	50.00
HAWKINS INC	HAWKINS INC	1,013.72
HILL, ADAM	PHONE REIMB	120.00
HORIHAN, TIMOTHY	PHONE REIMB	120.00
HUSTON, JACKIE	PHONE REIMB	120.00
IMEG CORP	SERVICES	9,706.25
IOWA 80 GROUP	FUEL	354.40
IOWA 80 KITCHEN	FIRE DEPT FUNDRAISER SUPPLIES	1,328.61
IOWA ONE CALL	NOTIFICATIONS	54.10
KREBS, NEAL	PHONE REIMB	120.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET SERVICE	136.90
MENARDS	SUPPLIES	20.58
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PUMP IN	LIFT STATION REPAIRS	2,177.35
NEW LEAF LANDSCAPES LLC	MAINTENANCE FEE	400.00
NICUSA - IOWA DIVISION	CC PROCESSING FEES	239.95
NORTH SCOTT PRESS	PUBLICATIONS	671.33
ORKIN	SERVICES	79.00
OTTO, KATHY	CLEANING SERVICES	180.00
PANTHER UNIFORMS INC.	UNIFORM	171.40
PS3 ENTERPRISES INC	PORTA RENTAL	124.29
RAAP, KEVIN	PHONE REIMB	20.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES	DUMPSTERS - CLEAN UP DAY	600.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES	MONTHLY SERVICE	6,663.10
RICHARDSON, JUSTIN	PHONE REIMB	120.00
RICKERTSEN, LISA	PHONE REIMB	120.00
RIVER VALLEY	DIESEL	300.47
SIEBKE, LORETTA	ANNUAL WATER TOWER PARK RENT	500.00
SINCLAIR TRACTOR	BLOWER, BLADE, OIL	317.36
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SALES & WATER EXCISE TAXES	2,706.00
TRUGREEN	SERVICES - VICTORY & WESCOTT PARKS	1,094.98
TURKLE TREE SERVICE INC	TRIM TREES @ VICTORY PARK	300.00
U.S. CELLULAR	SERVICES	126.87
VERIZON WIRELESS	SERVICES	160.04
VICTORY ENTERPRISES	WEBSITE SERVICES	250.00
WASTE COMMISSION OF SCOTT	E-WASTE	213.60

XYLEM LTD	PLAYGROUND MULCH	1,596.00
SUBTOTAL		76,651.01

PAYROLL	5/28/2021	25,426.36
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES		102,077.37

FUNDS

GENERAL	60,029.74
FIRE RESERVE - CELEBRATION	1,614.68
WATER UTILITY	9,346.36
SEWER UTILITY	23,609.89
SOLID WASTE	7,476.70
TOTAL	102,077.37

MAY REVENUE

GENERAL	53,714.95
POLICE VEHICLE RESERVE	209.71
FIRE CELEBRATION	34,593.00
FIRE VEHICLE RESERVE	91.97
FIRE RESERVE EQUIP/SIREN	0.46
FIRE DONATIONS	3,127.78
FIRE BLDG RESERVE	40.72
CITY EQUIP/VEHICLE RESERVE	40.05
SIDEWALK REPAIR RESERVE	9.89
PARK ENHANCEMENT	533.76
SPLASH PAD PROJECT	0.43
FORFEITURE	0.77
MUNICIPAL BLDG FUND	19.85
ROAD USE TAX	16,598.89
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	6,688.66
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	22,982.76
TIF	303.44
WATER UTILITY	26,004.66
WATER TOWER RESERVE	40.08
UTILITY DEPOSITS	140.00
SEWER UTILITY	36,528.30
SEWER LIFT STATION RESERVE	2.50
SOLID WASTE	6,602.86
TOTAL	208,275.49