**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF WALHALLA CITY COUNCIL**

**MEETING MONDAY AUGUST 7, 2023**

City Council President Kalis called the regular meeting of the Walhalla City Council to order at 7:00 PM, Monday, August 7, 2023 at city hall.

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

Others Present: Rebecca Davis, Zelda Hartje, Jim Martini, Cheryl Trupe, Chelsey Tetrault, Dale Swenson, George Mock, Josh Johansen, Steve Gapp & Larry Dubois

Motion by Carpenter to approve the regular minutes of July 3, 2023. Second by Horgan. Ayes, all. Motion passed.

Jim Martini and Zelda Hartje addressed the council with a recap of the 175th celebration.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**:

**Municipal Services, Building Permits, Streets, & Alleys**: Motion by Schill to approve building permits for George Mock and Chris Stremick. Second by Carpenter. Ayes, all. Motion passed. Windows at police station discussed. Mr. Schill will find out how many need to be replaced. Floating docks discussed at length. It was determined they are not the property of the city.

**Police, Fire and Traffic:**  Body cameras discussed. Motion by Horgan to order two body cams from Amazon until more information can be gotten from other companies. Second by Dumas. Roll call: Carpenter, yes; Horgan, yes; Jackson, yes; Dumas, yes; Schill, yes. Motion passed. Ride alongs discussed. Auditor will check with insurance agent. Waivers will need to be gotten from the county. Golf cart use in town discussed. If they are street legal, all laws will need to be followed. If they are not street legal, they are not allowed on city streets. Parents that allow children without licenses to drive them around town will be cited.

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

The library board hired Sandra Johnson as the new library director. Motion by Carpenter to approve Sandra Johnson as the new library director. Second by Schill. Ayes, all. Motion passed.

**Board of Health, City Buildings & Recreation:**  The offer to give the chamber the chamber building discussed. They do not want it. Motion by Dumas to put the building up for sale on bids. Second by Schill. Ayes, Schill, Dumas and Carpenter. Nays, Horgan and Jackson. Motion passed.

Mrs. Horgan discussed the plan for the pool from Dan Dumas with My Aquatic Services. More information will need to be gotten as far as depth of the pool, etc. The city engineer advised the city to get a soil sample from the area where the pool currently sits. The purse raffle at Jackson’s Bar for the pool fundraiser discussed.

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

Motion by Carpenter to approve up to $13,000.00 for gate valve repairs for two that need to be replaced. Second by Jackson. Roll call: Carpenter, yes; Horgan, yes; Jackson, yes; Dumas, yes; Schill, yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Dubois gave an update on the abolishment of the municipal court. The State Court Administrator, Sally Holewa and Judge Foughty, the presiding Judge of our Judicial Court have given their approval. It now goes to the Pembina County Commissioners for a vote on August 15, 2023.

Motion by Horgan to approve the street closure per the map presented by the chamber for Pumpkin Fest on September 30, 2023. Second by Schill. Ayes, all. Motion passed.

Dale Swenson addressed the council on an empty lot owned by the city. The lot had been advertised for sale on bids but none were received. The council asked Mr. Swenson to submit a bid with intended use.

Motion by Schill to approve the preliminary budget as presented. Second by Jackson. Ayes, all. Motion passed.

Motion by Carpenter to adjourn the meeting. Second by Dumas. Ayes, all. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Mayor Auditor

August 7, 2023