

**CITY OF WALCOTT  
WALCOTT CITY HALL  
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022**

The semi-monthly meeting of the City Council of Walcott, Iowa, was held on Monday, the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022, at Walcott City Hall. Mayor John Kostichek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Everett Bieri, Harry Knutsen, Kirk Koberg, Lisa Mengler, and Jacob Puck. Staff present: Jeff Blake, Lisa Rickertsen, and Paul Stagg.

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

**Consent Agenda.** Koberg moved and Knutsen seconded to approve the consent agenda, which includes the invoices and minutes from June 6, 2022. Motion carried.

**Walcott Day Events.**

- **Parade Approval and Temporary Closure of Route Streets.** Discussion was held on the proposed parade route, from the school on E. James Street, turning north on Main Street to E. Parkview Drive. Although the parade route will stop at E. Parkview Drive, in order to get back to the school, most of the floats will turn at E. Parkview Drive and then at N. Downey Street to return to the school. Following discussion, Puck moved and Bieri seconded to approve the Walcott Day Parade route, temporary closure of route streets, and to include no parking on the south side of E. Parkview Drive and west side of N. Downey Street on July 16, 2022. Motion carried.
- **Street Closures.** Mengler moved and Puck seconded to approve closing N. Henry Street, between James and Lincoln Streets; E. Otis Street, between Main and Downey Streets; N. Downey Street, between James and Otis Streets; and E. James Street, between Henry and Downey Streets on July 16, 2022. Motion carried.
- **Fireworks Contribution.** Knutsen moved and Koberg seconded to approve a contribution of \$1,000 to the Walcott Day Committee for the fireworks display. Motion carried.
- **5K Race & Temporary Street Closures.** Discussion was held on repairs to W. Otis Street, changing the route to exclude W. Otis Street and moving that portion of the route to W. James Street. Mengler moved and Knutsen seconded to approve the revised 5K race route on July 16, 2022 as discussed. Motion carried.
- **Police Department Part-Time Wages.** Due to the pay differences between officers paid by the City and those paid by the Walcott Day Committee, Mengler moved and Knutsen seconded to approve a special wage of \$28.09/hour for part-time police officers working for the City during Walcott Day events on July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.
- **Approval to Sell Food at Prairie View Park on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.** Koberg moved and Mengler seconded to allow the Walcott Lions Club to sell food at Prairie View Park on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.
- **Approval to Close Heritage Recreational Trail for Kids Run and Fireworks on July 15<sup>th</sup>.** Puck moved and Bieri seconded to close Heritage Recreational Trail at Prairie View Park for the kids run and fireworks on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2022-31, Transfer of Funds.** Rickertsen reported this resolution includes budgeted year-end transfers and additional transfers to the E. Lincoln Street Project fund. Bieri moved and Knutsen seconded to approve Resolution 2022-31. Roll call ayes: Bieri, Knutsen, Koberg, Mengler, and Puck. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2022-32, Approving Revised Site Plan at 140 E. Lincoln Street for Central Petroleum Company.** The revised site plan excludes a sidewalk on the east side of the lot at 140 E. Lincoln Street. Mengler moved and Knutsen seconded to approve Resolution 2022-32. Roll call ayes: Mengler, Knutsen, Koberg, Bieri, and Puck. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 526-22, Amending Chapter 92 Regarding Water Rates.** Effective with the July 1<sup>st</sup> billing, each customer shall pay a minimum bill of \$17.00 per month (increase of \$1.25/month), which includes usage up to 1,400 gallons. All usage over 1,400 gallons shall be \$5.82 per 1,000 gallons (4 % increase = \$.22/1,000 gallons). The rate increase is needed to pay for improvements to the aging water system. Puck moved and Mengler seconded to approve the third reading of Ordinance 526-22. Roll call ayes: Puck, Mengler, Bieri, Knutsen, and Koberg. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 527-22, Amending Chapter 99 Regarding Sewer Rates.** Effective with the July 1<sup>st</sup> billing, the usage rate will increase 2% (\$.13/1,000 gallons) to \$6.46 per 1,000 gallons of water used per month for all usage over 1,400 gallons. The rate increase is needed to pay for improvements. Mengler moved and Bieri seconded to approve the third reading of Ordinance 527-22. Roll call ayes: Mengler, Bieri, Puck, Koberg, and Knutsen. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 528-22, Amending Chapter 106 Pertaining to Solid Waste Collection Fees.** Effective with the July 1<sup>st</sup> billing, the monthly garbage rate increases from \$14.18 to \$14.89. The City pays an increase each year per the contract with the hauler. Knutsen moved and Bieri seconded to approve the third reading of Ordinance 528-22. Roll call ayes: Knutsen, Bieri, Koberg, Mengler, and Puck. Motion carried.

