**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF WALHALLA CITY COUNCIL**

**MEETING TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 02, 2025**

Mayor McDonald called the regular meeting of the Walhalla City Council to order at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday September 02, 2025, at City Hall.

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

Council Absent: Dumas

Others Present: Christopher Trupe, Brandon Reber, Angelle French, Amber Selin, Kelly Gratton, Lori Cameron, Amber Longtine, Emily Carpenter, Austin Dearinger, Larry DuBois, Auditor Cook.

Motion by Horgan to approve the minutes of the August regular meeting as read. Second by Schill. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed. Motion by Schill to approve the minutes of the August 13th Special Meeting as read. Second by Carpenter. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed. Motion by Jackson to approve the minutes of the August 28th Board of Health Committee Meeting as read. Second by Kalis. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Hearing was held at the request of Kelly Gratton to discuss his ordinance violation notice. Chair of the Board of Health Horgan stated that Mr. Gratton’s property is no longer in violation of Ordinance 2024-2. Motion by Carpenter to dismiss the complaint against Mr. Gratton’s property with inspection date of 07-23-2025, as his property is now in compliance as of 09-02-2025. Second by Schill. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Brandon Reber from Moore Engineering addressed the council on deficiencies found in an inspection of lagoon cell #2. Mr. Reber presented a proposal describing the process that will need to take place to have an engineering study done as well as an offer to begin a grant application to help fund the study. Mr. Reber will be in contact with the City as to when to begin the grant application process.

Angelle French from the PCJDA addressed the council on the My-Town web series with a funding request of up to $5,000.00.

Motion by Carpenter to approve the financial report. Second by Jackson. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed. Motion by Jackson for Horgan to renew the swimming pool CD at the highest rate available. Second by Kalis. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

**Communications:**

**Work Study:** Work Study Opportunities were discussed. With a decision made that limited time opportunities would be available in the auditor’s office.

**Committee Reports:**

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

Motion by Carpenter to extend the current contract with Valley Landfill for one month. Second by Schill. Roll Call: Carpenter, yes; Horgan, yes; Schill, yes; Jackson, yes; Kalis, yes. Motion passed.

-**Pickup Bid Opening:** Mayor McDonald opened the first bid from Joel Mostad with a bid of $800.00 Mayor McDonald opened the second bid from Lloyd Bourbanis with a bid of $500.00. Motion by Schill to accept the bid of $800.00 from Joel Mostad with the stipulation that the title transfer must be completed within 30 days or the offer from Lloyd Bourbanis will be accepted, with Mr. Bourbanis being held to the same 30-day title transfer timeline. Skid Steer snow removal attachment quotes were reviewed with the decision to purchase tabled until the next meeting. Motion by Carpenter to approve the construction permit application submitted by John Dunnigan. Second by Schill. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

**Police, Fire, and Traffic:**  Discussion was held on the status of having any remaining city owned property issued to the terminated officer returned.

**Financial & Economic Development Corp:**  Nothing

**Board of Health, City Buildings, and Recreation:** Motion by Horgan to have K.C. White Painting LLC paint the city shop for the quoted amount of $3,600.00 pending proof of license, bonding, and insurance. Second by Schill. Roll Call: Carpenter, yes; Horgan, yes; Schill, yes; Jackson, yes; Kalis, yes. Motion passed. Discussion held on properties still found in violation of Ordinance 2024-2. The City can now take it upon themselves to coordinate cleanup of these properties. It was recommended to issue a notice to the property owner of when cleanup would take place. Animal waste complaint was discussed. The owner of the property has been notified. Mr. DuBois will research reporting potential health hazards to the proper public health authority. Swimming Pool Funding options were discussed with a recommendation to hold a joint meeting between the City Council and Park Board with the public invited.

Motion by Carpenter to approve all bills presented. Second by Jackson. Roll call: Carpenter, yes; Kalis, yes; Schill, yes but abstaining from his bill; Jackson, yes; Horgan, yes. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

-**Masonic Emblem:** No Updates were available for this project.

-**Unsafe Buildings**: An estimate will be received for fixing the library furnace room door. Shon Horgan conducted physical inspections of houses with possible structural integrity issues. A written report of his findings was provided, noting he was not able to enter the houses for further inspection. Mr. DuBois will draft a notice of Inspection letter.

**New Business:** A scooter ordinance outline was reviewed with the first reading to be held at the October meeting. The auditor gave a report from a recent cemetery board meeting where the possibility of the cemetery board requesting to retake control of the cemetery financials was discussed. No request has been made at this time. Motion by Jackson to approve the Harvest Fuel pace loan repayment schedule presented by the auditor. Second by Horgan. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed. Motion by Schill to adopt the public comment policy recommended by the League of Cities. Second by Jackson. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

**Other Business:** Lodging Tax revenue from Airbnbs located within the city discussed. Utility billing delinquency list discussed. Bathhouse plans discussed with updated cost estimates provided. Discussion held on property owned by Amber Selin as well as instructing that any camping must be done in a designated campground.

Motion by Jackson to adjourn. Second by Carpenter. Ayes, all. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 9:54 P.M.

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Mayor Auditor

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