

**CITY OF WALCOTT
WALCOTT CITY HALL
MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024**

The semi-monthly meeting of the City Council of Walcott, Iowa, was held on Monday, June 17, 2024, 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: Lisa Rickertsen and Paul Stagg.

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

Introduction of Audience/Public Comments. Skylar Roling, Tim and Andrea Newcomb, Kurt Easton, Lisa Tauke, Scott Pohl, Jeremy Schaeffer, Kristal Schaefer, and Sean Romanick.

Consent Agenda. Puck moved and Knutsen seconded to approve the consent agenda including the invoices, annual tobacco permit renewals for Casey's General Store, Dolgencorp LLC, Iowa 80 Truckstop (2 locations), and Pilot Travel Centers #043 and #268, and the May 2024 financial reports. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from June 3, 2024. Koberg moved and Mengler seconded to approve the minutes from June 3, 2024. Motion carried.

Recreational Trail Phase 2 Extension. Koberg reported on communication he had with a representative from the property owner of the Walcott Mobile Home Community (MHC), as directed during the June 3, 2024 meeting. Stagg presented a map of the City's utilities and questioned where a proposed bridge placement would be, due to location of utilities if the trail crosses Mud Creek again. Following discussion, Koberg moved and Mengler seconded to table the proposed survey until the City receives more information from the Walcott MHC property owner. Motion carried. Comments were received regarding golf carts on the recreational trail, which is prohibited.

Resolution 2024-30, Transfer of Funds. Knutsen moved and Bieri seconded to approve Resolution 2024-30, Transfer of Funds. Roll call ayes: Knutsen, Bieri, Mengler, Puck and Koberg. Motion carried. This transfer is for budgeted year-end transfers.

Ordinance 546-24, Amending Chapter 92 Pertaining to Water Rates. Ordinance 546-24 includes an increase of 5% to both the minimum (base rate) and usage rate, effective with the July 1st billing. Each customer shall pay a minimum bill of \$18.53 per month (increase of \$.88/month), which includes usage up to 1,400 gallons and all usage over 1,400 gallons shall be \$6.35 per 1,000 gallons (increase of \$.30/1,000 gallons). Puck moved and Bieri seconded to approve the third and final reading to adopt Ordinance 546-24, Amending Chapter 92 Pertaining to Water Rates. Roll call ayes: Puck, Bieri, Mengler, Koberg, and Knutsen. Motion carried.

Ordinance 547-24, Amending Chapter 99 Pertaining to Sewer Rates. Ordinance 547-24 is an increase of 1% to both the minimum (base rate) and usage rate, effective with the July 1st billing. Each customer shall pay a minimum bill of \$19.44 per month (increase of \$.19/month) and all usage over 1,400 gallons of water used per month shall be \$6.52 per 1,000 gallons (increase of \$.06/1,000 gallons). Mengler moved and Knutsen seconded to approve the third and final reading to adopt Ordinance 547-24, Amending Chapter 99 Pertaining to Sewer Rates. Roll call ayes: Mengler, Knutsen, Koberg, Bieri, and Puck. Motion carried.

Ordinance 548-24, Amending Chapter 106 Pertaining to Solid Waste Collection Fees (Garbage Rate). Ordinance 548-24 is a 4% increase (\$.62) to the monthly garbage rate, effective with the July 1st billing, which is the percentage increase the City pays to the collector per contract. The rate will be

\$16.11 per month for each container of solid waste. Bieri moved and Puck seconded to approve the third and final reading to adopt Ordinance 548-24, Amending Chapter 106 Pertaining to Solid Waste Collection Fees. Roll call ayes: Bier, Puck, Mengler, Koberg, and Knutsen. Motion carried.

Disposal of 2017 Dodge Charger. Koberg moved and Bieri seconded to dispose of the 2017 Dodge Charger through GovDeals website. Motion carried.