**Police Department Report.** Chief Blake reported on changes to the Code of Iowa regarding ATVs and UTVs. He stated the City will need to amend the City Code since the City will no longer be able to charge registration fees for ATVs and UTVs but they must have a valid State of Iowa registration. Mengler questioned noise regulations regarding barking dogs. Chief Blake stated residents should call the Police Department for noise disturbances.

**Public Works Department Report.** Stagg presented an update on the E. Lincoln Street project. Mengler questioned his plan for the weeds in the rocks around the pond and Stagg responded they will spray them this week. Stagg will also check on a dying tree near or in the right-of-way on S. Main Street.

**City Clerk Report.** Rickertsen reported the gravel road (60<sup>th</sup> Avenue) south of W. Memorial Road will be closed to through traffic for a culvert replacement project. She stated the next regular council meeting will be on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Mayor Report.** Mayor Kostichek stated he appreciates the volunteer efforts from the Walcott Day Committee members.

**Council Member Comments.** Koberg reported a resident was told to move a structure that was recently built in an easement area and he questioned the easement regulations. Stagg stated the City Code states that structures are not allowed in city easements. Knutsen reported on defective sidewalk sections on the Main Street bridge. Stagg stated it is on a list, along with other areas, and he is still pursuing concrete bids. Knutsen also suggested additional police patrol at the four-way stop at the Main and James Streets intersection.

Knutsen moved and Bieri seconded to adjourn at 6:39 p.m. Motion carried. All votes on motions were unanimous, unless noted.

  
Mayor John Kostichek

  
Lisa Rickertsen, City Clerk

06/20/2022

ALEX AIR APPARATUS	FD GEAR	2,525.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	EQUIPMENT/UNIFORMS/PARTS/SUPPLIES	1,264.48
B&D	SERVICES	55.65
BENGFORT, SCOTT	MEDICAL REIMB	1,037.50
BT GROCERY	FIRE DEPT FOOD	36.34
CASEY'S BUSINESS MASTERCAR	FUEL	1,788.43
CBI BANK & TRUST	FEES	26.50
CENTURY LINK INC	SERVICES	1,030.56
COMDATA	CC CHARGES	1,677.60
DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP	LEGAL SERVICES	16,500.00
HAWKINS INC	WATER CHEMICALS	905.23
HYVEE	FIRE DEPT FOOD	217.24
IDOT	TRAFFIC PAINT	485.05
IOWA 80 GROUP	FUEL	369.58
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	FORFEITURE SHARE	201.10
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES	1,168.00
MCMILLIN, BRIAN	SIDEWALK REIMB	600.00
MENARDS	PARTS	32.98
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO.	SERVICES	105.36
NEW LEAF LANDSCAPES LLC	LANDSCAPE MAINT	430.00
NEWELL'S AUTOMOTIVE	SERVICE	66.38
OTTO, KATHY	CLEANING SERVICES	120.00
PLATINUM INFORMATION SERVI	IT SERVICES & RUGGED LAPTOPS	11,683.16
PLATINUM SMART	BACKUP & RECOVERY	200.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES	SERVICES	6,990.83
SCOTT CO. SHERIFF DEPT.	FEES	25.00
SCOTT COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFF	FORFEITURE SHARE	502.75
STANLEY CONSULTANTS	WWTP NUTRIENT STUDY SERVICES	7,609.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	LAB TESTS	628.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SALES AND WATER EXCISE TAX	3,367.91
TRUGREEN LIMITED PARTNERSH	SERVICES	459.89
TURKLE'S TREE SERVICE INC	REMOVE ASH TREES	1,530.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	SERVICES	160.06
WELLMARK	PREMIUMS	16,712.81
ZURCHER TIRE INC.	TIRES	1,374.60
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>81,886.99</b>

<b>PAYROLL</b>	<b>06/10/2022</b>	<b>28,347.76</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>110,234.75</b>

<b>FUND TOTALS</b>		
GENERAL		70,126.89
FIRE RESERVE - DONATIONS		3,963.63
SIDEWALK PROGRAM		600.00
POLICE RESERVE - DONATION		211.77
FORFEITURE FUNDS		703.85
WATER UTILITY		10,270.66
SEWER UTILITY		17,367.12
SOLID WASTE		6,990.83
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>110,234.75</b>