

**CITY OF WALCOTT  
WALCOTT CITY HALL  
MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023**

The semi-monthly meeting of the City Council of Walcott, Iowa, was held on Monday, August 21, 2023, at Walcott City Hall. Mayor John Kostichek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Everett Bieri, Kirk Koberg, Lisa Mengler, and Jacob Puck. Staff present: Lisa Rickertsen and Paul Stagg. Knutsen arrived at 6:03 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda.** Puck moved and Koberg seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda.** Mengler moved and Bieri seconded to approve the consent agenda including the invoices, minutes from August 7, 2023, July 2023 financial reports, and renewal of Class B retail alcohol licenses for Pilot Travel Centers, LLC #268 and #043 and Dolgencorp, LLC – Dollar General #18154. Motion carried.

**Walcott Women – Trick-or-Treating-** Laura Martin, representing Walcott Women, stated they would like to have Trick-or-Treating on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7 p.m. with the Halloween Parade starting at 5:00 p.m. Mengler moved and Bieri seconded to set Trick-or-Treating on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7 p.m. and approve the Halloween Parade at 5 p.m. Motion carried. Knutsen arrived.

**Fall Clean-up Day at Compost Facility on October 14, 2023 from 2-5 p.m.** Mengler moved and Puck seconded to set fall clean-up day for residents on October 14<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 5 p.m. with the dumpsters to be located at the compost area. Motion carried. The compost area will be closed from Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> until Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, except during the clean-up day hours.

**Hy-Vee Mobile Flu Vaccine Clinic at Prairie View Park.** Rickertsen reported a local resident /pharmacist has inquired about a Hy-Vee Mobile Flu Shot Clinic in Walcott again this year. They are requesting to hold the clinic on either September 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> (Thursday or Friday) at the Prairie View Park parking lot. Koberg moved and Knutsen seconded to approve the use of the Prairie View Park parking lot for the Hy-Vee Mobile flu shot clinic on either date (9/14 or 9/15). Motion carried.

**Residential Development.** A lengthy discussion was held on potential areas for future residential development, infrastructure needs, and how to attract developers. Stagg was asked to obtain some infrastructure costs and Koberg volunteered to talk to two property owners about potential residential development.

**Resolution 2023-35, Approving Applications for Residential Tax Abatement within the 2017 Walcott Urban Revitalization Area of the City of Walcott.** Rickertsen reported 16 new homes have been built since the urban revitalization area was created in December, 2017, and there is only one lot remaining to qualify. Puck moved and Mengler seconded to approve Resolution 2023-35, Approving Applications for Residential Tax Abatements. Roll call ayes: Puck, Mengler, Bieri, Knutsen, and Koberg. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 541-23, Amending Chapter 165 Pertaining to Billboards.** This ordinance is for changes pertaining to billboard sign requirements, as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Bieri moved and Koberg seconded to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading to adopt Ordinance 541-23, Amending Chapter 165. Roll call ayes: Bieri, Koberg, Knutsen. Mengler, and Puck. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 542-23, Amending Chapter 167 Pertaining to Accessory Buildings and Stables.** This ordinance is for changes pertaining to the location of accessory/storage buildings, shipping container restrictions, and removing "Stables" as a permitted use. Puck moved and Bieri seconded to approve

the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading to adopt Ordinance 542-23, Amending Chapter 167. Roll call ayes: Puck, Bieri, Mengler, Knutsen, and Koberg. Motion carried.

**Public Works Department Report.** Stagg provided updates on current projects and the recent water main break on N. Main Street. He also reported the service body is installed on the new Ford F250 and he requested permission to dispose of the truck bed through GovDeals. Koberg moved and Mengler seconded to list the 2023 Ford F250 truck bed on GovDeals. Motion carried.