Public Works Department Report. Stagg had previously expressed concerns regarding the location of the City's utilities and the proposed recreational trail extension options. He questioned if the Council agreed that the west side of the tributary is not an option for the trail extension location. In order to be on the west side of the tributary the trail extension would run north of Mud Creek and cross back into the City's wastewater treatment plant property. Stagg stated recreational facilities should not be located in a wastewater treatment plant facility area. Koberg stated we need to work through all options to move forward and Mengler stated she agrees a trail should not go through the wastewater treatment plant facility area.

Koberg moved and Mengler seconded to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. Motion carried. All votes on motions were unanimous, unless noted.



Mayor John Kostichek



Lisa Rickertsen, City Clerk

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A.R.B. COMPANIES	SERVICES - ROOFS		27,761.20
ALEX AIR APPARATUS	GAS DETECTOR		2,400.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES		800.67
BADGER METER CO	METER READING SERVICES		185.98
CASEY'S	FUEL		1,090.98
CBI BANK & TRUST	ACCOUNT FEES		22.00
CENTURY LINK INC	SERVICES		367.86
COMDATA	CC CHARGES		612.73
GAME TIME	SWING & FRAME		4,783.94
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS		889.10
HILL, ADAM	MEDICAL REIMB		60.00
HOEKSTRA MASONRY	STREET PATCHES		4,800.00
HYVEE	FIRE DEPT FOOD		233.54
IMEG CORP	SERVICES		18,334.38
IOWA 80 GROUP	DIESEL		174.82
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADE	TRAINING		10.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES		1,260.00
KREBS, NEAL	MEDICAL REIMB		566.96
LIGHTING MAINTENANCE INC.	AIR COMPRESSOR REPAIR		716.95
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO.	SERVICES		83.08
MIDWEST PATCH	SIGNS		842.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS		154.98
NEEDHAM EXCAVATING INC	PARTS & SERVICES		2,584.25
NORTH SCOTT PRESS	PUBLICATIONS		404.60
PLATINUM INFORMATION SERVI	EMAIL & IT SERVICES		857.80
PLATINUM SMART	BACKUP & DISASTER SERVICES		270.00
PS3 ENTERPRISES INC	PORTA RENTAL		133.94
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES LLC	SEWER TESTS		645.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES	SERVICES		7,654.06
STAGG, PAUL	MEDICAL REIMB		92.50
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	LAB TEST		2,578.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SALES & WATER EXCISE TAXES		3,155.23
TRUGREEN	SERVICES		1,273.39
UPS	SHIPPING FEES		8.80
USA BLUE BOOK	SUPPLIES		220.65
VERIZON WIRELESS	SERVICES		200.05
WELLMARK	PREMIUMS		19,050.06
SUBTOTAL			105,279.50
PAYROLL		06/07/2024	32,316.03
ALLIANT ENERGY	SERVICES		5,792.37
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES			143,387.90
FUND TOTALS			
GENERAL			72,228.59
PARK ENHANCEMENT RESERVE			4,783.94
WATER UTILITY			7,972.94
WATER MAIN REPAIR FUND			4,800.00
SEWER UTILITY			45,905.37
SOLID WASTE			7,697.06
GRAND TOTAL			143,387.90

MAY REVENUE

GENERAL	76,854.62
POLICE VEHICLE RESERVE	3,112.71
FIRE CELEBRATION RESERVE	36,318.00
FIRE VEHICLE RESERVE	663.54
FIRE DONATIONS	1,216.76
FIRE BLDG RESERVE	66.38
CITY EQUIP/VEHICLE RESERVE	278.45
SIDEWALK REPAIR RESERVE	87.60
REC TRAIL RESERVE	10.45
PARK ENHANCEMENT	153.13
SPLASH PAD RESERVE	14.52
COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION	26.64
MUNICIPAL BLDG FUND	212.53
ROAD USE TAX	17,969.50
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	14,939.97
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	30,466.53
TIF	20,709.36
ARPA	79.51
WATER UTILITY	30,556.62
WATER TOWER RESERVE	212.63
WATER MAIN REPAIR	130.77
UTILITY DEPOSITS	280.00
SEWER UTILITY	42,167.43
SEWER LIFT STATION	65.25
SEWER IMPROVEMENT RESERVE	37.25
SOLID WASTE	8,272.80
TOTAL	284,902.95