**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF WALHALLA CITY COUNCIL**

**MEETING MONDAY MAY 1, 2023**

Mayor McDonald called the regular meeting of the Walhalla City Council to order at 7:00 PM, Monday, May 1, 2023 at city hall.

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

Others Present: Barb Gratton, Corliss Longtin, Rebecca Davis, Pat Chaput, Zelda Hartje, Jim Martini, Josh Johansen, Steve Gapp & Larry Dubois

Mr. Dubois discussed the offer from Eunice Bjornstad for property and a gazebo to be built and then donated to the city if the city agrees to the upkeep to the property and gazebo itself. Tabled until more information on the gazebo can be gotten.

Barb Gratton, president of the library board asked the council if a decision had been made on the remodeling project for lights and the ceiling at the library. Discussion was held. Tabled until more bids can be gotten on the work to be done.

Zelda Hartje and Jim Martini, co-chairs of the Walhalla 175th Celebration committee addressed the council on the events planned over the four days. Zelda gave a list of daily activities planned and a list of events for the city to consider sponsoring. Motion by Schill to sponsor the maps. No second. Motion died. Motion by Dumas to give the 175th Committee $5,000.00 for the maps, newspapers, and television ad and any remaining balance to be used as needed for celebration events. Second by Jackson. Roll call: Kalis, yes; Carpenter, yes; Horgan, yes; Jackson, yes; Dumas, yes; Schill, abstain. Motion passed.

Motion by Horgan to approve the regular minutes of April 3, 2023 and the Tax Equalization minutes of April 18, 2023. Second by Carpenter. Ayes, all. Motion passed.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**:

**Municipal Services, Building Permits, Streets, & Alleys:** Motion by Carpenter to approve the building permit for Chris Trupe. Second by Dumas. Ayes, all. Motion passed. Motion by Horgan to hire Marcus Halldorson at $18.00 per hour and Kyle Thomas at $16.00 per hour for the summer work crew. Second by Dumas. Roll Call: Kalis, yes; Carpenter, yes; Horgan, yes; Jackson, yes; Dumas, yes; Schill, yes. Motion passed. Motion by Jackson to hire Aaron Freschette for the city works department at $48,000.00 plus benefits. Second by Dumas. Roll Call: Kalis, yes; Carpenter, yes; Horgan, yes; Jackson, yes; Dumas, yes; Schill, yes. Motion passed. Rental of forklift for barrels of tar for street repair discussed. Tabled until another bid can be gotten. Street sweeper needs to be repaired. Will be taken to Sanitation Repair for evaluation. Mr. Carpenter stated the lagoon project was approved at the state for a cost share program.

**Police, Fire and Traffic:** Black Explorer at C & M Ford getting repaired. School stop lights are not working correctly and will be getting repaired.

**Financial & Economic Development, Development Corp**: Motion by Carpenter to have Mr. Dubois write up an incentive plan for economic development at the industrial park. Second by Horgan. Ayes all. Motion passed.

**Board of Health, City Buildings & Recreation:** Report from building inspector on the Chamber Building roof read. It is in good shape. He will continue to monitor. The legion doors and police department windows discussed.

Motion by Dumas to pay all bills as presented. Second by Kalis. Roll call: Mrs. Kalis, yes; Mr. Carpenter, yes; Mrs. Horgan, yes; Mr. Jackson, yes; Mrs. Dumas, yes; Mr. Schill, yes. Motion passed.

Zoning where the condos were built on Riverside was discussed.

Purchase of more land for the landfill was discussed. Mayor McDonald will call the owner and find out status.

Motion by Jackson to adjourn the meeting. Second by Dumas. Ayes, all. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

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Mayor Auditor

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