**City Clerk's Report.** Rickertsen stated that due to Labor Day, the next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Bob Taylor – Parker Street Right-of-Way (ROW).** Bob Taylor, property owner of 120 W. Bryant Street, arrived and inquired if the City would be open to vacating the unimproved Parker Street ROW adjacent to his business. Stagg confirmed there are no city utilities located in the ROW. Discussion was held that this ROW would only be beneficial to the adjoining property owners and they would be required to obtain a survey, splitting the ROW in half, and be responsible for all related costs. Council consensus was that they are open to vacating the unimproved Parker Street ROW (between W. Bryant Street and the railroad tracks) to the adjoining property owner(s).

Mengler moved and Knutsen seconded to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

  
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Mayor John Kostichek

  
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Lisa Rickertsen, City Clerk

**08/21/2023**

ARP INSURANCE	TRUCK INSURANCE	1,375.00
CENTURY LINK INC	SERVICES	871.47
FUTURE LINE TRUCK BODIES	SERVICE BODY	11,698.99
HAWKINS INC	WATER CHEMICALS	978.46
HUMANE SOCIETY OF SCOTT CO	BOARDING FEES	150.00
HYVEE	FIRE DEPT FOOD/DRINKS	231.06
IOWA 80 GROUP	FUEL	184.23
MENARDS	PARTS	20.97
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO.	SERVICES	41.02
MIDWEST PATCH	NEW SIGNS AND BRACKETS	450.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS	TRUCK BATTERY	157.03
NORTH SCOTT PRESS	PUBLICATIONS	448.70
ORKIN	SERVICES	90.99
OTTO, KATHY	SERVICES	150.00
PLATINUM INFORMATION SERVI	SERVICES	1,222.38
PLATINUM SMART	BACKUP & RECOVERY	855.65
PS3 ENTERPRISES INC	PORTA RENTAL	130.00
QC TRUCK & TRAILER REPAIR,	FD UNIT #1 REPAIRS	616.02
REPUBLIC SERVICES	SERVICES	7,654.06
SCOTT CO. SHERIFF DEPT.	BOOKING FEES	150.00
SCOTT CO. TREASURER	PROPERTY TAXES	586.00
STAGG, PAUL	MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT	60.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	TESTINGS	978.00
UPS	SHIPPING FEES	14.71
UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO.	WATER PARTS	3,319.58
VERIZON WIRELESS	SERVICES	200.09
WELLMARK	PREMIUMS	17,289.08
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>49,923.49</b>

PAYROLL	08/18/2023	29,785.88
CBI BANK AND TRUST	ACCOUNT FEES	22.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>79,731.37</b>

**FUND TOTALS**

GENERAL	43,570.11
CITY EQUIP & VEHICLE RESE	11,698.99
WATER UTILITY	6,828.53
WATER MAIN REPAIR FUND	1,661.48
SEWER UTILITY	8,318.20
SOLID WASTE	7,654.06
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>79,731.37</b>

**JULY REVENUE**

GENERAL	41,713.55
POLICE VEHICLE RESERVE	1,982.55
FIRE CELEBRATION - STEAK FRY	565.00

FIRE VEHICLE RESERVE	912.24
FIRE DONATIONS	584.04
FIRE BLDG RESERVE	215.78
CITY EQUIP/VEHICLE RESERVE	401.30
SIDEWALK REPAIR RESERVE	90.02
PARK ENHANCEMENT RESERVE	34.79
SPLASH PAD RESERVE	15.61
COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION	28.13
MUNICIPAL BLDG FUND	584.11
ROAD USE TAX	17,430.88
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	23,978.54
TIF	41.98
ARPA	185.60
WATER UTILITY	38,368.94
WATER TOWER RESERVE	238.47
WATER MAIN REPAIR	144.51
UTILITY DEPOSITS	210.00
SEWER UTILITY	77,876.05
SEWER LIFT STATION	68.89
SEWER IMPROVEMENT RESERVE	145.22
SOLID WASTE	8,219.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>214,036.00</b>