**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF WALHALLA CITY COUNCIL**

**MEETING MONDAY JULY 07, 2025**

Mayor McDonald called the regular meeting of the Walhalla City Council to order at 7:00 P.M., Monday July 07, 2025 at City Hall.

Council Present: Schill, Dumas, Jackson, Carpenter, Kalis

Absent: Horgan

Others Present: Christopher Trupe, Jeff Amoth, Pauline Amoth, Rebecca Davis, Allen Huttunen, Duane Symons, Dennis Hensel, Desiree Kintyhtt, Justin Dearinger, Austin Dearinger, Mr. Larry DuBois, Auditor Cook.

Motion by Kalis to approve the minutes from the June regular meeting as read. Second by Schill. Ayes, all. Motion passed. Motion by Jackson to approve the minutes from the June 9th Canvassing Board Meeting as read. Second by Kalis. Ayes, all. Motion passed. Motion by Dumas to approve the minutes from the June 10th Financial Committee Meeting as read. Second by Carpenter. Ayes, all. Motion passed. Motion by Schill to approve the minutes from the June 10th Municipal Services Committee Meeting as read. Second by Carpenter. Ayes, all. Motion passed.

Annual Organizational meeting took place with Mayor McDonald recommending no changes to the current committee assignments. Motion by Jackson to accept Mayor McDonald’s recommendation to keep the current committee assignments. Second by Dumas. Ayes, all. Motion passed.

Motion by Carpenter to approve the financial report. Second by Schill. Ayes, all. Motion passed.

**Communications:**

**Masonic Overlook:** Representatives from the Masonic Foundation Committee addressed the council on their ongoing plan for landmark restorations. The agreement conveying the lookout point property included maintaining and preserving the Masonic emblem. The Foundation is willing to take the city’s lead and work on cost-share options to restore the emblem to its original condition.

**My Town:** The Pembina County JDA inquired if the city would be willing to help financially support a docu-series on Pembina County with particular focus on the Walhalla area. Decision was tabled until a request amount could be presented**.**

**Off Highway Routes:** A map of Off Highway vehicle routes within the City was requested by KLJ Engineering. Jackson will provide the current map, and it will be reviewed for any necessary changes.

**Chain-Link Fence:** Motion by Jackson to sell thechain-link fence from the pool to Lloyd Bourbanis for the offered amount of $50.00. Second by Schill. Ayes, all. Motion passed

**Library**: The annual library report was received and accepted by the City.

**Siren:** Fire Chief Mitch Lee inquired if the City would be interested in the 10:00 p.m. siren being reinstated when the siren is reprogrammed. Motion by Schill to reinstate the 10:00 p.m. siren. Second by Jackson. Ayes, all. Motion passed.

**Agenda Changes:** Mr. DuBois informed the council of a mandated public comment section to occur at all public meetings beginning August 1, 2025. Motion by Schill to add a public comment section to the agenda after reading of the minutes, with a 5-minute time limit per speaker. Second by Carpenter. Ayes, all. Motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Municipal Services, Building Permits, Streets, and Alleys:**

Motion by Schill to approve the construction permit applications submitted by Harmoni Towers, and Leeroy & Emily Carpenter. Second by Dumas. Ayes, all with Carpenter abstaining from his permit application. Valley Landfill contracting on a timecard hourly rate was discussed. Motion by Carpenter to contract with Valley Landfill on a timecard-based system including the billing months of June and July. Second by Dumas. Ayes, all. Motion passed. Motion by Carpenter to accept the contract renewal from Mar-Kit landfill. Second by Schill. Roll call: Carpenter, yes; Kalis, yes; Schill, yes; Jackson, yes; Dumas, yes. Motion passed. Discussion held on the results of the recent inspection of the water and waste water system as well as corrective actions needed. Dumping of tires at the landfill was discussed as well as resources for recycling/disposing of current tire inventory. It was decided that if tires are accepted in the future a fee structure will need to be put into place. Loader maintenance discussed. Motion by Schill to have the recommended engine maintenance carried out on the loader. Second by Carpenter. Roll call: Carpenter, yes; Kalis, yes; Schill, yes; Jackson, yes; Dumas, yes. Motion passed. Motion by Carpenter to approve 3 hours of overtime pay for Chris Trupe as the result of a sewer main backup Saturday July 5th. Second by Schill. Roll call: Carpenter, yes; Kalis, yes; Schill, yes; Jackson, yes; Dumas, yes. Motion passed.

**Police, Fire, and Traffic:**  Discussion was held on police officer completion of county training as well as having an employment contract for hires moving forward. Mayor McDonald made the decision to terminate Desirae Borho’s employment with the city.

**Financial & Economic Development Corp:**  Motion by Dumas to equalize the base water rate for all residents to $27.00 effective at the next billing cycle. Second by Schill. Ayes, all. Motion passed. Motion by Dumas to transfer $73,280.99 from the City Infrastructure Fund to the General Fund and to then transfer $73,280.99 from the General Fund into the Chip & Seal Fund. Second by Carpenter. Ayes, all. Motion passed.

**Board of Health, City Buildings, and Recreation:** The Board of Health Committee will instruct to whom and when letters will be sent to property owners deemed in violation of Ordinance 2024-2. Motion by Schill to allow an application to be submitted to the Destination Development Grant as an opportunity for swimming pool funding. Second by Kalis. Ayes, all. Motion passed. Motion by Jackson to approve an offer for an extension on the previously awarded bath house grant. Second by Kalis. Roll call: Carpenter, yes; Kalis, yes; Schill, yes; Jackson, yes; Dumas, yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Carpenter to approve all bills presented. Second by Schill. Roll call: Carpenter, yes; Kalis, yes; Schill, yes but abstaining from his bill; Jackson, yes with a no on the bill submitted by Duane Schurman; Dumas, yes. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

-**Golf Cart Ordinance**: Motion by Jackson to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2025-01. Second by Schill. Ayes, all. Motion passed. Motion by Jackson to enact Ordinance 2025-01. Second by Kalis, Ayes, All. Motion passed

-**Purchasing And Disposition of Property Ordinance:** Motion by Jackson to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2025-02. Second by Schill. Ayes, all. Motion passed.

**New Business:** Liquor license discussion was held with the decision to have applications due by the June meeting moving forward. Motion by Schill to approve beer and liquor licenses for Jackson’s Bar, Old Crow Lounge, and Cheer2Beers. Second by Kalis. Ayes, all with Jackson abstaining. Motion passed. Motion by Jackson to approve the employee insurance premium renewal. Second by Carpenter. Roll call: Carpenter, yes; Kalis, yes; Schill, yes; Jackson, yes; Dumas, yes. Motion passed. Motion by Jackson to approve the contract for lighting with the ND DOT. Second by Carpenter. Ayes, all. Motion passed. Discussion was held on paid holidays. Motion by Carpenter to remove Juneteenth and Columbus Day as paid holidays and add a half day paid on Christmas Eve. Second by Schill. After voice vote was unclear Mayor McDonald called a Roll call: Carpenter, yes; Kalis, no; Schill, yes; Jackson, no; Dumas, no. Motion defeated 3-2.

**Other Business:**  Discussion held on the procedure for dealing with people depositing electronics for recycling without making payment at city hall. Discussion held on contacting the State board of health for assistance in conducting inspections of unsafe buildings.

Motion by Jackson to adjourn. Second by Carpenter. Ayes, all. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 9:42 P.M.

John Rock McDonald\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Michael Cook \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mayor Auditor

June 07, 2025