**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF WALHALLA CITY COUNCIL**

**MEETING TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**

Mayor McDonald called the regular meeting of the Walhalla City Council to order at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at city hall.

Council Present: Raela Kalis, Leeroy Carpenter, LaRae Horgan, Chris Jackson, Karen Dumas, Larry Schill

Others Present: Rebecca Davis, Jim Martini, Luca Carpenter, Brad Holen & Larry Dubois

Motion by Schill to approve the regular minutes of August 7, 2023. Second by Carpenter. Ayes, all. Motion passed.

Jim Martini addressed the council on the ND League of Cities City of the Year Award. He would like to nominate Walhalla. Motion by Horgan to allow Mr. Martini to proceed with the nomination. Second by Jackson. Ayes, all. Motion passed.

Motion by Dumas to approve the financial report with the following transfers. Transfer $5,000.00 from city sales tax to insurance, transfer $20,000.00 from city sales tax to pool fund and transfer $25,000.00 from General Fund Reserve to the Lagoon Project Fund and $25,000.00 from General Fund Reserve to the Equipment Fund Second by Schill. Ayes, all. Motion passed.

Mayor McDonald discussed the USDA Community Facilities Grant application for help with purchase of a skidsteer. Motion by Schill to apply for the grant. Second by Dumas. Ayes, all. Motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**:

**Municipal Services, Building Permits, Streets, & Alleys**: Mr. Carpenter gave an update on the lagoon project. All permits have now been approved so the project can move forward. Property with wall falling down onto sidewalk discussed. Letter will be sent to owner. Property at 705 4th Street discussed. Mayor McDonald will contact the owner.

**Police, Fire and Traffic:**  The black Explorer is broken down. Officer Johansen called via phone. He stated there are approximately 78,000 miles on it. He had requested bids, but only 1 of 3 had gotten him information. Options will be looked at for fixing it. Mr. Dubois gave an update on municipal court. It will continue through the end of the year and then be officially abolished.

**Financial & Economic Development, Development Corp**: Nothing.

**Board of Health, City Buildings & Recreation:**  Fireworks left at 1012 Central Avenue discussed. Mr. Dubois will contact the owner and ask for them to be removed. One bid for the property at 1105 Central was received. Motion by Horgan to reject the bid for noncompliance. Second by Kalis. Ayes, all. Motion passed. Motion by Jackson to go ahead with building the pool presented by My Aquatic Services and apply for a $140,000.00 loan with Choice Bank for the down payment and to use the CD’s as collateral. Roll call: Kalis, yes; Carpenter, yes; Horgan, yes; Jackson, yes; Dumas, yes; Schill, yes. Motion passed. Motion by Horgan to approve to sign the Park System Grant Application for the use of building a bathhouse/mechanical room/office. Second by Kalis. Roll call: Kalis, yes; Carpenter, yes; Horgan, yes; Jackson, yes; Dumas, yes; Schill, yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Jackson to approve all bills as presented. Second by Dumas. Roll call: Mrs. Kalies, yes; Mr. Carpenter, yes; Mrs. Horgan, yes; Mr. Jackson, yes; Mrs. Dumas, yes; Mr. Schill, yes, but abstain from his bill. Motion passed.

Motion by Horgan to participate in the Workforce Housing Initiative Pilot with city owned Lot 35-2280000. Second by Carpenter. Ayes, all. Motion passed.

Motion by Carpenter to adjourn the meeting. Second by Kalis. Ayes, all. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Mayor Auditor

September 5, 2023